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Reviving the Carmel

Some 1,000 soldiers from the Israel Defence Forces' Nahal unit took part in the cleanup and restoration of the nature paths on Mount Carmel. In addition to the 44 lives that were lost, more than 4,000 hectares of forest were destroyed in a fire there last month.

[Israel Sun photo]

Hamas 'will never recognize Israel'

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JERUSALEM — Hamas will never recognize Israel, Gaza leader Ismail Haniyeh said last week at a rally to mark the 23rd anniversary of the militant group's founding.

"We say it with confidence as we said it five years ago when we formed our government, and we say it today – we will never recognize Israel," Haniyeh told a crowd in Gaza City numbering tens of thousands.

"Hamas will be the faithful guard of the Palestinian people's rights and the basic Palestinian principles," Haniyeh continued.

"We say today that there will be no occupation of the land of Palestine and then we can say there is no future for the occupation on our land. I mean from the sea to the river and from Rafah up to Naqoora."

"This year the rally is different from previous rallies. We want to send a message to the world and to the Zionist enemy that the Hamas movement is a powerful Islamic Palestinian movement which can never be uprooted," a rally organizer, who gave his name as Abu Hamza, said.

Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh, waving the keffiyah, speaks to his supporters in Gaza at a rally marking the 23rd anniversary of the founding of Hamas.

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Doctor Sues Israel

TORONTO — A Palestinian gynecologist now living in Toronto who's known for preaching reconciliation is suing Israel for the deaths of three daughters and a niece in the Gaza war in January 2009. Izzeldin Abuelaish, who has worked in Israeli hospitals and came to Canada with his surviving children after the war, told Ynet News that he didn't want to file the lawsuit, but Israel's refusal to recognize his loss and compensate him forced his hand. He said he told his lawyer to reach a settlement with the Israel Defence Forces, which admits it fired two shells into his Gaza home on Jan. 16, 2009, but refuses him compensation for what it calls an operation of war. Abuelaish, a University of Toronto medical professor, spoke at Beth Tzedec Congregation in November on the need for peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

Israel Critic Dies

TORONTO — A Jewish York University history professor who was an outspoken critic of Israel died unexpectedly of natural causes Dec. 25, the *Globe and Mail* reported. Last year, David Noble, 65, called Hillel an agent of a foreign government and urged York to ban the student group. He also dropped a lawsuit against Canadian Jewish Congress about a 2004 flyer he published that CJC said was antisemitic. The flyer said the board of York's fundraising foundation was "biased by the presence and influence of staunch pro-Israel lobbyists, activists and fundraising agencies." Noble also campaigned against York's former policy of closing on the High Holidays.

Arson Suspected

TORONTO — Police suspect an incendiary device thrown through a front window caused a fire that destroyed a well-known jewelry store early in the morning of Dec. 23. The Ontario Fire Marshal was looking at video surveillance recordings last week, but no arrests had been made in connection with the blaze at Harold the Jewellery Buyer on Bathurst Street. Located in a Jewish area, the store, owned by Harold Gerstel, sits kitty-corner to a rival store whose owner, a fellow congregant at a nearby shul, alleges a hitman was hired to kill him. One of Gerstel's employees was charged in the alleged plot, but Gerstel has not been charged.

Antisemitic Website Back Online

TORONTO — A website in Canada that advocated mass killing of Jews is back online after being shut down.

"Filthy Jewish Terrorists," operated by former York University student Salman An-Noor Hossain, reportedly is using a host in Switzerland. Its Canadian web provider had shut down the site in March.

York suspended him, and it's believed he's left Canada.

Hossain's site, the subject of a five-month investigation by the Ontario Provincial Police, had called for direct terror attacks and said Jews should be "exterminated." Last summer, the OPP said Hossain "wilfully promoted hatred and advocated genocide of the Jewish community," and he was charged with five counts of hate crimes, but he skipped his court date.

In November, an Ontario court issued a warrant for Hossain's arrest on Interpol, the international police agency.

Hossain posted a blog Dec. 21 identifying himself as the operator of the relaunched site. But reports say the new website is registered with generic information, making it impossible to locate him.

WORLD

Alleged Spy Executed

TEHRAN — Iran has executed a man convicted of spying for Israel. Ali-Akbar Siadat was hanged in Tehran Dec. 28, according to the state Iranian news agency IRNA. He had been found guilty of passing information about Iran's military to the Mossad, Israel's spy agency. He was arrested in 2008 while trying to leave the country with his wife and 29 pages of classified material. Siadat was charged with "supporting the Zionist regime" by meeting with Israeli agents over a period of six years in countries such as Turkey, Thailand and the Netherlands. On Dec. 26, another Iranian was sentenced to death for working as a spy for Israel. In November 2008, Iran executed an Iranian telecom salesman convicted of spying for Israel.

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Que. daycare religion ban upsets community

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Quebec's outlawing of religious instruction in government-funded daycares will have a "devastating effect," says the organization that represents 23 centres associated with the Jewish community.

The Association of Child Care Centres of the Jewish Community along with Quebec Jewish Congress (QJC), Federation CJA and the Association of Jewish Day Schools are looking at their options to challenge the new regulations, announced Dec. 17, including going to court.

Their position is that the subsidized daycares are "not mandated to promote secularism" and that those under Jewish auspices have a responsibility to instil a sense of Jewish identity in children that age.

The association plans to call a meeting some time this month of all its centre representatives and parents to discuss what to do next, director Chana Rosenberg said.

While the daycares serving the chassidic and Orthodox communities will have the most difficulty complying, Rosenberg said all of the centres would have to significantly alter their activities, including, for example, abandoning weekly Shabbat observance.

Adam Atlas

There are about 2,200 children in the association's daycares, which are mostly based at schools, synagogues and the YM-YWHA. Rosenberg estimates another 1,000 Jewish children, mainly chassidic, are in other subsidized daycare.

Some have existed since the network of Centres de la petite enfance (CPEs) was created by the government in 1997.

QJC president Adam Atlas said that the government has not taken into consideration the concerns that the Jewish community has expressed over the past months.

"We deplore the fact that the directive reduces Judaism to a strictly religious dimension," he stated.

The new regulations, announced by Family Minister Yolande James, mean the end of any educational activity the government considers as the inculcation of "a belief or dogma or the practise of a specific religion."

Christmas trees or Chanukah menorahs, however, are permissible, as are holiday celebrations that stick to the "cultural aspects," not the underlying religion, but not too many or too often.

The directive also speaks of ensuring that admission to any subsidized daycare is unrelated to a child's religious origin, but it doesn't state how that would be enforced. Spots at the province's CPEs typically have waiting lists.

The new rules apply equally to the $7-a-day CPEs and to those private daycares that receive public subsidies.

If they don't comply by June 1, their funding could be reduced or withdrawn. James said the number of inspectors in her department has been tripled.

"Daycare services are places of socialization and integration for our toddlers from 0 to 5 years of age. I want young Quebecers who frequent our daycare services to be able to do so in with a perspective of openness to other people and to diversity," James said in a press statement.

"The government's will is clear: we will subsidize daycare services in which the educational objectives do not include the learning of a specific religion."

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Israeli Air Force (IAF) commander Maj.-Gen. Ido Nehushtan spoke to the Israeli media last week talking about the "look-ahead" at the projected strategic challenges facing Israel in the new year.

The IAF's greatest challenge, he said, was the military buildup on Israel's different fronts: by Hamas in the Gaza Strip, Hezbollah in Lebanon and in Syria and, of course, by the now perpetually worrisome leaders in Iran.

Nehushtan predicted that 2011 will be a "critical year" for stopping Iran's drive to develop a nuclear weapon.

From the editor's desk...

We have heard that said before by other Israelis in positions of authority and knowledge. And we saw that the Iranian drive to develop a nuclear weapon was indeed set back this past year due to various failures of the relevant Iranian computer systems and especially due to the disappearance of certain Iranian nuclear scientists.

How much longer Tehran's nuclear program can be stalled, however, will only be known by judging the ultimate result. There is no doubting the accuracy of the commander's prediction that the steps taken by the international community and/or Israel in the upcoming year will play a critical role in the advance or the arrest of the Iranian program.

Due to the frightening nature and the eschatological purposes of the arsenal that Tehran is pursuing, the danger the Iranian regime represents to Israel is unprecedented in the Jewish state's young history.

Since its birth nearly 63 years ago, there has never been an abatement, with the arrival of each new year, in the level of vigilance and wariness required by the country's defence forces in protecting its people.

Israel remains the only member country among the 192 in the General Assembly whose right to exist as a sovereign state is still challenged by other member states of the GA. They do so, of course, in total violation of the United Nations charter to which, in theory, they have pledged their allegiance.

In addition to the military threats that the Jewish state will face in the upcoming year, there is also a significant diplomatic threat that looms on the horizon like a heavy cloud about to storm.

The Palestinian Authority (PA) has threatened to unilaterally declare statehood rather than continue with the process of negotiating a path to statehood. That doing so would entirely run afoul of their previously signed commitments does not bother their consciences.

Their purpose in doing so would be twofold: to avoid having to make the compromises required in bona fide bilateral bargaining; and to bring pressure to bear on the Security Council and especially upon the United States, both of whom would be asked to decide upon the legal validity of such a unilateral declaration.

Brazilian President Lula da Silva with Israeli Prime Minister last year in Jerusalem *[Israel Sun photo]*

Aiding and abetting the PA thus far in their cleverly devious, and effective, enterprise have been Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Ecuador.

Last month, outgoing Brazilian president Lula da Silva said he would recognize an independent Palestine. He praised the "legitimate aspiration of the Palestinian people for a secure, united, democratic, and economically viable state coexisting peacefully with Israel." As soon as they heard the Brazilian statement, Argentina, Uruguay and Ecuador quickly did the same.

More states, especially from South America where Brazil wields considerable influence, will undoubtedly follow suit in the weeks and months to come. Readers will not be surprised to know that former U.S. president Jimmy Carter was among the very first individuals to send a congratulatory note to Lula.

Given the reflexive support that the PA has among so many nations of the world, it can be expected that P.A. President Mahmoud Abbas' decision to abjure negotiations with Israel will gain increasing acceptance around the diplomatic world. Worse, the diplomatic world will blame Israel for having "forced" the Palestinians to walk away from the negotiating table. His prevarications and dishonesty will be viewed as courage and conviction, indeed as the only reasonable step he could have taken in the face of Israel's refusal to avoid building homes in east Jerusalem and the West Bank.

"We rely on our people," IAF commander Ido Nehushtan emphasized at the press conference last week, to provide Israel with "a qualitative edge" over its enemies.

We must all understand and realize that we are part of the people to whom he refers. We all have a role to play in standing up for Israel.

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Readers will notice some small layout changes in this edition of *The CJN* and that we are publishing in a new font. We hope we have achieved a more open, visually elegant, inviting appearance that helps highlight the chief purpose of the paper, namely, to inform, edify, entertain and occasionally even to inspire readers.

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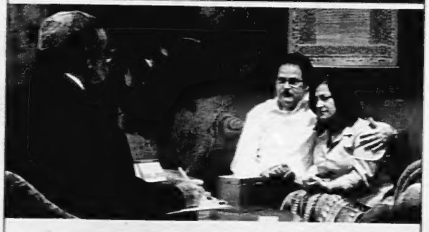

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Israeli President Shimon Peres last week extended greetings of the holiday season to the Christian community in Israel. With him are members of a youth choir from the village of Reine, near Nazareth in the Galilee.

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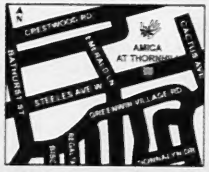

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Rabbi Allen to leave Beth Tikvah

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Rabbi Wayne Allen

Rabbi Wayne Allen is stepping down as senior rabbi of Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

On Jan. 1, he began an 18-month sabbatical that will last until the end of his contract in June 2012, when he will have been with the congregation for 25 years.

Rabbi Jarrod Grover, the shul's assistant rabbi, is leading the congregation, which has more than 1,300 member families, and the board also plans to invite an interim rabbi to serve, shul president Maurice Kulik told *The CJN*.

Kulik added that the synagogue, which is located on Bayview Avenue, is going through an "evaluation of when, and who, and what direction the synagogue will take in terms of ritual orientation."

"We're going to consult the membership to see which way halachically the membership wants to move for the years ahead."

In a news release, Kulik said that Rabbi Allen would be missed, but he recognized the contribution the rabbi can make to the larger community.

Rabbi Allen told *The CJN* that a combination of factors led to his decision in November.

"With the earning of my PhD [earlier this year], I had [academic] vistas open up to me that previously were not, and there are internal factors in the synagogue that suggest it would be a good time to move on," he said.

He didn't elaborate on the latter, except to say that his decision, which he said he came to "with consultation with the leadership of the synagogue," did not arise from philosophical differences between him and the congregation.

Nor did they have to do with philosophical differences between him and the Conservative movement, which has become more liberal since his ordination, said the rabbi, who was honoured by the Union for Traditional Judaism with its Chaver Ne'eman Award in 2006. He serves as the organization's vice-president.

Rabbi Allen, 59, will continue to have an office at Beth Tikvah until August, he said, adding that he may not be in Toronto for the entirety of his sabbatical.

The rabbi, who was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1977, is working on three books – the publication of his doctoral thesis, a book on the fundamental values of Judaism, and a second volume on Jewish law and contemporary issues to follow a book that came out last year.

He will continue to teach the Introduction to Judaism class offered by the Rabbinical Assembly, Ontario region. It will be held at Beth Tzedec Congregation instead of Beth Tikvah.

As well, Rabbi Allen is provost of the new Canadian Yeshiva and Rabbinical School, a project that is expected to open in 2012, and he sits on its board.

"I'm very much involved in the planning… but I have other considerations as well. If I can balance all of them together, that would be great. I don't know yet how that will unfold."

He said that he's looking forward to the "opportunity to do something new and different, and contribute to the greater good of the Jewish people."

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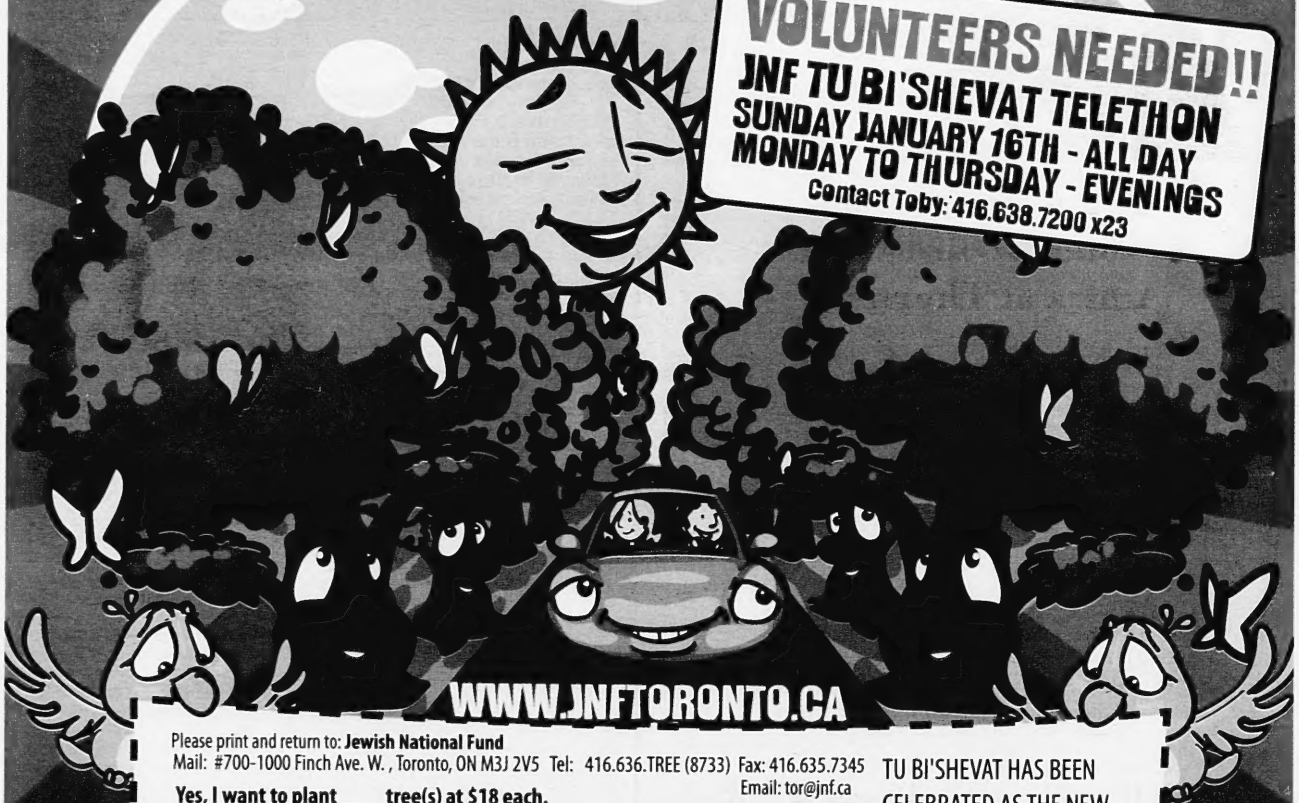

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With its signature dollop of severe sarcasm, the *Drybones* cartoon on the facing page laments the absence in the Muslim world of religious leaders willing to speak out against acts of extremism sanctioned in God's name.

He does not hide the fact that religious extremism exists in the Jewish world. On the contrary. He uses it as the backdrop to point to the open, public rejection and condemnation of the extremists by the mainstream religious establishment and the majority society whose values the rabbinic leaders purport to represent.

He may not be an imam, a leader or teacher of his religion per se, but Tarek Fatah is certainly a leader. The Karachi-born writer, commentator, broadcaster is also, quite simply, a man of great courage and hardy principle. His recently published book, *The Jew Is Not My Enemy* (McClelland & Stewart) is a gripping plea from the heart to his Muslim co-religionists to release themselves from the distorting, malevolent grip of the jihadists and to accept Israel as a sovereign Jewish nation among all nations. (A review of *The Jew Is Not My Enemy* by *The CJN*'s Sheldon Kirshner appears elsewhere in this issue.)

"Questioning Israel's moral and legal right to exist as a state within secure borders that are recognized by its neighbours should cease to be a subject of endless debate," Fatah writes. He does not agree with all of Israel's policies, nor is he shy to say so. For example, he calls Israel's presence in the West Bank "illegal and immoral." But Fatah is a vocal champion within the Muslim world of the right of the Jewish people to have a sovereign state in the Middle East. As such, he is so very rare.

Fatah believes "it is fundamentally anti-Jewish to incessantly challenge the moral and ethical basis of Israel as a Jewish state." This clear, clarion articulation of principle places him squarely opposite the countless hordes for example at the UN-sponsored World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa in 2001 who incessantly denounced and vilified the Jewish state.

Last month, the members of the UN General Assembly voted overwhelmingly in favour of holding a 10th anniversary conference later this year celebrating that dark descent in Durban into pure Jew- and Israel-hatred. Canada along with 21 other countries opposed the holding of Durban III. Another 104 member states were in favour, while 33 abstained.

It is thus ever increasingly important to commend Fatah for his exemplary courage. He is a herald of hope for us that perhaps more and more Muslims will oppose their own extremists.

The Jewish people, of all people, know how important it is to hold on to hope. We have not, nor will we ever, lose hope.

25 years ago in *The CJN*

Attacks by Palestinian terrorists on El Al passenger facilities at the Rome and Vienna airports killed 19 civilians and wounded 138 more. Four of the seven attackers were also killed and the others were captured. The Abu Nidal Organization claimed responsibility. Israel's cabinet said Israel would retaliate at a time and place of its choosing.

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Selling land, renting to non-Jews

Regarding a statement that was signed by some 39 Israeli rabbis, defending the chief rabbi of Safed, Shmuel Eliahu's public comment that Jews should not rent or sell property to non-Jews, I think that we can agree that, under normal circumstances as they exist in Canada, preventing someone from ownership of land or a home would be considered wrong ("These are not the values of Israel," Dec. 16). However, if those people, either collectively or individually, are planning a terror attack on your neighbourhood, then that general rule has some exceptions. In Israel, terrorism and murder against Jews is quite probable, and Jewish people are definite targets, thus the statement of the signatory rabbis is not in the category of radical fringe, nor is it made for discriminatory reasons – it was made to emphasize security and to prevent murder.

It is not for us sitting comfortably in Canada to tell Israelis what threats they must take seriously and which ones that they ought to ignore to make Diaspora Jews happy and feel that their co-religionists are just and fair.

Gary Gerofsky
Dundas, Ont.

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Women play integral role in school

I thoroughly enjoyed reading the column "Doors need to be open to women" (Dec. 16). I totally agree with his advocacy for Jewish women taking on leadership roles in our Jewish day schools. I found it interesting that the printed version of the article stated that this was a co-educational Orthodox school "in Toronto," while the online version said "in our community."

If by coincidence, the article was referring to Hebrew Academy of Montreal's recent advertisement, please let me enlighten him and *CJN* readers. As the chair of the search committee for a high school vice-principal at Hebrew Academy of Montreal, I would like to mention that women play an integral role in our school's administrative positions. We presently have women who are acting as executive director, high school principal, elementary school vice-principal, director of student programming and admissions, school counsellor, special care counsellor, director of the preschool education, special needs co-ordinator and fundraising co-ordinator. The immediate past president of Hebrew Academy was a woman.

Our committee, along with our educational director, carefully and seriously set out the qualifications with the job description. Our school needs a male candidate in this specific instance to be a role model for our high school boys. The successful chosen candidate will be working as vice-principal directly under the supervision of our female principal. Presently, the girls in our school are extremely fortunate to have amazing women role models in leadership roles. I am proud to be an alumni, parent and supporter of the trail-blazing Hebrew Academy of Montreal.

Morrie Levy
Class of '83
Chair of Search Committee for High School Vice-Principal, Hebrew Academy of Montreal

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Ron Arad, Zachary Baumel, Zvi Feldman, Guy Hever, Yehuda Katz

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The number of days Hamas has held Gilad Schalit captive

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CJC praised for monument work

I write both as a Holocaust survivor and as past chair of the Ottawa Holocaust Survivors Association. Thank you to the Canadian Jewish Congress and Hank Rosenbaum, formerly chair of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, for their plain talk regarding a Holocaust monument in Ottawa ("MP wants gov't to pay for Holocaust monument," Dec. 23). This is long overdue and I can tell you that CJC and Rosenbaum speak for many of us when they say that we are prepared to fundraise and work co-operatively with the government to finally bring this monument to life.

This issue also raises another important question. For years now, CJC has championed the rights of Holocaust survivors ("Congress wary of CIJA restructuring plan," Nov. 25). Many survivors only know it as Canadian Jewish Congress, and with community restructuring underway, I fear we will lose this strong voice. I join with many other Canadians, Jews and non-Jews alike, who have voiced similar concerns on this letters page, in urging our community leadership to keep Canadian Jewish Congress as our communal voice, with its dignity and legacy intact.

Vera Gara
Ottawa

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Berlin synagogue

In the article "Discoveries during a visit to Berlin," the the synagogue, the New Synagogue on Oranienburgstrasse, is misidentified (Chanukah supplement, Dec. 2). Also, I was surprised that the writer did not mention the huge memorial to the six million Jews in the city.

Nate Leipciger
Toronto

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Battle lines are drawn after UN votes for Durban III

By MARCY OSTER
JTA

When the original UN "World conference against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance," held in Durban, South Africa, in 2001, devolved into an anti-Israel hatefest, Jewish groups around the world were caught unawares.

So, when the Durban Review Conference was called for Geneva in 2009, Jewish activists started their fight early, convincing numerous countries to boycott the conference, dubbed Durban II, effectively blocking it from becoming a repeat of Durban I.

Now, with the recent UN vote to authorize Durban III – a UN General Assembly session planned for September 2011 to commemorate the original Durban conference – the battle lines again are being drawn.

"The vote of the UN General Assembly, while not unexpected, sets the stage for a celebration of the outrageous events that took place during Durban I, which were permeated by manifestations of bigotry and hatred," said a statement from the leaders of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

"The event is scheduled to be held shortly after the 10th anniversary commemoration of Sept. 11. It is hard to imagine a more insensitive action, recalling that the attack on the World Trade Center that killed thousands was carried out by those influenced by the same hateful ideologies that Durban I came to represent."

The first plans to boycott Durban III already are taking shape. Canada announced in November that it would boycott the September 2011 session on "Combating racism and follow-up of the Durban Program of Action."

"Canada will not participate in this charade," Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said at a Nov. 25 news conference. "Canada is clearly committed to the fight against racism, but the Durban process commemorates an agenda that actually promotes racism rather than combats it."

Both the United States and Israel have warned about Durban III turning into another occasion for gratuitous Israel-bashing.

When the matter came to a vote on Dec. 24, the vote was 104-22 in favour of the special General Assembly session; 33 countries abstained.

"We voted 'no' because the Durban Declaration process has included ugly displays of intolerance and anti-Semitism, and we do not want to see that commemorated," said a statement by the American ambassador to the United Nations, Susan E. Rice. "The United States is fully committed to upholding the human rights of all individuals and to combating racial discrimination, intolerance and bigotry. We stand ready to work with all partners to uphold human rights and fight racism around the world."

Israel's Foreign Ministry issued a statement announcing its intention to skip the session.

"Under the present circumstances, as long as the meeting is defined as part of the infamous 'Durban process,' Israel will not participate in the meeting," the statement said. "Israel expects the participants to deal appropriately with the serious manifestations of racism throughout the world, and to reject attempts to once again divert world attention from this dangerous phenomenon by means of cheap politicization."

Condemnation of the UN vote by Jewish groups was fast and furious.

"The original Durban conference attempted to validate the perverse theory that Zionism is racism," B'nai Brith International's executive vice-president, Daniel Mariaschin, said. "Durban's legacy of hate, intolerance and double standards should never be forgotten, and should certainly never be celebrated."

The Anti-Defamation League called for a boycott of Durban III.

David Harris, executive director of the American Jewish Committee, said the anti-racism agenda has been misappropriated. "The global campaign against racism has been hijacked by countries that have little regard for human rights and whose primary goal is to advance highly political agendas," Harris said. "To bring this travelling show of hatred to New York is scandalous and will not advance the noble UN mission of defending and protecting human rights."

At the original UN conference against racism in Durban, the United States and Israel walked out when it became clear that it had devolved into little more than an opportunity for vitriolic Israel-bashing that many said bordered on antisemitism. The conference's final document singled out Israel for special condemnation.

In Geneva in 2009, several European and North American countries announced ahead of time that they would not attend the conference out of concern that its special focus on Israel would make a mockery of the issue of fighting racism, and several more walked out of the conference when Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad used the occasion to bash Israel.

The countries that voted against the Durban III session were Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, the Netherlands, Palau, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the United Kingdom and the United States. Among the countries abstaining were Austria, Belgium, France, Greece, Hungary and Spain.

File photo of South Africans protesting against Israel at the Durban I conference in 2001. *[RNS photo]*

Palestinians appeal for recognition of statehood

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JERUSALEM — Palestinian negotiators last month asked a number of individual European countries to recognize a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip – even without a peace deal with Israel.

The Palestinian Authority (PA) issued a similar appeal to the European Union earlier this week, but this was the first time it singled out specific countries with its request.

The appeal is part of a growing campaign to pursue statehood outside of peace talks with Israel, which have been deadlocked since September.

Palestinian officials said they asked the consuls general of France, Britain, Sweden and Denmark as well as the European Union (EU) envoy to the peace process to recognize the 1967 borders between Israel and Palestine.

In response to a letter from Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat, the EU said it would recognize a Palestinian state when "appropriate," adding that negotiations are the only way to peace.

The PA's request was made just hours after the United States House of Representatives approved a resolution opposing unilateral declaration of Palestinian statehood.

That resolution, introduced by Howard Berman, chair of the House foreign affairs committee, slams Palestinian efforts to push the international community to recognize a state in such a manner, because "true and lasting peace between Israel and the Palestinians can only be achieved through direct negotiations between the parties."

It calls on the U.S. administration to "deny recognition to any unilaterally declared Palestinian state and veto any resolution by the United Nations Security Council to establish or recognize a Palestinian state outside of an agreement negotiated by the two parties."

It also urges Palestinian leaders to "cease all efforts at circumventing the negotiation process, including efforts to gain recognition of a Palestinian state from other nations, within the United Nations and in other international forums prior to achievement of a final agreement between Israel and the Palestinians... and calls upon foreign governments not to extend such recognition."

Earlier this month, Brazil announced, in response to a request made by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, that it recognized a Palestinian state based on borders at the time of Israel's 1967 conquest of the West Bank. Argentina and Uruguay followed soon after and said they intended to support a declaration of a Palestinian state.

Perhaps some good will come from disaster

Forty-four lives were lost in the massive wildfire that incinerated upwards of 4,000 hectares and hundreds of homes in and around the Carmel forests. Thirty-seven prison officials, mostly officer cadets, died on their way to help evacuate prisoners from Dammon Prison when their bus was engulfed by the inferno, along with the bus driver; three senior police officers, including Commander Ahuva Tomer, Haifa's police chief, who was following the bus in her patrol car, and three firefighters. One was Elad Riven, a 16-year-old high-school student and volunteer firefighter who left school upon hearing of the fire and died trying to save people on the bus.

This calamity is a microcosm of many things Israeli, good and bad.

That Israel's firefighting forces were not capable of extinguishing the blaze alone was a manifestation of a common Israeli mindset that, simply stated, says that "everything will be OK." Countless reports and recommendations about the appalling state of the country's firefighting services were ignored over the last couple of decades. Despite this writing on the wall, it was believed that when push came to shove, we would somehow manage.

When we couldn't, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his government reacted admirably, quickly enlisting foreign firefighting assistance, primarily airborne, aid that was surprisingly forthcoming. In a peculiar twist of fortunes, the most help quenching this Chanukah hellhole was sent by Greece. Relations with that country have been nurtured positively since last May's flotilla brouhaha and falling out with Turkey. But in a humanitarian gesture that may also help rebuild bridges, the Turks sent aid, too.

Yair Lootsteen
in Jerusalem

Demonstrating other Israeli phenomena, the mudslinging began well before the fire was extinguished – some of it warranted. And the rabbis got into the fray, led by Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, spiritual head of the haredi Shas party. He insinuated that the fire was a punishment from God because the affected area's residents hadn't satisfactorily abided the Sabbath. There was less clarity from Shas' Interior Minister, Eli Yishai, when it was reported that not long after assuming office, he had severed ties with the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, a pro-Israel Evangelical philanthropic organization that in the past supplied Israel with eight new fire trucks and had offered to provide funds for more.

There were also reasons for hope. As in previous times of crisis, Israelis banded together. Homes around the country were opened to those forced from theirs by the fire. Clothes were donated for victims. Meals were supplied. For once it didn't seem to matter whether you were Arab, Christian, Druze or Jewish.

The disaster also seems to have strengthened perceptions that some things are changing for the better.

We learned of two women, Ahuva Tomer (who was posthumously promoted to the rank of police brigadier-general) and her deputy, Etty Myerson, who held the two highest positions at the nation's largest single police station, in Haifa – no small feat, considering they served in the male-dominated bastion that is the Israeli police force – telling the tale of advances women are making in the Israeli workplace.

There's also been a heightened appreciation for our environment. While firefighters battled the fire to save people's lives and property, there was shared sadness about the millions of trees that went up in flames, destroying habitats for plants and animals in the Carmel mountains. The story that got particular attention was the effort to save the Hai-Bar Nature Reserve, a breeding and re-acclimation centre administered by the Israel Nature and Parks Authority, whose goal has been to re-introduce species of animals that have become extinct in Israel. The entire nation breathed a collective sigh of relief when the fire was put out before it could destroy this gem.

And Riven's tragic death reminded us that volunteerism is flourishing in Israel. He became a volunteer firefighter in a program called "personal involvement," requiring high-school students to give at least 60 hours to worthy causes. By doing such things as teaching elderly people to use computers, helping out in soup kitchens and tutoring underprivileged kids, teens learn to become responsible members of society.

Forty-four families will forever grieve this tragedy. But as the ashes settle and rain finally begins to fall, might we hope to grow from this catastrophe?

Freezing Palestinian myths

Palestinian myths of victimization have been the major obstacle to peace for more 60 years, but they're largely ignored by journalists, diplomats and would-be peace activists. Instead, the spotlight has been misplaced exclusively on Jewish settlements and the "occupation" that resulted from the 1967 war. The first two years of the Obama administration's peace efforts were entirely wasted because of the illusion that settlements are the cause of the conflict.

In order to break the long stalemate and end decades of failure, the myths of Arab victimization must be exposed – in place of a "settlement freeze," we need a "victimization freeze." False histories that blame Zionism (or European antisemitism) only serve to make peace based on mutual acceptance even more unlikely.

To move forward, Palestinians and their supporters need to be brought back to reality. In place of the myths, they will have to acknowledge that their "suffering" and the refugee problem were the result of the unanimous Arab rejection of the UN Resolution 181 – the November 1947 version of the two-state solution. This was followed by military invasions that killed one per cent of the Jewish population. The Arab defeat on the battlefield was followed by the entirely fictitious claim to a "right of return" as refugees from illegal wars for which the Arabs themselves were responsible.

This is difficult to capture in an emotional photo, dramatic headline, television documentary or YouTube video. Israeli settlements, scenes of the occupation and the inevitable images of Palestinian suffering are easy to portray and manipulate in order to evoke immediate and unquestioned sympathy with the perpetual victim. And while the number of Jews expelled from Arab countries in this period is roughly equal to the displaced Palestinians, the Jewish refugees were absorbed into the Israeli population.

Indeed, the Palestinian refugee industry is thriving, reinforcing the wall it has created to block any peace agreement based on a two-state framework that ends the conflict. UNRWA (the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East) provides hundreds of millions of dollars every year, and many officials are totally devoted to this anti-peace mythology, and to perpetuating the false refugee claims. When one UNRWA employee, Andrew Whitley, dared to question the myth, he was immediately attacked and forced by UNRWA's victimization police to recant his honest assessment. Expect him to be looking for alternative employment soon.

In addition, a vast network of non-governmental organizations using the language of human rights and humanitarian aid promote Palestinian refugee myths. Powerful groups such as BADIL ("The Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights") get hundreds of thousands of dollars every year from a number of European governments to fuel the conflict in this way. For many years, allies in the International Development Research Centre funnelled Canadian taxpayer funds to BADIL.

Gerald Steinberg
in Jerusalem

In parallel, young Jews, many of whom have joined groups such as J-street and the misnamed "Jewish Voices for Peace," as well as some Israelis, have been exposed incessantly to these images and myths, and adopted the false narrative. Exploiting this situation, Palestinian officials such as Saeb Erekat – described by diplomats and journalists as a "moderate" because he looks and sounds reasonable – continue to weave false tales to sell to naive audiences.

Another myth, promoted during the failed Oslo peace negotiations, was that the Palestinian leadership was "holding the refugee card" in order to play it at the last minute. According to this script, former Palestinian Authority president Yasser Arafat would suddenly reverse decades of Palestinian theology, and tell his people that the "right of return" was exchanged as part of a comprehensive peace. Like other parts of the Oslo process, this was based entirely on wishful thinking.

An alternative scenario that has survived Oslo and Arafat depicts the Palestinian leadership as knowing they're not going to return en masse and turn the Jewish state into another Muslim stronghold. All that they want, we are told, is a symbolic recognition of the "injustice" and their "suffering" resulting from the creation of the State of Israel. But this is simply another version of the victimization myth, which, if accepted, would be used to justify more terrorism and delegitimization of Israel.

Until these dimensions are addressed, peace efforts will be stillborn. In this framework, a freeze on refugee myths and false narratives is long overdue.

Peace is as elusive and distant as ever

Arthur Ruppin (1876-1943), a prominent Zionist official who headed the Jewish Agency from 1933 to 1935, was one of the founders of the Brit Shalom peace movement, which worked for Arab-Jewish coexistence and a binational state in Palestine. Ruppin's dovish views did not stand the test of time. Eventually, he famously declared, "What we can offer the [Palestinian] Arabs, they will not accept, and what they will accept, we cannot offer."

More than six decades on, Ruppin's crie de coeur rings eerily true. Despite herculean efforts by the United States to defuse the Arab-Israeli conflict, Israel and the Palestinian Authority (PA) remain depressingly far apart on key core issues.

A two-state solution, the object of U.S. diplomacy and Israel's sole viable hope of maintaining its Jewish and democratic character in the face of a considerably higher Palestinian birth rate, rests on an accommodation with the Palestinians. Yet this scenario remains as elusive and distant as ever.

Before leaving office in 2009, Israel's then prime minister, Ehud Olmert, warned that Israel could not assure its future as a democratic Jewish state without peace. As he bluntly put it, "If the day comes when a two-state solution collapses, and we face a South African-style struggle for equal voting rights ... then, as soon as that happens, the State of Israel is finished."

With Olmert's prophecy partly in mind, the United States launched yet another peace process last September. To no one's surprise, the negotiations, looking more like an exercise in public relations than a substantive effort in peace-making, ground to a halt after Israel declined to extend a 10-month partial settlement freeze in the West Bank, which expired on Sept. 26.

Throwing up its hands in despair, the chastened Obama administration announced it had given up on efforts to persuade Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to lengthen the moratorium by three months, and would now instead concentrate on core issues.

The Obama administration, having rejected "the legitimacy" of Israel's settlement policy, made the announcement after Netanyahu turned down a package of extremely generous U.S. incentives in exchange for prolonging the freeze. Netanyahu had said he would present the U.S. offer to his cabinet only if it was received in writing. Washington, having concluded that a three-month moratorium would not produce sufficient progress on major issues, decided it was not worth the trouble giving Israel a written summary.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

It is debatable whether Netanyahu's cabinet, some of whose members prefer the status quo to conflict resolution, would have voted for Washington's military and political incentives, which critics likened to a bribe.

No less a person than Israel's defence minister, Ehud Barak, acknowledged that the composition of Netanyahu's right-of-centre government renders peace with the Palestinians problematic. As Barak said: "There is a certain contradiction between the makeup of the government and the likelihood of delving further into peace negotiations." Carrying this logic to the next level, Barak, the embattled leader of the Labor party, implicitly suggested that the the centrist Kadima party, led by Tzipi Livni, the former foreign minister, should be invited to join the government.

Netanyahu – whose Likud party won less seats in the last election than Kadima, yet still managed to cobble together a government – has not seriously courted Livni. Their views, in some respects, clash. Livni holds that Israel should have prolonged the freeze and accepted the American incentives. And if Livni is to be believed, Netanyahu is simply too weak to take historic decisions, which could break up his coalition government.

In retrospect, Washington's decision to stop focusing on Israel's settlements and start concentrating on core issues was almost anti-climactic. The PA, having repeatedly warned it would spurn further negotiations unless Israel ceased all building activity in the West Bank, carried out its threat after three rounds.

PA President Mahmoud Abbas subsequently hardened his position, insisting on a moratorium in eastern Jerusalem, as well as in the West Bank. For Netanyahu, Abbas' demand was a non-starter, given his belief that all of Jerusalem belongs to Israel.

Observers, therefore, were less than surprised by Israel's announcement in October of its intention to build 238 housing units in eastern Jerusalem and by the Knesset's decision, one month later, to pass a bill that will require territorial concessions in eastern Jerusalem to be submitted to a referendum.

Although the PA protested, Abbas and Saeb Erekat, the Palestinians' chief negotiator, muddied the waters by asserting that the PA – which formally recognized Israel at the outset of the 1993 Oslo process – would never recognize Israel as a Jewish state.

A senior Palestinian official, Yasser Abed Rabbo, offered an olive branch: the PA would recognize Israel's Jewishness if Israel agreed to withdraw to the pre-1967 borders. Netanyahu's reaction was swift. He would not sign an accord with the Palestinians unless they revised their policy.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu greets PA President Mahmoud Abbas in Washington, D.C. last September. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton looks on.

Judging by these testy exchanges, the atmosphere has worsened. But it was already bad. Netanyahu's national security advisor, Uzi Arad, ruffled Palestinian feathers by expressing doubts whether "we have a partner for a permanent agreeement," and exacerbated the situation by suggesting that Israel might be more interested in an interim rather than a comprehensive agreement.

The PA also took issue with a provocative speech Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman delivered to the United Nations. Citing an abysmal absence of trust between Israel and the Palestinians, he called for an intermediate agreement to be phased in over "a few decades," and argued that an agreement should be based on two principles: transferring some Israeli Arabs to the West Bank and abandoning the land-for-peace formula.

Netanyahu's office issued a bland statement distancing itself from Lieberman's comments, and the PA compounded the problem. In a throwback to the Yasser Arafat era, a PA deputy minister claimed that the Western Wall has no religious significance to Jews and is Muslim property. As well, the PA threatened to boycott new talks with the present Israeli government, threatened to dissolve itself so that Israel would be responsible for the West Bank, and threatened to request United Nations recognition of a unilateral declaration of Palestinian statehood.

Working on the assumption that Israel and the PA are committed to reaching an agreement, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton dispatched special Mideast envoy George Mitchell to the region in mid-December.

Mitchell plans to focus on core issues like borders and settlements. The PA has reportedly submitted its opening positions on such pivotal matters as security, Palestinian refugees and water. Since Netanyahu has apparently not set out all his views, Mitchell will probably schedule more talks with Israel's leadership than with the PA.

Netanyahu has informed Clinton that he is "serious" about continuing talks, but the PA seems skeptical, having concluded that he is more interested in process than in peace.

Clinton, meanwhile, has issued a warning about Israel's occupation of the West Bank. It is, she said, "endangering the Zionist vision of a Jewish and democratic state in the historic homeland of the Jewish people."

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Going through hoops to unite kids

By LAURA STRICKER
Staff Reporter

When Daniel Shane visits Israel in March, he'll be going for one specific reason: to play basketball.

In December, Daniel celebrated his bar mitzvah at Toronto's Temple Sinai. For his bar mitzvah project he wanted to do something out of the ordinary that included his love of basketball.

"I was trying to find an organization that combines my favourite thing to do, which is basketball, and create a difference in the world in some way," he said. "I did a bunch of research with my dad, and after a few weeks of searching, we found Peace Players International."

Peace Players International (PPI) was established in 2001. It operates in Northern Ireland, South Africa, Cyprus, New Orleans and the Middle East. Its goal is to use basketball as a way to unite and educate children and the communities they live in.

To date, Daniel has collected approximately $2,000 and 80 basketballs for the Middle East arm of the charity. Canada Basketball, the national organization for the game, is donating jerseys for PPI to give away as prizes.

In November, Daniel made a presentation on PPI to his Grade 8 class at Crescent School, discussing what he is trying to accomplish and the trip to Israel he and his family will be taking. They are trying to get kids from his class to join them on the trip, and a few have expressed interest, Daniel's father, Terry Shane, said.

Daniel Shane

In addition to his collecting money and basketballs for PPI, the organization put Daniel in touch with three kids in the program – two boys, one a Muslim Arab, the other a Muslim Christian, and one Jewish girl.

"I've been talking with them a lot lately," Daniel said.

"The cool thing is we've had the most response from... the Muslim [Arab] boy. It's interesting because [Daniel's] getting to see that not every Palestinian is a member of Hamas," Terry said.

"They're actually people at the other end of this who are kids who just want to play basketball. When you see the pictures of them on Facebook with their families, they're not so different."

Daniel is looking forward to playing basketball with the PPI teams and meeting his "twins," the three people he's been exchanging e-mails with. He's also really enjoyed seeing his dream of making a difference in the world come true, which was also the subject of his Torah portion.

"My Torah portion was about dreams, about how [Joseph's] original dream was to see all of his family bow down to him. My part that I read was when Joseph's brothers came and bowed down to him. So it's all about dreams coming true.

"The reason I was so interested in this organization from the beginning is because it showed me even a small dream can grow, and it can grow to become something huge and make a huge difference, even if you're just one or two people."

"It's really cool that he's taken his passion and that it's all come together like this," Terry said. "I think he's going to do big things when he gets older."

Daniel's next goal is to figure out how to send the basketballs and jerseys to Israel, as donations shipped there get taxed. They're hoping to find people travelling to Israel who are willing to take some of the items with them and avoid PPI having to pay the tax.

In the meantime, Daniel and his family plan to continue raising money and awareness until they go to Israel.

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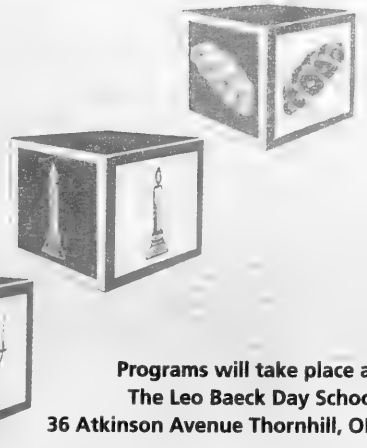

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Are Palestinians ready for a true two-state solution?

The Dec. 23 column criticized Noam Chomsky for something he said last month on TVO. Space did not allow, however, for the acknowledgment of a very rare, lucid (if not completely accurate) observation he made about what occurred during the peace talks between Israelis and Palestinians at Taba in January 2001.

Chomsky admitted that at Taba, under former U.S. president Bill Clinton's bridging proposals, the parties came "very close" to accepting a two-state solution. Although unsuccessful, the deal needed just a few more days to be concluded, Chomsky implied.

That was a shocking admission from the principal figure of the radical left who has long insisted that the United States and Israel have constantly conspired to undermine any chance of Palestinian statehood.

Chomsky was wrong about one essential fact: the parties were not in agreement. It was then-Palestinian Authority president Yasser Arafat who refused the offer. Clinton himself was clear about Arafat's failure to seize the historic moment. Several senior Palestinian and Arab officials also expressed bitter disappointment in the PLO chairman. Even Arafat himself, some 18 months later, claimed (according to Akiva Eldar in *Ha'aretz*) that he was finally prepared to accept Clinton's plan! But it was far too late by then – Arafat had initiated a campaign of terror on Israelis, so his concession was doubly hollow.

Writing in the Dec. 20 Jerusalem Report magazine on Arafat's legacy on the sixth anniversary of his death, Danny Rubinstein, a veteran Israeli observer of Palestinian and Arab affairs (and someone commended for his journalism by Chomsky in several of his books), noted:

"Arafat rejected Clinton's outline for the same reasons that his successor, Mahmoud Abbas, balked and refused to sign an agreement with [then-]prime minister Ehud Olmert two years ago. In both cases, the two Palestinian leaders feared that their public would not accept the concessions required of the Palestinian side.

"The Palestinian public's political views appear to be far more extreme than the positions taken by most of its leaders. On the question of the 'right of return of the 1948 refugees,' for example, most of the Palestinian leadership is prepared to compromise. But when the issue is raised, loud public opposition – 'Don't give up that right!' – can be heard on the streets of Nablus and Jenin, and throughout the refugee camps in Gaza, Lebanon and Jordan. Anyone in favour of compromise is immediately branded a traitor."

Other analysts who have come to the same general conclusion about what Arafat and Abbas have rejected argue that these leaders themselves were (and are) not willing to compromise on crucial issues: refugees (confining the "right of return" to a future Palestinian state) and Jerusalem (recognizing Jewish historical attachment to the Western Wall and Temple Mount).

Rubinstein is fluent in Arabic and spends time speaking with Palestinians directly. When he writes about the extremism of the Palestinian public on the matter of the "right of return," he should be listened to carefully.

We often read in western media that according to Palestinian public opinion polls, a majority favours a "two-state" solution. Rarely, if ever, does a western journalist follow up with the essential question: does this mean that the Palestinians are prepared to confine a "return" of refugees to their own state instead of to Israel (in which case they would end up with two Arab states)? The answer to that question is the crux of the matter. Successive Palestinian leaderships have not prepared their public to accept a genuine two-state arrangement, and the Israeli public knows this.

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas

If there was a Palestinian leadership that followed in the footsteps of Anwar Sadat and King Hussein, who spoke directly to the Israeli public, assuring Israelis that peace means acceptance and an end to the conflict, a whole new dynamic in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process would ensue.

Instead, Abbas appears determined to avoid any of this. By skirting direct negotiations with Israel and appealing instead to the international community to accept a Palestinian state without the need for any compromises with Israel, he's only protracting the conflict.

Paul Michaels is communications director for the Canada-Israel Committee.

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Survivor reunites with man who saved her life

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

After 65 years, Holocaust survivor Sara Marmurek was reunited with Wladyslaw Misiuna, the man who risked his life to save hers.

The 88-year-old Marmurek, who lives in Toronto, reunited with her Polish saviour, who lives in Warsaw, at Kennedy Airport in New York.

Marmurek had no trouble recognizing Misiuna. She says that they cried with joy at their reunion.

"I never thought I'd be alive to see you again," the 85-year-old rescuer told Marmurek in Polish. She was standing unreadily on legs that had been mangled by Gestapo torturers.

"It was very emotional when the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous called me... about a reunion, Marmurek said.

"When they called me, my mind went back to my home in Poland and all the happenings."

The Foundation for the Righteous honours and supports 1,800 Christians and Muslims around the world who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust.

Marmurek was born in Opatow. Her father, Jacob Stopnicki, was in the Judenrat – administrative bodies that the Germans required Jews to form in the German occupied territory of Poland during World War II. In 1942, her father heard that their town was to be liquidated, and he took his family to Sandomierz, as he believed it would not be liquidated for some time.

When the Germans came to Sandomierz, they made a selection. Marmurek was pregnant, and one of the policemen said to her, "You with the stomach, leave the line."

She recalls, "My mother was in her early 40s. She changed places with me and told me that she had her life already.

"You go," she told me. "Your life is just beginning." Marmurek never saw her mother again.

When she was going to have the baby, a German officer who knew her family took her to the hospital as a non-Jew. After she gave birth, she was recognized and had to leave the baby with her father when she returned to the Sandomierz camp. The baby died of starvation.

In 1943, when Marmurek was in Radom, she and four other Jewish women were assigned to work at a rabbit farm where Misiuna was a supervisor. The farm bred rabbits for food and clothing.

Misiuna helped her and other Jews with the work and gave them food and medicine. He also brought extra food to give to other Jews to keep them alive. She adds that he would talk to them and give them hope that they would survive.

At their reunion in New York, Marmurek asked Misiuna why he helped the Jews and risked his life.

"He said he was appalled by the way the Jews were being treated. He could not see people who were treated wrongly," she says.

Misiuna was arrested when Marmurek was at Auschwitz. The Gestapo tortured him when they discovered that he had been bringing food and supplies to the Jews in the ghetto.

Marmurek and her husband, Saul Marmurek, came to Canada in 1948. They came with their two-year-old son, Harvey, who is now head of the psychology department at the University of Guelph. In Canada, they had a daughter, Shirley (Moussa).

Saul died three years ago, after the couple was married for 65 years. Sara

Holocaust survivor Sara Marmurek reunited with her Polish saviour, Wladyslaw Misiuna, recently in New York.

Marmurek has four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She says that it took her a long time speak of her past. "I just started now to talk. It was painful, but now my children know and I'm not silent anymore. It gives me closure in my life."

Her son and daughter and their spouses accompanied Marmurek to New York for the emotional reunion as a guest of honour with Misiuna at a dinner at the Waldorf Hotel, given by the Jewish Foundation of the Righteous.

Misiuna, who is an author and professor at the University of Warsaw, is helping on the committee for the Holocaust Museum in Warsaw, which is to open in 2012.

"It is because of Misiuna that I had a wonderful life," Marmurek says. "I thank God that I had the opportunity to say thank you to him in person for what he did."

In the front row, from left, are Holocaust survivor Sara Marmurek and her Polish saviour, Wladyslaw Misiuna, and in the back row are Harvey Marmurek, Eva Marmurek, Shirley Moussa and Joseph Moussa.

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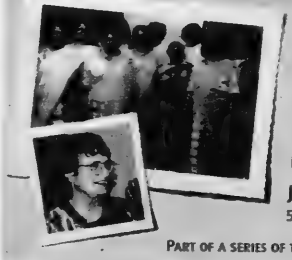

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Musical theatre group fundraises for Ve'ahavta

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Over the past four years, annual shows featuring Leo Baeck Day School parents and teachers raised a total of more than $100,000 for the school.

But this year, organizers felt it was time to take a break. "We didn't want it to get too stale," said Mike Levinsky, middle school co-ordinator for the school's north campus, and the shows' director and choreographer.

The shows had been drawing from a limited pool of performers and playing to the same audience, he said.

But Levinsky and musical director Robin Perlmutter – a former Leo Baeck parent, and the founder and managing director of the Toronto Youth Music Theatre Company – had second thoughts when they considered feedback from cast members who told them how much it had meant to them to be in the shows.

They decided to use the same model and raise money for a charity.

But first, they wanted to know if a committee of three parents who had played key roles behind the scenes would work with them again. "There's no way we could do what we do without the three of them," said Levinsky.

When he explained that this year's effort would be for a charity, they said they would come on board "for sure," he recalled.

Levinsky and Perlmutter formed a new production group called Play It Forward Productions.

One of the committee members, as well as Levinsky, had a two-degrees-of-separation connection with Ve'ahavta: The Canadian Jewish Humanitarian and Relief Committee, and decided to look at the organization's website when they were searching for a charity to help.

From left are David Goldfarb, Ari Blicker and Harvey Cooperberg singing *Fugue for Tinhorns* from *Guys and Dolls* at a recent rehearsal for *Aim Chai*.

"We were really impressed," Levinsky said.

This year's production, *Aim Chai*, is a Broadway musical revue with 18 songs from 18 musicals, including *Annie, Wicked, West Side Story* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

It will raise money for Ve'ahavta with shows at the City Playhouse in Vaughan at the end of January: a 2 p.m. matinée and a 7:30 evening performance on Jan. 30, and a final evening performance on Jan. 31. The evening show will also be an event of the Toronto Alpha Omega Dental Society.

Cast members are not professional actors, although some of them have had voice training. "They just love performing," Levinsky said.

Levinsky and Perlmutter accepted 40 cast members, and chose songs – both ensemble and solo pieces – that would fit their voices, Levinsky said.

"We work them very hard," said Perlmutter.

At the same time, Levinsky added, "We feel good about creating a tight-knit ensemble."

Laurie Walman, a mother of two who manages a psychology practice, said that even when she's having a bad day, she "can't wait" to get to rehearsal.

She joined the first cast with no singing background, after an audition she recalls as nerve-racking. "I called them and said I can't do this. They worked with me and said, 'We are going to make an actor out of you.'

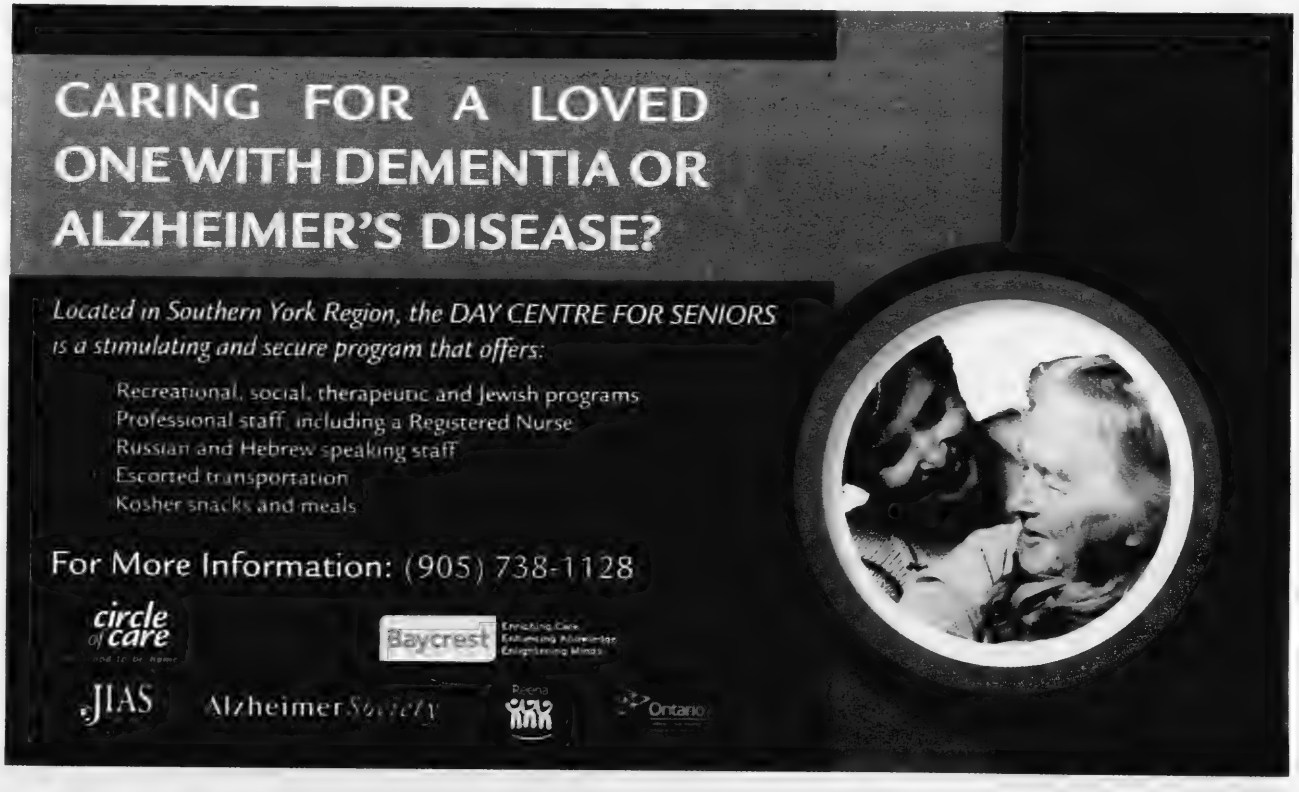
"The support is incredible... In the end, it's like we become a family."

Although she sings only "a line or two," it's not about being the star. It's about being part of something that's for a good cause, and how much fun it is."

Harvey Cooperberg, a 60-year-old dentist, is the senior member of a cast that includes performers age 23 and up. He has performed in "lots of" amateur musical theatre including a 2006 Yorkminstrels production of *Oliver!*, but he hasn't performed with Play It Forward before.

"I've been blown away by the talent in this group," he said at a December rehearsal. "Rehearsals are just as much fun as the performance."

For more information or to buy tickets, go to veahavta.org and go to "Current Events". Tickets start at $36.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The lesson of the 10th plague

By RABBI ZUSHE SILBERSTEIN

This week's Torah portion, Bo, contains the account of the 10th and final plague that God visited on the Egyptians, the only one in which the Jews were required to put a mark of identification upon their homes so that they would not be afflicted when the Egyptian first-born sons were killed. The Jews were commanded to put blood from the Passover sacrifice on their doorposts, also symbolic of the blood of the covenant of circumcision, and warned to remain in their homes until the morning.

The midrash states the reason why these precautions were necessary: "Once the Destroyer is given free reign, it cannot distinguish between the righteous and the wicked." This is why a special sign was needed to divert the Angel of Death.

This begs the question: wasn't the Angel of Death allowed free reign during the previous nine plagues? Why weren't measures taken then by the Jewish people to protect themselves?

The slaying of the first-born was different from the other nine plagues that preceded it. The first nine plagues brought a limited and specific type of injury and devastation. The Angel of Death was not allowed to indiscriminately destroy in whatever manner it chose. During the 10th plague, however, the Egyptian first-born died in a multitude of different ways.

Even more fundamental is the fact that the aim of the first nine plagues was to make the Egyptians acknowledge the existence and power of God. The goal of the final plague was to punish the Egyptians for their immoral lifestyle and for the 210 years of brutal slavery that the Jews suffered under their rule.

At this point, the Heavenly Attribute of Justice complained before God and demanded that the Jewish first-born should not be spared: "How are the Jews so different from the Egyptians? Both nations have served idols, and both nations have sunk into the 49 gates of impurity!"

Rabbinic Reflections

In response to the seemingly valid arguments, God decreed that the Jews identify themselves with a special sign, so that no harm would befall them.

The blood with which they painted their doorposts was symbolic of the essential connection which exists between God and Am Yisrael, a bond that transcends all rationale and human understanding. The command to publicly defy Egyptian sensitivities by slaughtering a lamb, the Egyptian deity, seemed to be irrational, and required selfless sacrifice on behalf of Am Yisrael. It was precisely this disregard for the natural order and the willingness for self-sacrifice that brought about the redemption. Because when we go beyond the boundaries of logic to show our devotion to God, He repays in kind.

Chassidic philosophy explains that sparing the Jews from the 10th plague was a demonstration of God's overwhelming love for the Jewish people. The kind of love which is irrespective of the son's negative behavior, it transcends even the legitimate claims of the Attribute of Justice. But for this Godly love to manifest itself, we need to express our infinite commitment to Him.

Today, we find ourselves in a similar situation to the one our ancestors faced as they were about to leave Egypt. The Final Redemption is right at our door, and all that is required is that we transcend the bonds of rational deliberation and declare ourselves ready.

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Bookmarks

Bernard Baskin

In Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, an exiled noble exclaims: "Sweet are the uses of adversity, which like the toad, ugly and venomous, yet wears a precious jewel in his head."

A pattern of adversity appears frequently in biblical literature. All the prophets experienced it. Jeremiah was hounded from pillar to post. Ezekiel was carried into captivity. Hosea was betrayed by an adulterous wife. Job grovelled in a dung heap, bereft of children, stripped of affluence and taunted by his friends. Yet, perhaps just because of their struggles, they succeeded to the extent that we read their stories and are nurtured by their words and quickened by their wisdom. They rose above despair to become creative and enduring voices of mankind.

English poet and critic William Earnest Henley contracted tuberculosis as a child and had his left foot amputated. He wrote: "It matters not how strait the gate, how charged with punishment the scroll, I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul."

Renoir broke his arm in early life and had to learn how to paint with his left hand. Later, he suffered so intensely from arthritis that his brush had to be strapped between his thumb and index finger.

Helen Keller, who was deaf and dumb, wrote, "I thank God for my handicap, for through them I have found myself, my work and my God."

Despite a progressive paralysis that deprived him of speech and movement, Jewish philosopher Franz Rozensweig continued his literary work, pointing with a single finger to the keys on the typewriter.

At the first performance of his *Ninth Symphony*, a hopelessly deaf Beethoven couldn't hear the applause and had to be turned around to face the audience.

Of course, not just these famous personalities but a multitude less well known – relatives, friends and ordinary members of our community – learn how to transform their handicaps and their defeats into a sturdy shield against life's storms.

A lad once asked an old sailor, "What is the wind?" The seaman replied, "I can't tell you what the wind is, but I know how to hoist the sail when it blows."

Yes, the wind is real, life's hurts are real, our disappointments and frustrations are real. One cannot find asylum from these events by resorting to flight. But each of us can hoist a sail and discover that even times of pain and travail can be enriching experiences.

Carmel fire ignites prejudices

The wildfire that swept across the Carmel Mountains near Haifa last month is one of the worst natural disasters to hit Israel in recent memory. At the end of it, 44 Israelis had lost their lives, 17,000 people – Jews, Arabs, and Druze – had to be evacuated, about 250 homes were severely damaged and, according to Jewish National Fund estimates, more than five million trees were destroyed.

For a while, there were fears the devastation would spread even further than it did, and the obvious priority was to staunch the flames by whatever means. It's precisely this sort of impending tragedy that brings people together toward a common cause. It's a time when old baggage is set aside, however temporarily, and humanity shines through with generosity and resolve.

And while it was undoubtedly seen by some as an embarrassment that Israel should in such circumstances require assistance from the international community, it was nonetheless uplifting to see how quickly and unrestrainedly such aid was forthcoming, some of it from the most unlikely of places. Even amid the recent acrimony of the Israeli-Turkish relationship, Turkey sent its firefighters, and, despite the barely viable "peace" with Egypt and Jordan, the governments of both these countries rushed in truckloads of equipment to help put out the blaze. Also sent to help were three fire engines from the Palestinian Authority.

But just as fighting the inferno gave us a glimpse of how co-operation and goodwill can transcend political barriers in times of need, we saw, as well, the flip side of such altruism: the sordid *schadenfreude* – pleasure derived from the misfortune of others – that punctuated much of the Arab world's reaction to Israel's predicament.

My View

By Lawrence Hart

Most respondents to websites such as those hosted by Al Jazeera and Al-Arabiya expressed delight at the destruction that the fires were causing, with some going so far as hoping that this might be just a prelude to a "newer, greater Jewish holocaust". A dominant thread in many of these outbursts was the notion that this was God's way of punishing Israel for "occupying" Arab lands and killing Palestinians. Ismail Haniyeh, head of Hamas in Gaza, described the fires as "divine strikes from Allah for what they [Israel] did" – presumably a reference to the Israel Defence Forces' military actions during the Gaza war of 2008.

Ironically, it was not only from the Arab side that the blaze was viewed as divine intervention. Sadly, such attributions were made by the leadership of some Jewish haredi sects in Israel as well. Writing in London's *Daily Telegraph*, columnist Adrian Blomfield noted that "[Rabbi] Ovadia Yosef, spiritual leader of Shas, a powerful religious party in Israel's coalition government, said there was little doubt that the fire was sent by God to punish his chosen people for their waywardness." According to Rabbi Yosef "fire exists only where the Sabbath is desecrated." "We must repent," he insisted, and "keep Shabbat appropriately."

For those who lost loved ones in the fire and for those now needing to rebuild their homes and their lives in its aftermath, such prejudice, from whatever source, but more particularly from segments of Israel's own religious leadership, is especially cruel, and especially deplorable.

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Jewish & Digital

By Mark Mietkiewicz

Recycled wastewater: Desalination can be prohibitively expensive for agricultural use. Since many crops can lower-quality tolerate water, treated wastewater is a source of water for irrigation. Israel recycles nearly 70 per cent of its sewage water for agriculture. **[http://bit.ly/isrwat20]**

Importing water: In 2004, Turkey agreed to a 20-year proposal to ship water to meet three per cent of Israel's needs. That deal was scrapped in April 2006. **[http://bit.ly/isrwat27]** Following this year's Gaza flotilla raid, Turkey said that there will be no new energy or water projects with Israel until relations between the two countries improve. **[http://bit.ly/isrwat24]**

Modifying crops: Kibbutz Tzuba in the Judean Hills has a history of farming fruit trees, but the kibbutz has decided to become an estate winery. Apples need 3,000 cubic metres of water per acre per year. But grapes need only 800, making them more suitable to a country experiencing a long-term water shortage. **[http://bit.ly/isrwat25]**

New technologies: Tal-Ya Water Technologies has developed a method to squeeze dew from the air for watering crops. The plant sits on a plastic tray that funnels dew to the plant's roots. Reclaimed dew can reduce the need to water crops by up to 50 per cent. Jewish liturgy has long valued the importance of dew. Science is finally catching up. **[http://bit.ly/isrwat26]**

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Terraces of Baycrest resident spearheads Schalit petition

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Yaakov Gladstone, 86, has only lived at the Terraces of Baycrest for six months, but in that short time, he has changed many residents' lives for the better.

Originally from Montreal, and a longtime resident of New York, N.Y., his family suggested he move here after his health began deteriorating.

"When I came, I found so many people just sitting around. I wanted to ignite them. Growing up, I was a youth leader for Habonim, and I still think like a leader. I didn't change because I am in assisted living," he said.

The first thing he did was start a Yiddish discussion group. "Some people spoke in English because they're Yiddish isn't strong, but everyone talked about themselves. I told them that each one had something to contribute."

Through the discussion, he said, he discovered that some group members had been involved in creative arts, and others had sung in choirs. "These people were energizing me, and I decided we needed more than a discussion group. That's when a gathered 15 people and started the Terraces Chorus."

They began practising and planned their first performance for Chanukah, he said. "We invited a group from Hashomer Hatzair, [a Socialist Zionist youth movement.] They came dressed in white and blue, and took part in the concert. We were accompanied by pianist Elizabeth Mitchnik, and candles were lit by Bernard Rubin. We encouraged the audience to clap, and sing along.

Israelis call for release of Gilad Schalit. Now residents from Terraces of Baycrest are signing a petition calling for his release.

"A very meaningful part of the evening was the signing of a petition to free Gilad Schalit. I asked people to sign, and I distributed it after the concert as well. It's essential that people stay involved in life. You don't have to be dormant just because you're in a wheelchair."

His proudest moment, he said, was when one of the chorus members who initially resisted joining, told him he ignited a spark in her. "We often have people perform for us here, but now we are performing for ourselves."

He is planning another concert for Passover, he said, and encourages people to get involved. "You don't have to be singer. You just have to want to sing."

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נאום המלך

תקופת חגי החורף אופיינית בכך שכל אולפני הסרטים הגדולים משחררים את סרטיהם החזקים לקראת תחרות האוסקר, והשנה איננה שונה מקדמותיה. חזרנו אתמול מ"נאום המלך"- שהוא ללא ספק הולך להיות המועמד הבולט לפרסים הגדולים. קולין פירט', שחקן בריטי, מגלם את דמותו של הנסיך אלברט, שהפך למלך אנגליה לאחר שאחיו התעקש להתחתן עם גרושה ולכן לא יכול היה למלוך. הנסיך אלברט היה משכמו ומעלה מעל אחיו, חוץ מבעייה קטנה אחת- הוא נמנם בצורה קצונית ועל כן לא יכול היה לנאום. מי שמציל אותו הוא מטפל אוסטראלי, שמביאו בדרך ארוכה להיות מסוגל להנות ואפילו לנאום. הסרט מתנהל בשנים שלפני מלחמת העולם השניה ומסתיים כשהמלך נואם לאומה על פרוץ מלחמת העולם השניה.
מעבר למשחק מושלם ויחסים אישיים כנים ונוגעים ללב- הסרט מכסה תקופה הסטורית חשובה בצורה מרתקת.
זהו סרט חובה למי שרוצה להנות , עשר בסולם קורן.

מה יהיה

סטודנטית בבית הספר לחינוך של טורונטו כתבה עבודת מאסטר שבה טענה שהיהדות האשכנזית השתלטה באופן נזעני על מסעות השואה לפולין ושהיא מנצלת את המסעות האלה כדי להדגיש את מסכנות היהודים, למרות שבמציאות הם השליטים. ממש כך.
העבודה אושרה בשנה שעברה והסטודנטית זכתה בדרגת מוסמך של אוניברסיטת טורונטו. לו היה כותב את העבודה הזו סטודנט מוסלמי או נוצרי- היתה מתלקחת מלחמת עולם- אבל הנערה הזו היא יהודיה, שייכת לקבוצה שטוענת שישראל היא מדינת אפארטהייד והבחורה עצמה היתה בין אלה שפלשו לקונסוליה הישראלית לפני מספר שנים.
האוניברסיטה, כצפוי, נפנפה בחופש האקדמי להשמיע דעות , אפילו קיצוניות. אבל לא בכך הבעייה- אוניברסיטה אסור לה להעניק תארים על דיעות של אנשים, אלא אך ורק על עבודה מקורית שמוכיחה את התיזה שהיא רצתה להוכיח. עד כה היו לי כמאה סטודנטים שהגנו על מאסטר או דוקטורט באוניברסיטת טורונטו, ואיש מהם לא הביע את דעתיו- כל מה שהם עשו היה לעבוד קשה להוכיח את מה שהם טענו.הסטודנטית המסויימת הזו אפילו לא ראיינה את העוסקים במסעות לפולין, לא אספה ראיות מן הנוער שנוסע לביקור במחנות, ובקיצור- לא היתה צריכה אפילו להיות מאושרת על ידי הוועדה שלה.
מעבר לקשקוש שבכל זה, אפשר ללמד כאן שני דברים: כמה שבירה הדמוקרטיה, כשהיא מנוצלת על ידי אידיוטים. וכמובן המסקנה האישית יהודית הכואבת- בשוליים של העם היהודי נמצאות קבוצות כמו נטורי קרטא ויהודים נגד אפארטהייד, שלא בוחלים בשום דרך להזיק לעניין היהודי והישראלי, והעולם האנטישמי מחכך בידיו בהנאה. כמו התמונות של נטורי קרטא נפגשים עם ראש ממשלת החמאס הניה בעזה, שם הם זוכים לכבוד מלכים. אבל שישאר בינינו.

בדיחות גימלאים

איש זקן סבל מבעיות שמיעה רציניות, עד אשר סופסוף סידרו לו מכשיר שמיעה משוכלל שקולט מאה אחוז ממה שנאמר. כשהוא חוזר לבקורת לרופא, אומר לו הדוקטור: שמיעתך מצויינת! המשפחה שלך בטח מאוד שמחה שאתה יכול לשמוע שוב!"
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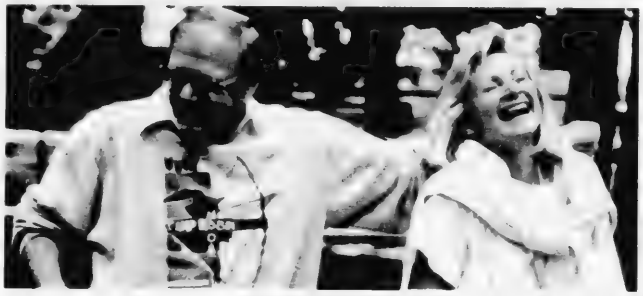

Larry and Pearl Bell

Bells celebrate 50 years at Camp Robin Hood

By LAURA STRICKER
Staff Reporter

When Larry and Pearl Bell go back to camp next summer, it will be for the 50th time.

In 1961, Larry and Pearl responded to an ad from Camp Robin Hood. Larry was hired as swim director and Pearl as a nurse. The two knew each other before working at Robin Hood – they both went to Forest Hill Collegiate – but weren't in the same circle of friends.

"I was this nerdy girl from Sarnia with culture shock going... to Forest Hill high school. I used to play tennis at lunch," Pearl said.

"He was a hotshot at school – the prefect, swimmer. I knew he existed in high school, but we weren't in the same circles. When I got accepted to nursing [for university] and I was in residence, coincidentally [Larry's] cousin was in residence with me," she added.

One day Larry, who was studying at University of Toronto at the time, was driving his cousin home for the weekend and gave Pearl a ride home at the same time. That was really the start of their relationship, she said.

"We knew right away that it was going to work for us, we had similar interests."

The couple has been married for 46 years and has two daughters, Sari and Michelle.

Larry and Pearl were involved with the camp over the years, and then they turned the operation of the camp over to Sari and her husband, Howie Grossinger, a few years ago. They are now the camp's owners and directors. Larry and Pearl are both still involved in the camp, however, as senior directors focusing on the administration and health aspects of the camp.

In honour of Larry and Pearl's 50 years at Camp Robin Hood, a tribute dinner is being held on Feb. 24, 2011, with the proceeds going to Kids in Camp. Kids in Camp is a charity that sends kids to Ontario Camps Association accredited camps.

"I'm so happy that we're in good health and able to enjoy this among [our] family and friends, all the generations of campers and staff," Pearl said.

"It's the kind of business that we're in where it's a happy relationship between people. We're doing the kinds of things that we love. Every day is a new adventure."

In their 50 years at the camp, it has gone through some major changes.

"The changes I've seen over the years... have been tremendous. We're a far more litigious society, communication has to be instant," Pearl said.

"The way our health centres are set up now, we're able to use computer systems for records. We have far more kids coming to camp today with medications. I find times have changed, and it's a bit of a different ball game in terms of the wellness of kids coming to camp."

Larry added: "However, the nice part is no matter what the changes are, [Camp Robin Hood has] always been a great place for kids to form friendships, to grow, to feel good about themselves, to experiment with different aspects and develop new skills."

The camp has also been a breeding ground for many successful relationships and marriages.

"[You're] dealing with like people with the same kinds of interests," Larry said.

"Camp... has so many values that are attached to it in terms of their future and the things they learn from camping that they can use in every profession... All of those good things they're looking for are connected with social interaction and nice people they're with.

"The most interesting thing is the quality of the staff we've had over the years. They've been remarkable, and many of our staff who were with us at the beginning are still our good friends. It's those relationships with those people that have been very special."

They are both looking forward to the tribute dinner.

"I'm humbled by it, very honoured and hope I can remember most of these people," Pearl said, laughing. "It's quite a tribute.

"We're very happy that they're making this a happy event and connecting it with a charity that's going to help children come to camp," Larry said.

For more on Larry and Pearl's story and for information on the February dinner, visit www.ourhandsarestrong.com.

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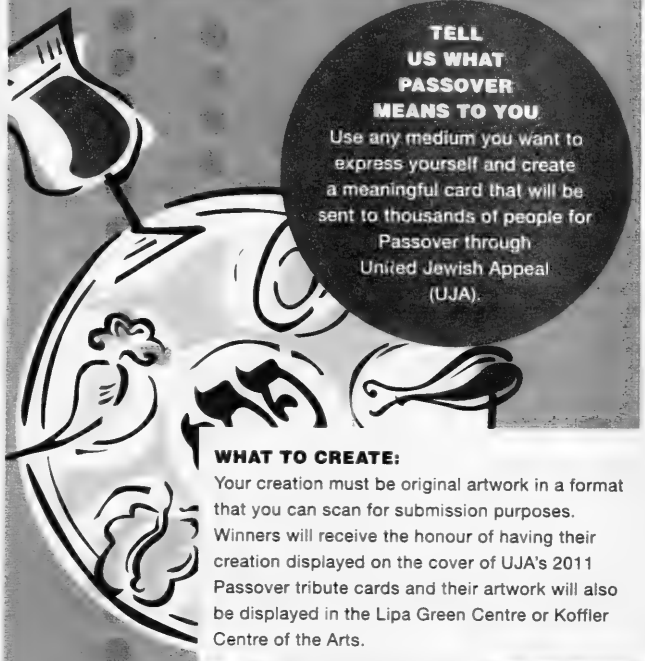
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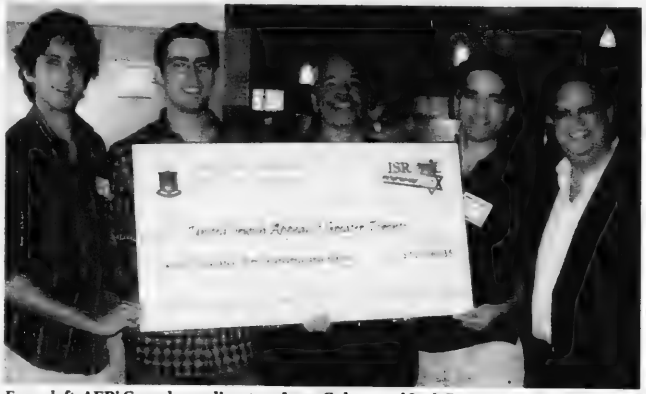

From left, AEPi Canada co-directors Jesse Cohen and Josh Rosen, AEPi international president Mark Schiff, UJA Campaign associate Jared Stekel and AEPi international executive director Andy Borans present a cheque for the UJA of Greater Toronto at the Toronto Alumni Club launch in June 2010.

Jewish fraternity holds largest fundraiser

By JOSH ROSEN
Special to The CJN

The Jewish fraternity Alpha Epsilon Pi (AEPi) last year held the largest fundraising project in the group's 25-year Canadian history.

Participating in the UJA Walk With Israel over the summer, they raised more than $12,400 and engaged hundreds of fraternity brothers and university students from 10 campuses across Ontario and Quebec.

The initiative, which consisted of a national fundraising campaign and the first-ever after-party co-sponsored by AEPi and UJA Walk With Israel, marked the first major collaboration between the fraternity and United Jewish Appeal of Greater Toronto.

The goal of the partnership was to re-engage those who advocate for Israel on university campuses, but had become under-represented at the UJA's flagship event.

The event connected more than 500 students, parents, alumni, friends of the fraternity and the Jewish sorority Delta Pi through the fundraising campaign, the Walk itself and the party.

Though the Walk campaign officially ended in June, the AEPi Canada delegation was recognized at the organization's 97th anniversary international convention in New Orleans, winning the Philip H. and Susan Cohen Jewish Communal Service Award.

The Canadian group has won this award – selected from more than 140 chapters – two years in a row, as well as numerous Jewish communal service accolades presented to individual chapters.

The national campaign highlights the organization's commitment to philanthropy. In Kingston, the recently chartered group led by David Warshafsky "plays a large role in the Kingston Jewish community… We have held Shabbat dinners for local students, as well as philanthropy events where our brothers join together to raise money for UJA and many other charities, such as Chai Lifeline," Warshafsky said.

More recently, the fraternity has launched a Toronto-area alumni club, led by McMaster University alumnus Noam Berlin and a team of graduate brothers living in Toronto. With more than 1,000 alumni in the Toronto area, the Alumni Club provides an opportunity for brothers to reconnect and interact at several levels.

Berlin has a clear vision for the club. "Our goal for the Toronto alumni club is to provide an avenue where brothers can engage in social and business networking opportunities, philanthropic events and help the local undergraduate chapters," he said. Club events regularly draw more than 50 alumni to meet and greet events and include plans for the near future.

The opening event for the club attracted more than 60 alumni and was highlighted by a cheque ceremony celebrating the successful conclusion to the Walk With Israel campaign.

The fraternity continues to develop a distinct personality in the Canadian Jewish community. Brothers from the York University and University of Toronto chapters participated in the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto telethon, helping raise money for the 2011 campaign.

Many chapters hold regular events to raise funds for local charities and AEPi's official philanthropies, and volunteer with local organizations as well.

In November, AEPi Canada – represented by Canadian regional governor Darryl Firsten, alumnus Jesse Cohen and undergraduate Alec Levin – attended its first meeting as a member of the UJA's group council, continuing what has been a groundbreaking six months for AEPi.

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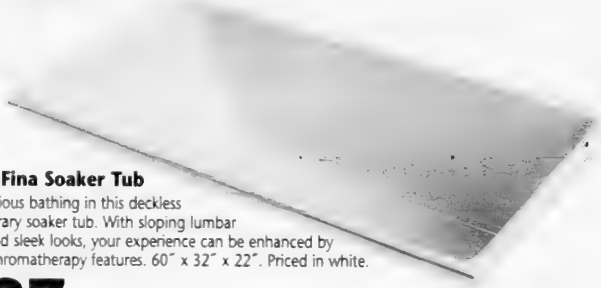

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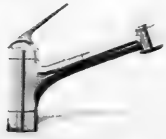

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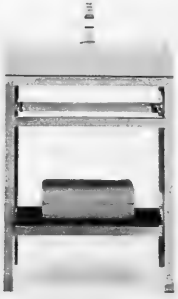

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Rabbis at home in the Canadian Forces

By RON CSILLAG
Special to The CJN

Of the various slogans the Canadian Forces have used to attract new recruits, one seems most apt for Canada's two Jewish military chaplains: there's no life like it.

Each day, Rabbi Lazer Danzinger of Toronto and Ottawa-based Rabbi Karen Soria cater to the spiritual and emotional needs of Canada's men and women in uniform.

Philosophically, the two are poles apart: Rabbi Danzinger is a Chabadnik and Rabbi Soria is from the Reform tradition. But they agree that they have encountered some of their most interesting and satisfying work serving in the Forces.

In fact, Rabbi Danzinger, 54, has loved the experience so much that last summer he switched from the reserves and joined the regular forces for a six-year hitch.

Posted to Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Borden outside Barrie, Rabbi Danzinger is the Forces' first full-time Jewish chaplain since World War II.

"Things are fantastic, so much so that I decided to transfer," he told *The CJN*. "I've been very warmly received."

(In 2007, Rabbi Chaim Mendelsohn of Ottawa became the Forces' first Jewish chaplain since the end of World War II. A reservist captain, he was attached to 28 Field Ambulance in Ottawa. However, the Forces say Rabbi Mendelsohn has been "released" from duty and did not elaborate.)

To re-qualify for the regular force, Rabbi Danzinger, also a captain, underwent a rigorous seven-week course in drills, marching, fieldcraft and use of a gas mask – but no firearms training.

The Geneva Conventions, he points out, define chaplains as non-combatants and prohibit them from carrying or firing a weapon. "But we are trained in how to put a gun on safety."

Born and raised in Toronto, Rabbi Danzinger attended Associated Hebrew Schools and the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto before graduating from Ner Israel Yeshiva.

After 20 years in the computer business and service as a hospital and prison chaplain, he joined the Forces in 2008 originally attached to Army Reserves' 25 (Toronto) Service Battalion.

"As a child of Holocaust survivors, I am especially appreciative of the rights and freedoms that Canada gives its citizens," he said of his decision to join up. "To be able to live as a Jew freely without fear is something to be grateful for. So in gratitude, I want to give something back to this great country."

At CFB Borden, he's one of eight chaplains, including an imam. "I get along very well with him," Rabbi Danzinger says. He's assigned to base technical services, with about 1,000 personnel.

He's encountered "not very many" Jews. "There are a few." (The Forces do not reveal members' religions).

The two rabbis are tasked with ministering to the spiritual needs of all Forces members, regardless of faith, including facilitating worship. But sometimes, Rabbi Danzinger is pleasantly surprised when a Forces member reveals he or she is Jewish. "They say, 'I'm so happy to see you here.' It makes them proud."

The father of seven, two of them married, drives home to Toronto every Shabbat. There is no minyan on the base.

He would welcome a foreign posting, even to a war zone. "It would be a complete privilege to be deployed."

Rabbi Danzinger pointed out that while Christian chaplains have access to supplies such as vestments, Bibles and the like, Jewish ones scramble for kippot and prayer books. But the Forces are slowly rectifying that. "They're playing a little catch-up," he said, "but they're doing it."

Rabbi Soria, a captain in her late 50s, also tallies some firsts. She's the first female Jewish chaplain in the Canadian Forces; she was Australia's first female rabbi, and she was the first female rabbi to serve with the United States Marines during a four-year tour in Okinawa. She spent 11 years as a U.S. Navy chaplain.

Rabbi Lazer Danzinger and Rabbi Karen Soria
(Photos courtesy Canadian Forces)

Chicago-born, she came to Canada in 2003 and joined the Reserves last year, assigned to 3 Canadian Forces Flying Training School in Portage La Prairie, Man. Last summer, she transferred to 33 Combat Engineer Regiment in Ottawa.

Comparing Canada to the United States, "I really do find a better fit with the Canadian Forces, and the reason is a philosophical one and a sense of the mission," she told *The CJN*. "The Canadian Forces, in my experience, really sees itself as a peacekeeping [force], and that can include peace-making. The U.S. forces, in my experience, see themselves much more as war-fighting."

She addressed that theme more pointedly a few years ago in an interview with Jewish Woman magazine: "I don't believe either the military or the [U.S.] leadership has focused on the differences between making war and building peace. That's come into sharp focus in Iraq." She parted company with the U.S. military because of its "lack of treatment of human beings with dignity and respect no matter what their background, role and personal lives."

Typical duties for both chaplains involve not only spiritual matters but counselling, whether over strained marriages, relationship or money issues, substance abuse or just the stress of armed service. Sometimes, it's just lending a sympathetic ear, or as Rabbi Soria says, about "life stuff."

Neither has encountered antisemitism in the Forces.

"When you put on a uniform, people know you're part of a family," said Rabbi Danzinger. "That's a great ice-breaker."

Said Rabbi Soria: "Being a rabbi is a non-issue. I have been welcomed with enthusiasm and interest."

And it's a part-time job: she "parades with" her unit one evening a week (meaning the unit meets and trains at that time; sometimes there is an actual parade) and goes in another evening a week for administrative work and to talk with other officers. She's one of 27 female chaplains in the Forces.

Since 2008, the mother of four has been the spiritual leader of Temple Shalom in Winnipeg, where she travels every three or four weeks. As well, she teaches at Temple Israel in Ottawa and at Ottawa Modern Jewish School.

One sure sign of the acceptance, indeed of the success, of Jews in the Canadian Forces is seen in the small things.

Rabbi Danzinger boasts that the Forces chaplain general has welcomed the rabbi's proposal for a kippah that conforms to CADPAT (CAnadian Disruptive PATtern) standards.

In other words, a camouflage kippah.

"It would be a tremendous morale boost," he says.

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PLANT STUDY: Robbins Hebrew Academy Grade 3 students – back row from left, Jacob Stracher, Justin Soberman, Dru Gelgor, Cody Zatzman, Laura Edelstein, Sierra Finkelstein and Amen Goltz-Pinkas; and, front row from left, Robbie Strauch, Mitchell Gardner, Alyssa Finkelstein and Dylan Sager – proudly display their projects that concluded their investigations of the growth and change of plants.

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Friday, Jan. 7

SHABBAT POTLUCK

Or Hadash Synagogue holds Oneg Shabbat with dairy potluck. 6:30 p.m. 451 Botsford St., Newmarket. To confirm attendance and what you will bring to eat, e-mail info@orhadash.org.

Saturday, Jan. 8

TORAH STUDY

Beth Tikvah Torah class every Saturday. **Helen Cooper** does parshah Bo. 9:45-10:45 a.m.

MISHPACHAH MINYAN

Families with young children are invited to attend services in the Cayne Family Chapel at Shaar Shalom. 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 9

BREAKFAST LECTURE

Beth David Brotherhood breakfast lecture. 9:15 a.m. **Ann Sampson** on "Sderot Will Not Fall." $5 at the door. 416-633-5500.

45+ SINGLES DANCE

Shaar Shalom Singles presents Let's Dance Again. 7:30 p.m. **David**. 416-224-9494.

Monday, Jan. 10

ALZHEIMER'S INFO

Friends and family are often at a loss for words when someone shares with them that their loved one has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. **Mary Schulz,** of the Alzheimer Society of Canada, will answer such questions as: "What do I say?" and "How can I make a visit with someone with dementia meaningful?" 1:30-3 p.m. Wortsman Hall, Baycrest. Free. Register: 416-785-2500, ext. 3374.

Tuesday, Jan. 11

DIABETES AND SKIN CARE

Jewish Diabetes chapter meeting. "Diabetes and the Importance of Skin Care," with **Dr. Frank Rosenberg**. Shaarei Shomayim. Brotherhood Hall. 8 p.m. $1. 416-363-0177, ext. 7403.

GAMES NIGHT

Games night at Beth David. Sisterhood hall. 8 p.m. Guests $5, sisterhood members free.

FILM SCREENING

Tuesdays with Larry film series at Beth Tikvah. 2 p.m. $5 at the door. Showing the documentary *Revolt – The Story of the Irgun.*

Other News

ISRAEL PHILATELISTS

January meeting of the Society of Israel Philatelists. Presentation of rarities and oddities in Israel postage. Antibes Community Centre, 140 Antibes Dr. All welcome. For date and time, call **Philip**, 416-226-2050.

TU B'SHVAT

Celebrate Tu b'Shvat with PJ Library, Jan. 16, 3-4:30 p.m. Shalom Centre, 361 Connie Cres. Celebration includes première of Shalom Sesame's *Grover Plants a Tree*, Israeli food tasting and a tribute to trees. 416-621-56PJ.

JEWISH INDIA

Lecture and PowerPoint presentation by historian **Kranti Farias** from Mumbai. Jan. 15, 1 p.m. Congregation Darchei Noam. The exodus and the travels from Israel to settlement in northeast India.

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We thank all candidates for applying. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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The story of the Mizo Jews, or the B'nai Menashe, sons of Mannaser.

SHABBAT SHIRAH

Shabbat morning service features a musical service honouring the music of **Srul Irving Glick** at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Led by **Cantor Tibor Kovari** and the Beth Tikvah Choir. Jan 15.

WRITING GROUP

Join a 50+ writing group. Personal stories, poetry and fiction. Twelve classes on Fridays starting Jan. 7 at Bernard Betel. 9:15-11:15 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Members $72, guests $144. Author **Sylvia Warsh** instructs. **Ruth**. 416-225-2112, ext. 105.

KIDS CONCERT

Sing Your Heart Out kids concert in support of Save a Child's Heart. Jan. 30. Doors at 9:30 a.m. Al Green Theatre, Miles Nadal JCC. $20, $65 for family of four. Featuring **Marky Weinstock** and **Jen Gould**. Purchase tickets at saveachildsheart.ca.

TORONTO JEWISH HISTORY

Jan. 23, 3 p.m. **Ellen Scheinberg**, director of Ontario Jewish Archives on "The Toronto Jewish Community in 1920." Beach Hebrew Synagogue, 109 Kenilworth Ave. All welcome. Free. Presentation begins the synagogue's 90th anniversary celebrations. beachhebrewinstitute.ca.

HAFTORAH LESSONS

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CHORAL CONCERT

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SHABBAT SERVICE

Join Solel Congregation of Mississauga for its upcoming Shabbat service. Jan. 14, 8 p.m. All welcome. 905-820-5915 for information and directions.

BILLY ELLIOT

Beth Sholom is going to *Billy Elliot*. Jan. 30. $130 and $150. 416-783-6103 ext. 228.

HEALING SERVICE

Jewish Healing Program presents a healing service. Jan. 16, 3-4 p.m. Wolfond Centre, 36 Harbord St. **Rabbi Aaron Katchen** and **Judy Shier Weisberg** facilitate. Free. 416-638-7800, ext. 6287.

JERUSALEM OWNERSHIP

"The Legitimacy of the Israel/Jewish Claim to Jerusalem and Its Old City Under International Law," with **Jacques Gauthier**, a lawyer who has researched competing claims to Jerusalem. Jan. 19, 7:30 p.m. Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

PRESCHOOL YIDDISH

Preschool Yiddish classes: fun and free. Ages 2.5 to 4. Thursday afternoons 1-2:15 p.m. starting Jan. 20. Barbara Frum Library. Register: 416-395-5440.

ADULT EDUCATION

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FOR SENIORS

Active Seniors Miles Nadal JCC, 416-924-6211, ext. 155.

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Association of Jewish Seniors general meeting. Jan. 20, 10 a.m. Shaarei Shomayim. **Heather Perlmutter** and **Frank Simkevitz** discuss "Maximizing Israel's Scarce Water Resources Through Innovation." Members free, guests $2. **Tammy**, 416-635-2860, ext. 458.

Beth Emeth Club Sameach, 416-633-3838. Broadway music sing-along with **Allan Price**. Jan. 16. 2 p.m. Fischtein Hall. BEBY and Club Sameach members $10, guests: $12. $15 at the door. Advance deadline Jan. 14. Call to purchase.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park, 416-395-7881. Casino Rama Jan. 19, 10 a.m. Line dancing Thursdays, starts Jan. 6. 10-11:30 a.m. Social bridge Thursdays, 12:30-3 p.m. Art classes start Jan. 18, 10 a.m. Canasta Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12-3 p.m. Seniors woodworking – skilled craftsmen. 416-630-6487.

Temple Sinai Social Club. Temple Sinai is going to see *Hard Love*. Jan. 12, 2 p.m. Guests $30, TSSC members $25. 416-487-3281.

Bernard Betel Centre, 1003 Steeles Ave. W., 416-225-2112.

Lecture: "The French Revolution and Its Meaning, Pt. 2." With **Barry Fluxgold**. Jan. 11, 10-11:30 a.m. $3 members, $6 guests.

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Professional Retirees Organization. Jan. 25, 1-2:30 p.m. Room 211. RSVP: ext. 4259.

Lunch 'n' Learn with **Rabbi Moshe Stern**. Jan. 7, 12-1p.m. Room 107. Free. Bring lunch, coffee and tea served. Call the morning of to confirm the program is on.

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"The History of Jewish Publishing," with **Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner**. Mondays, Jan. 17-Feb. 14 (except Jan. 31). 6-7 p.m. $20/series or $5/lecture. Ext. 154.

Media Mondays, lectures with film clips – Surfing the New Waves: Contemporary New Wave Cinema." *Eye Weekly* film critic **Adam Nayman** examines the style and substance of recent art-house films. Jan. 17. 7-9 p.m. $12 per lecture. $6 for students with valid ID. Ext. 606, esthera@mnjcc.org.

Sign up for winter session of Shabbat Club for ages 3-6 with **Sarah Brodbar-Nemzer** Fridays, 11:30-1 p.m. Starts Jan. 21. Ext. 0.

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Serving food that conforms to a religious practice will be permitted.

Children and staff members, as individuals, may display religious symbols or practise a religion while at the daycare. The directive suggests prayer rooms, if necessary.

The government is encouraging daycares to expose children to various religions or cultures in a general way.

"There is a difference between teaching religion and stressing a cultural tradition," James stated.

Atlas said the Jewish community believes it will be difficult for bureaucrats to make that distinction. It's also concerned about children being placed in situations "divorced from their family, social and cultural reality."

Rosenberg, who works in one of the Y's four CPEs, was among three Jewish representatives who sat on a consultative committee set up by the ministry. They left early on in the process because they felt the government had already decided on the direction it was going and was not very interested in their input.

Last March, the government announced its intention to take religion out of subsidized daycares. The National Assembly unanimously passed a motion supporting the move.

The issue of religious teaching was initially raised by the Parti Québécois (PQ). But the PQ critic for the family, Carole Poirier, says the new directive does not go far enough.

She believes the government should not allow any daycare receiving public money to be able to "discriminate" in its admission of children on the basis of religion or ethnicity.

The ministry's website lists more than 30 CPEs that are identifiable with the Jewish community.

Beth Rivkah Academy, a school under Lubavitch auspices, is the largest in Quebec, with 124 places.

Winnipeg teen wins silver medal in Polish dance competition

By RHONDA SPIVAK
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Sara Thompson, a Grade 10 student at Gray Academy of Jewish Education, won a silver medal at the IDO (International Dance Organization) world championship of ballet and jazz and modern dance held in Poland recently.

Sara won the medal in the juniors, solo female, "jazz-dance" category for her lyrical piece Dear Diary, which is about the damaging effect of teenage bullying. American Lindsey Norton was the winner of the gold medal in this category.

Dancers from 15 countries around the world competed at the Dec. 8 to 12 world championship.

Sara told *The CJN* that after dancing in the preliminary round of the competition, she "was hopeful of making the top 20." In the final round, she was the only Canadian among the top eight finalists from the United States, Slovenia, Norway, Poland, Germany and Italy.

"When they called my name for the silver medal, second only to the United States, it was like being in a dream. I never expected I would accomplish this," Sara said.

"It meant so much to me to perform this solo on the world stage because bullying transcends race and language, it happens to everyone. All kids all over the world should know that bullying can happen to anyone and they should never feel alone…

"This experience has been extremely positive for me. I have made lifelong friendships and learned that hard work, determination and sacrifice pay off in the end when you are going after a goal," she said.

Sara's mother, Val Thompson, said that "you could hear a pin drop in the auditorium [when Sara danced]. Even though Sara's words were in English and we were in Poland, her body movements and facial expressions painted an emotional picture of a young teen enduring the pain of bullying. Her message was universal."

Sara Thompson

Sara, who has been a student at the Shelley Shearer School of Dance since she was two years old, composed words about the painful effects of teenage bullying, and a recording of the script is played while she dances. Sara's dance trainer at the school, Lindsay Nelko, conceptualized and choreographed the dance that was performed.

Sara said it was important for her to confront the problem of teenage bullying through the medium of dance: "I wanted to do something meaningful that would let kids know that bullying can happen to anyone and they shouldn't feel alone. Most of all, they should never be afraid to speak out and tell someone."

Nelko said: " The effect of the solo is that of peering into the soul and mind of a girl who has been bullied. The dance enabled us to highlight the emotional impact, and we could see it resonating with everyone in the audience."

Thompson was one of four Canadian juniors jazz soloists to represent Canada in Poland, and she was also a member of the Canadian national adult dance team.

The team won the gold medal in the "ballet," large-group category; placed second in the "jazz-dance" small-group category and received the bronze medal in the "jazz-dance" large-group category.

Italian consulate honours Holocaust survivor

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

A talk at the 30th annual Holocaust Education Week, held this past November, affected Gianni Bardini, the consul general of Italy in Toronto, so profoundly, that he has invited the speaker to talk to the Italian community.

After hearing the testimony of Miriam Frankel, whose family was expelled from Fascist Italy because they weren't native-born Italians, he decided he'd like to honour her.

"The story of the Holocaust in Italy is not well known. I want her talk to be a stepping stone for a number of events in which we can learn more about it," Bardini said in a telephone interview.

He'd also like to have Susan Zuccotti, an American historian who wrote about the Holocaust in Italy, come to speak during the year, he said, and he plans on screening movies and documentaries. "I'd also like to plan a conference about the Jews in Rome and Venice before and after the Holocaust."

The upcoming event, which is by invitation only and will include a tribute dinner to Frankel, is planned for the end of January, in conjunction with International Holocaust Remembrance Day on Jan. 27.

In the fall, he said, Bardini is planning a large event to celebrate the friendship of the two communities.

"This strong bond dates back many decades. The Italians and the Jews have a similar experience of adjustment and success in Toronto."

He said he's amazed by the array of services available to the Jewish community. "You are an inspiration to the Italians. We are a community in transition. Our needs are different now than they were in the first wave of immigration."

There are at least 300 Italian organizations based in the Greater Toronto Area, he said, "but they were created in the '60s and '70s by the first generation and were meant to be a source of comfort and support.

"This concept is a little outdated. We need a different community structure with an emphasis on bridging the Italians with the [greater] Canadian community. The Jews here act as a bridge between Canada and Israel, and are able to keep alive the language and culture. What you are doing is what we should do more."

Frankel, in a phone call from her winter home in Florida, said that growing up in Italy – her parents were born in Czechoslovakia – her father ran a kosher guest house. "Many Jews who escaped from Austria or Germany found their way to us in desperation. My father postponed our departure several times to help these people. He helped many of them get to South America.

"This delay on his part, however, sealed our fate. We were escorted by the Italian police onto a train headed for Czechoslovakia... Eventually, we were all taken to a ghetto and then deported to Auschwitz. I am the only survivor of the entire family."

She said that the Italian police were apologetic and embarrassed as they were leading the family away. Frankel said that after she spoke at the Holocaust Education Week event, Bardini stood up "and apologized with such feeling, even though it wasn't his fault. He said he felt deeply disturbed about what his country did to innocent people.

"I was very touched by such a gesture. I was totally and completely moved when he asked me to attend the commemoration of the International Day of the Holocaust."

Transplant patient dies in Israel

Compiled by CJN Staff

Alexis Wronzberg, the 27-year-old who received a bone marrow and stem cell transplant from her mother in November at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital, has died.

In late September, Wronzberg suffered a recurrence of acute lymphoblastic leukemia and travelled to Israel for the $300,000 treatment following an urgent fundraising campaign.

Although she showed improvement after the surgery, and a bone marrow biopsy showed no signs of leukemia, she went into sudden liver failure last week.

Rabbi Philip Scheim, spiritual leader of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, the family's synagogue, called Wronzberg a courageous young woman "who had energy and life. She fought many battles and was filled with vitality until the last moment.

"The family was encouraged and strengthened by the outpouring of the community," he said.

At press time, the family was making arrangements to return to Canada, and the funeral was to have taken place on Monday.

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Celeb chef cooks up cash for cancer research

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

British celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay of the TV show *Hell's Kitchen* added star power to the inaugural Chef's Challenge gala and fundraiser in support of cancer research and education at Mount Sinai Hospital.

The Ultimate Battle for a Cure, presented by World Mastercard, was held recently at the Carlu. Some 500 foodies and hospital supporters each raised a minimum of $2,500 to attend.

The top 50 fundraisers got to cook with Ramsay. They were divided into five teams of 10 headed by Canadian celebrity chefs David Rocco, Jamie Kennedy, Lynn Crawford, Mark McEwan and Massimo Capra. Members of the teams took turns cooking three courses, all of which were Ramsay's secret recipes.

Lynn Crawford's team ultimately won the challenge. But Mount Sinai was the real winner. More than $1.1 million was raised for education and research on breast and ovarian cancer.

Ramsay, whose foul mouth and effusive expletives have propelled him to fame, told the participants they were in for a verbal beating. "You paid an absolute fortune to be abused."

But by all accounts Ramsay was on his best behaviour. He praised the 50 participants working at five stations on the stage.

The various courses were judged by Global TV newsman Leslie Roberts, *ET Canada*'s Roz Weston, Florida chef Paula Dasilva and *Toronto Star* food editor Jennifer Bain. The teams had 20 and 25 minutes to prepare halibut and beef entrees respectively and 20 minutes to prepare dessert, which included compote and cookies. They were awarded points for taste, presentation and creativity.

The 50 participants prepared for the event earlier in the afternoon. A video clip of the "boot camp" showed them with Ramsay, who was in true form, cajoling them as they filleted fish and seared steak.

Mount Sinai board member Harry Lebovic, the participant who raised the most money – $30,018 – told *The CJN* that the afternoon session with Ramsay was a lot of fun. "He dropped lot of f-bombs, but it was all in good fun."

Ramsay's recipes at the Chef's Challenge were not disclosed to the spectators. However, he has published several cookbooks with a variety of fish recipes. Since halibut was the main ingredient in the first round of the competition, the first recipe below is a halibut dish that has been adapted from *Gordon Ramsay Makes It Easy* (Quadrille Publishing Ltd., 2005). The second recipe for sea bass comes from Ramsay's *Cooking for Friends* (HarperCollins, 2008).

Chef Gordon Ramsay

HALIBUT BOURGUIGNON

4 oz. shallots, unpeeled
1-1/2 cups red wine
4 tbsp. olive oil
6 garlic cloves (unpeeled)
4 oz. button mushrooms
2 oz. butter
6 halibut filets, about 6 oz. each, skinned
8 oz. fresh spinach leaves, well washed
sea salt to taste

Blanch shallots and garlic in boiling water for 2 minutes, then drain and peel. Boil red wine in a pan until liquid reduces by half. Heat 2 tbsp. olive oil in a heavy-based frying pan. Add shallots, garlic and mushrooms. Sautè until softened and shallots are lightly caramelized. Meanwhile, heat butter and remaining oil in a large frying pan . Pan-fry halibut fillets for 2 to 3 minutes on each side until just cooked. Remove to a warm plate and leave to rest for a few minutes.

Cook spinach in a large pan over medium heat with a little water and a pinch of salt, just until wilted. Drain well. Place spinach in the centre of warmed serving plates and place fish fillets on top. Spoon mushrooms, shallots, and garlic over the fish. Add reduced red wine to the shallot pan over a high heat. Stir to deglaze. Then drizzle wine over fish and vegetables. Makes 6 servings.

SEA BASS WITH OLIVES, TOMATO AND FENNEL

2 whole sea bass, about 1 pound each
2 tbsp. olive oil plus extra oil to rub over fish
1 to 2 medium fennel bulbs, thinly sliced
10 plum or Roma tomatoes, peeled and roughly chopped
1/2 cup sliced black olives
1/2 cup fresh basil, roughly chopped
1/4 cup white wine
salt and pepper to taste

Clean fish and pat down with paper towels. Score fish several times on both sides, then rub fish all over with oil. Sprinkle with a little salt and pepper and set aside.

Preheat oven to 400 F. Heat oil in a stove-to-oven casserole dish wide enough to lay fish side by side. Add fennel, season with salt and pepper and sautè fennel until it begins to soften, about five minutes. Pour in wine, then stir in tomatoes and olives. Scatter half the basil over sauce. Place fish in the casserole and cover with remaining basil.

Transfer casserole to the preheated oven and bake until fish is cooked through, about 15 to 20 minutes. Fish should be opaque at its thickest part. Makes 4 servings.

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Susan Mendelson: culinary legend

By LAUREN KRAMER
Special to The CJN

She's a culinary legend in Vancouver, known first for her 10 cookbooks, her fantastic dishes at the Lazy Gourmet take-out and bistro, and her catering company that carries the same name and continues to wow locals with innovative cuisine. Susan Mendelson has been cooking since 1975, when she started selling Nanaimo bars to pay her way through a social work degree. It quickly became obvious to the Toronto native that her true calling was food.

"I thought I'd be retired at this stage of my life," the 58-year-old confesses in a recent interview. "At one point, I gave away all my famous recipes for honey cake, kugel and the like, because I didn't think I'd continue being in the business much longer. But when I tried to slow down a bit, I realized that I love my work too much. It makes me feel good and gives me a strong sense of my own value. So I just want to keep doing it."

Mendelson closed the 26-year-old Lazy Gourmet take-out and bistro in 2005 to focus exclusively on the more profitable side of her business: catering. The catering company has a staff of up to 60 working at events, though that number jumped to 200 during the 2010 Winter Olympics, which Mendelson describes as one of the highlights of her career.

"We did all the catering for PricewaterhouseCoopers, General Electric, the French government as well as events for the Russians, the Polish government and a large party for the British with Princess Anne, among myriad other parties," she says. "We were literally catering for thousands of people, preparing three meals a day for 18 days. It was a riot!"

She recruited her brother, Fred Mendelson, who lives in Toronto, to project manage the entire operation. The result? "The business ran like a Swiss clock – it was extraordinary," she says. "Fred was able to work out all the scheduling and delivery of goods and services 24 hours a day, as many events had to be delivered between midnight and 6 a.m. due to the tight security of the event."

These days, Mendelson has recruited others to prepare her famous Nanaimo bars and come up with new culinary ideas. She oversees the development of recipes and ideas three days a week.

"My general manager, chef, sous-chef, pastry chef and director of operations are the fresh, new faces of the business," she says. Her chef has been with her for 14 years, and many staff have worked for over a decade for the company.

Jewish events "from womb to tomb," says Mendelson, constitute up to 20 per cent of the business, and Lazy Gourmet is still known as a "Jewish caterer." But the focus of the company is food that's sophisticated, chic and elegant, with exceptional presentation and taste. "We want to be on the cutting edge of what's 'in' and trendy," she says.

On her days off you'll find Mendelson doing yoga, gardening at her retreat on B.C.'s Sunshine Coast, hiking and reading with her husband of 21 years, Jack Lutsky.

"He'd like me to be slowing down in the business even more," she says. Lutsky is a big fan of Mendelson's achievements, and has stated on the record that she "introduced a whole new way of eating to Vancouver.

"I think she's one of the most influential people in the cultural and business industry," he said. He nominated her for the Influential Women in Business Award, which she received in 2001.

When she reflects on her culinary success in Vancouver, Mendelson is characteristically modest. "I think I surround myself with people who are smarter than me," she says. "My advice to others is to not be intimidated by anyone who is smarter than you. Rather, get them in your circle."

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Katsav's lawyers will appeal rape verdict

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TEL AVIV — Former Israeli president Moshe Katsav's attorneys plan to appeal the Tel Aviv district court's decision to convict him of rape, sexual assault and other sexual abuses.

"Precisely because the verdict was so unequivocal there is room to appeal and to raise the fact that the court ignored the evidence," attorney Avigdor Feldman told Israel Radio after the judges read their decision last Thursday.

"The verdict has created an image of Moshe Katsav as a gambling man, devious and a manipulator," Feldman added. "There is absolutely no basis for that."

When asked whether he really believed that his client was innocent, Feldman declared: "When Moshe Katsav decided to reject the plea bargain, it was clear that he was heading toward a vicious battle... but he decided to do it. I say that it looks like he has been guided by his conscience."

In a separate interview with Army Radio, Feldman expressed concern about the effect this verdict would have on Katsav's mental health. "I hope he will have the strength," Feldman said.

Prosecutor Ronit Emanuel urged journalists as she exited the courtroom to focus first and foremost on the complainants, whose identities have been kept secret for protection. "The public treats them as letters, devoid of names or personalities," Emanuel said.

"We have seen you, through the criminal process, show continued courage and determination in dealing with the events you experienced," she said, addressing her remarks directly to the victims. "Today, we salute you. The message to survivors of harassment is: 'Do not be silent.'

"Today was not an easy day for the State of Israel on the symbolic national plain, not on Mr. Katsav's personal plain," Emanuel added. "But this day teaches us that world leaders and also presidents will be brought court when needed, and that is a symbol of honour for the State of Israel."

The Tel Aviv court found Katsav guilty on two counts of rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment and obstruction of justice. The judges ruled that his version of events was "riddled with lies."

The unanimous verdict was handed down more than four years after complaints surfaced of grave sexual offenses against various subordinates, during Katsav's terms as tourism minister and as president.

Katsav was convicted of raping and sexually assaulting A., a former employee at the Tourism Ministry. He was also convicted of sexually harassing H. from the President's Residence, of sexually abusing and harassing L. from the President's Residence and of obstruction of justice.

The 65-year-old former president was acquitted on only one charge – that he allegedly harassed a witness.

The year-long trial took place almost entirely behind closed doors, and left the public wondering whether Katsav made a wise move when he abruptly dropped out of an extremely lenient plea bargain two years ago.

Moshe Katsav

The plea bargain meant that Katsav would not face the most serious charges and promised him a suspended sentence at worse, but the former president decided he wanted to prove his innocence in court.

As he read the verdict aloud, presiding judge George Karra said that by choosing to reject the plea bargain, Katzav had shuffled the deck, and not in his own favour.

Karra told the court that the long period of time that passed during the trial had led to new evidence arising, which supported A.'s claim and essentially discredited Katsav.

Katsav had tried to charm A., Karra determined, and when she did not respond to his overtures, he began to harass her. The defendant told the victim that he was in love with her, Karra added, and left her feeling humiliated.

"We accept A.'s version of events that the humiliation stemmed from a single reason – that she refused to accept the defendant's sexual advances," the panel of judges ruled.

"While the defence team called this a malicious plot born from A.'s desire to seek revenge against the accused for firing her, the prosecution produced a list of witnesses who testified to having heard A.'s remarks over the course of time between when the event occurred and when the case broke open," Karra said.

"These testimonies disqualify claims of slander," the judges ruled. "All of the testimonies based on what A. said contradict the defendant's claims that this was an invention born of emotion."

The court did not immediately hand down a date for sentencing. In Israel, rape carries a minimum prison sentence of four years and a maximum of 16 years.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said after pronouncement of judgment last Thursday that Katsav's conviction marked a "sad day for the State of Israel and its residents.

"Today the court conveyed two clear-cut messages – that all are equal before the law and that every woman has exclusive rights to her body," Netanyahu said.

Opposition leader and Kadima chair Tzipi Livni echoed that remark, declaring the ruling carried an important message to woman victimized in such ways.

"A day in which an elected public official is convicted of rape is not an easy day for the State of Israel," Livni said. "The court's decision conveys a clear message with regard to public officials, but more importantly, it conveys a message to the victims. It is the responsibility of the society to support those who mustered the courage to come out after all these years.

"In these difficult times for Israeli society, the message should strengthen the weak in society: women and anyone who is victimized," Livni said.

Supreme Court President Dorit Beinisch also said that the conviction represented "a hard day for the State of Israel.

"It is impossible to ignore the verdict that was given today," Beinisch told a swearing-in ceremony for new judges. "This is a sad day, but this is a day demonstrating more than anything what it means to be equal before the law."

Kissinger apologizes for 'gas chamber' comments

JTA

NEW YORK — Henry Kissinger has apologized for remarks he made to then-U.S. president Richard Nixon in 1973 to the effect that it would not be an American concern if the Soviet Union sent its Jews to the gas chambers.

Kissinger issued the apology in an opinion piece in the *Washington Post* that appeared on its website Dec. 24 but is dated Dec. 26.

The recently released remarks, recorded in the Oval Office, were taken out of context, Kissinger wrote.

"For someone who lost in the Holocaust many members of my immediate family and a large proportion of those with whom I grew up, it is hurtful to see an out-of-context remark being taken so contrary to its intentions and to my convictions, which were profoundly shaped by these events," Kissinger wrote. "References to gas chambers have no place in political discourse, and I am sorry I made that remark 37 years ago."

Kissinger made the controversial remarks after a meeting he and Nixon had with then-Israeli prime minister Golda Meir on March 1, 1973, in which Meir pleaded for the United States to put pressure on the Soviet Union to release its Jews. Nixon and Kissinger, who was then U.S. secretary of state, dismissed the plea after Meir left.

"The emigration of Jews from the Soviet Union is not an objective of American foreign policy," Kissinger is reported to have said on the tapes. "And if they put Jews into gas chambers in the Soviet Union, it is not an American concern. Maybe a humanitarian concern."

Nixon replied, "I know. We can't blow up the world because of it."

Six months later, during the Yom Kippur War, Nixon rejected Kissinger's advice to delay an arms airlift to Israel as a means of setting the stage for an Egypt confident enough to pursue peace. Among other reasons, Nixon cited Israel's urgent need for the arms.

Kissinger wrote in the *Washington Post* that his comments weren't a "policy statement," but were made in response to a request by Nixon that he try to encourage several vocal senators to agree to stick with quiet diplomacy in order to get Jews out of the Soviet Union.

Elan Steinberg, vice president of the American Gathering of Holocaust Survivors and their Descendants, responded to the op-ed piece in a statement issued Sunday.

"It is a shame that it took two weeks and the Jewish public's expression of shock and moral indignation for Henry Kissinger to at last apologize for his grotesque comments," Steinberg stated. "As a result of this sad episode, for many of us, our view of Dr. Kissinger will never be the same."

Could Hungarian antisemitism get out of control?

By RUTH ELLEN GRUBER
JTA

BUDAPEST — The rise of Hungary's far-right Jobbik Party has ratcheted up the debate about antisemitism in this country and focused attention on the seeming paradoxes of Jewish life here.

On the one hand, a recent article in Germany's *Der Spiegel* described Budapest as "Europe's capital of anti-Semitism," where Jews are "being openly intimidated" and making plans to leave the country.

On the other, Hungary is home to a flourishing and multifaceted Jewish life that finds vigorous public expression in religious, cultural and even culinary ways, and also enjoys high-profile government recognition.

I saw this myself at Chanukah when I munched on latkes at a Friday night Oneg Shabbat, sampled doughnuts at a sit-down dinner for Holocaust survivors, joined 20-somethings at a riotous klezmer/hip-hop gig, and just missed witnessing the foreign minister, Budapest's mayor and other VIPs help light a big menorah set up in the centre of town.

Antisemitism remains a serious concern in this central European country. But according to Adam LeBor, a Budapest-based Jew writing in *The Economist*, the *Der Spiegel* article was a "one-sided screed" that portrayed the Jewish experience in Hungary "solely through the warped prism of antisemitism rather than its much more complex, and healthy, reality."

A timely and important new book puts contemporary Hungarian antisemitism into perspective. Based on studies carried out since the early 1990s, *The Stranger at Hand: Antisemitic Prejudices in Post-Communist Hungary* is the most comprehensive analysis to date of the scope and impact of the phenomenon. It's just too bad that its $131 price tag will put it out of reach of many potential readers.

Written by Andras Kovacs, a sociologist at Budapest's Central European University who has devoted decades to tracking both the development of antisemitism and the development of Jewish life and identity here, the book presents a highly complex and sometimes contradictory picture.

A large part of Hungarian society, both Jewish and non-Jewish, is convinced that antisemitism has increased in Hungary since the fall of communism, Kovacs writes.

"What is said on the street, written in newspapers, and heard on the radio can and does give rise to concern," he writes. "Are the fears legitimate?"

The answer, he told JTA in an interview, is a mix of yes, no and maybe.

Jobbik, with its antisemitic rhetoric and virulently anti-Roma, or Gypsy, political platform, won nearly 17 per cent of the vote in April elections and entered Parliament as Hungary's third-largest party. But recent evidence shows that it has been losing support amid divisive internal squabbles, and newly imposed legal measures have clamped down hard on its once-feared paramilitary wing, the Hungarian Guard.

Still, Jobbik did not emerge from thin air, and Kovacs' book traces the evolution of several antisemitic trends against a shifting background of political and social change.

He identifies three main types of antisemitism in Hungary. The first is "classic" anti-Jewish prejudice, based on social and religious stereotypes that date back centuries and were kept alive, if suppressed, under communism. The second occurs when antisemitism becomes a sort of "language and culture" that fosters a general antisemitic worldview. The third is political antisemitism, "where political activists discover that they can mobilize certain social groups by using antisemitic slogans to achieve their own goals."

Kovacs' research shows the recent growth in antisemitism to be qualitative rather than quantitative. Surveys show that 10 to 15 per cent of Hungarians are hard-core antisemites, while another 25 per cent nurtures anti-Jewish prejudices to some degree.

Contrary to popular perception, Kovacs said, these figures "have increased to some extent but not dramatically over the past 17 years."

What is different and much more alarming, according to Kovacs, is how the type and expression of antisemitism is changing within that proportion. For one thing, the percentage of political antisemites has grown. These political antisemites, he said, are "more urban, better educated and relatively younger" than they tended to be in the past.

Jobbik's key leaders, for example, are youthful, clean cut, and media and Internet-savvy – factors that helped enhance their appeal ahead of the April vote.

Related to this is the way hate speech among the general public has been emboldened by the open use of antisemitic and anti-Roma rhetoric by extreme right public figures. Kovacs calls this a "dangerous dynamic."

He said young people in particular frequently seem to lose their inhibitions, and their use of slurs against Jews and Roma often goes unchecked by parents, teachers and other authority figures.

"We know that people are much more cautious in expressing their prejudices if they think that it is not legitimate," Kovacs said. "But when they realize that so-called important people use this language openly, they feel they can use it as well. This is what we feel now in Budapest."

What follows is unclear. So far, Jobbik's anti-Jewish rhetoric seems aimed at creating a body of like-minded followers rather than serving as a rallying cry for concrete political action against Jews, according to Kovacs.

But could the extreme right eventually elevate political antisemitism into a force with significant mainstream influence?

Kovacs thinks it's unlikely, but ultimately, he writes in his book, it will depend on how Hungary's mainstream cultural and political leaders react to any attempts to "transform the prejudice that once affected the margins of Hungarian society into a language, culture and ideology."

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Israel Briefs

Population grows

Some 7,695,000 people currently live in Israel, according to a study by Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics, released to mark the end of the first decade of the third millennium. Of that number, 5,802,000 (75.4 per cent) are Jewish, 1,573,000 (20.4 per cent) are Arab and 320,000 (4.2 per cent) are of other ethnicity. The statistics show that the population in Israel grew by 143,000 (1.9 per cent) in 2010, a similar growth rate to that of the rest of the decade.

Shoah victims identified

Yad Vashem says it has identified two-thirds of the Jews murdered in the Holocaust. In the last decade, Israel's Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority has added about 1.4 million names to its central database of Shoah victims' names, bringing the total number of names registered to about 4 million. "One of Yad Vashem's central missions since its foundation, the recovery of each and every victim's name and personal story, has resulted in relentless efforts to restore the names and identities of as many of the six million Jews murdered by the Nazis and their accomplices as possible," said Yad Vashem chair Avner Shalev. "We will continue our efforts to recover the unknown names, and by harnessing technology in the service of memory, we are able to share their names with the world." In 2004, Yad Vashem launched the central database of Shoah victims' names onto its website with three million names. Names are recovered via Pages of Testimony, special forms filled out in memory of the victims by those who remember them, and by combing archival lists and documentation for names. Of the four million names now known, some 2.2 million come from Pages of Testimony and the remainder from various archival sources and postwar commemoration projects.

Natural gas found

A natural gas field discovered in Israel's territorial waters contains about 16 trillion cubic feet of the natural resource. The size of the natural gas field discovered earlier this year in drilling off the Mediterranean coast near Haifa and dubbed Leviathan was confirmed by electrical log tests, whose results were announced last Wednesday by Noble Energy Inc. Leviathan is almost double the size of the Tamar field, discovered off Israel's Mediterranean coast in 2009. "This discovery has the potential to position Israel as a natural gas exporting nation," Noble Energy president David L. Stover said. The field is considered to be the largest discovery in the history of the Houston-based company, which has a controlling interest in the field.

Canadian co-founds Jewish environmental web portal

By JENNY HAZAN
CJN Israel Bureau

TEL AVIV — The recent launch of Jewcology.com marked a small victory for Jewish communities everywhere and for the environment.

Jewcology.com is an online social media portal and resource database aimed at promoting environmental activism throughout the Jewish world.

Evonne Marzouk

Noam Dolgin

The brainchild of Evonne Marzouk, founder and executive director of Canfei Nesharim, a Washington, D.C.-based, Torah-inspired environmental organization, Jewcology.com was created by 19 Jewish environmentalists from the United States, Canada, Israel, China and Chile.

They aimed to create a place for Jewish environmental activists to pool their resources, express their concerns and gather their expertise, and to conduct global campaigns aimed at mobilizing Jewish communities everywhere to act on the uniquely Jewish responsibility to protect the environment.

"The Jewish community is waking up to its environmental responsibility and is looking for resources to do the right thing," said Noam Dolgin, the Canadian co-founder of Jewcology.com. He's the Vancouver-based executive director of the Green Zionist Alliance, a non-profit aimed at mobilizing Jews around the world to protect Israel's environment and support its environmental movement.

"Jewcology.com will help Jewish environmental professional and lay leaders connect with each other, share the latest ideas and co-ordinate community-wide campaigns," Dolgin said.

He connected to Jewcology's other 18 co-founders via the ROI (Return on Investment) Community for Young Jewish Innovators, a global network of 20- and 30-something Jewish community leaders from 40 countries established jointly by American Jewish philanthropist Lynn Schusterman's Center for Leadership Initiatives and Taglit-Birthright Israel in 2006.

ROI awarded Jewcology.com $50,000 (US), one of five Innovation Fund grants distributed by ROI in 2010.

"Jewcology.com is the biggest and brightest example of the sort of collaboration that has emerged since we founded ROI," said ROI director Justin Korda, who's originally from Montreal. "It underscores the power of the global network of young Jewish innovators that we've been nurturing since 2006."

Jewcology.com is able to involve the participation of so many members of the ROI network, said Korda, by virtue of the fact that the environmental cause is so multi-faceted.

"The environmental cause unites people from a lot of different fields, who come at the issue from different directions," he said. "[Jewcology.com] gives Jews from all over the world a home to congregate in on environmental issues, without barriers of language and geography."

In addition, said Korda, Jewcology.com fulfils an important ROI project objective – that it's inspired by Jewish values. While all ROI members tackle the environmental cause from different angles, they are like-minded when it comes to their belief in the relevance of Jewish tradition to modern environmental challenges.

"The platform reveals how Jewish values inspire [the Jewish] commitment to strike a more harmonious relationship with the world and lead a more environmentally sound existence," said Korda, who lists a few core Jewish environmental principles – the mitzvot baal tashchit [do not waste], tza'ar baalei chayim [proper treatment of animals] and l'ovdah u'l'shomerah [to work and guard] the world," Korda said.

Dolgin added that "Jewish law and ethics deal with a wide range of questions regarding our relationship to the world and each other. These basic concepts address many of the same questions that we are facing today as our current ecological crisis threatens people and the planet.

"By empowering Jewish environmentalists to help the Jewish community address environmental issues, Jewcology.com will help the entire Jewish community understand the relevance of Jewish tradition to the modern environmental challenge, making Judaism more meaningful and relevant for the 21st century."

So far, some 50 Jewish environmental activists and organizations, among them COEJL (Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life), Hazon, the Shalom Center and the Teva Learning Center, have uploaded more than 300 resources in English, Hebrew, and Spanish to the site, including Jewish teachings, environmental texts, discussion questions, synagogue projects, blog posts, and awareness activity plans ranging in topic from vegetarianism, water, energy and agriculture to trees, food, recycling, and Jewish holidays.

The site features a special "community" for Canadian educators and activists, the Canadian Jewish Environmental Network.

"While many environmental concerns are global and require the same response worldwide, others are local and require a local response," Dolgin said. "By having Canadian perspectives reflected on Jewcology.com, we will be able to share some of our unique successes and challenges with the global community, and we can provide a valuable resource to other Canadians looking for responses to regional environmental concerns."

Jewcology.com is committed to taking the relationships formed online, offline, by hosting a variety of face-to-face meetings. Regional leadership training summits for Jewish environmentalists are planned for next March in Los Angeles and Baltimore, Md., and for next June in upstate New York.

One joint initiative, of the Green Zionist Alliance, Hazon, COEJL and the American Zionist Movement, the "Green Israel Summit," took place in New York this past October.

"The Jewish environmental movement has always been a very collaborative movement, and there are a number of collaborations already underway between members of Jewcology.com. We hope that Jewcology.com will strengthen these connections and produce new partnership as well," Dolgin said.

"Through this combined approach, we can reduce our footprint and become an efficient 'light unto the nations.'"

Number of U.S. Jews higher than thought

JTA

NEW YORK — The American Jewish population is larger than suspected, according to new estimates compiled by Brandeis University.

The suburban Boston university's Steinhardt Social Research Institute is estimating that there are some 6.5 million people in the United States who are either Jewish by religion or who self-identify as Jewish. The figure represents a 20 per cent increase in the number of Jews since 1990.

The numbers were drawn from a synthesis of data from more than 150 nationwide surveys conducted by the U.S. government and other agencies, as well as from national polling organizations.

They refute information gathered in the last National Jewish Population Survey, a census-like study that had been conducted every decade by the Jewish federation system before being discontinued this year. The final survey showed that between 1990 and 2000-01, the population dropped from 5.5 million to 5.2 million.

A parallel polling by Brandeis of 1,400 Jews revealed that more than 80 per cent of respondents who indicated they are Jewish identify as such by religion, while the rest identify as Jewish by other criteria.

According to the study, 1.27 million Jews who identify by religion are younger than 18. The Steinhardt centre has not yet broken down other demographic data from the survey, but will roll out more information about demographics, socioeconomic status and other areas over the course of the next year, the centre's director, Len Saxe, told JTA.

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Israeli housing: go north and south, young couple

By ARIK MIROVSKY
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — What is "central Israel"? It's an area comprising roughly 20 per cent of the country where housing prices are sky high. What is the "periphery"? It's everywhere else where housing prices are a lot lower. Yet it appears that the map of the Israeli real estate market has been undergoing creeping change in the last 10 years, and it's been changing the map of investment in property as well.

Analyses by the Central Bureau of Statistics, Tax Authority and the state assessor at the Justice Ministry previously agreed that Israeli housing prices were constantly rising. Yet recently, while the stats bureau says the increase has continued, the state assessor's figures show a nuanced picture. They show that housing prices in the big cities – Tel Aviv, Netanya, Petah Tikva and Be'er Sheva – haven't changed, and in some cases, they've even inched down. Yet prices in the country's outskirts have been rising, the assessor says.

Whoever has it right, what's clear is that the boom marking recent years, especially 2008 and 2009, has halted by and large. But a breakdown by area shows unexpected details.

In recent years billions of shekels have been spent on dwellings for investment purposes. The State Revenue Administration says that from 2002 to 2007, the number of dwellings bought for investment purposes (to rent out) ran at almost 29,000 a year. The trend paused in 2008 as the global economic crisis gathered steam, but resumed and even spiked in 2009: a third of housing purchases that year were for investment.

In 2010, the trend dipped again to about a quarter of housing purchases, suggesting investors were searching for other types of assets that would bring them higher returns.

Returns on housing consist of two elements: rent and an increase in asset value. Today, given the sky-high housing prices, the return on rent is low and apparently investors feel that housing prices aren't likely to rise anymore. Hence the search for something different.

If anything, investors have been selling dwellings they bought in Haifa and Be'er Sheva, says the State Revenue Administration. Evidently they think housing prices won't be rising anymore, so they'd better get out now.

A perusal of the statistics suggests the debate on housing is lagging far behind the reality. While the argument rages over how to contain housing prices, the slope has been flattening. But not everywhere.

Most of the action has been in central Israel. About half to 60 per cent of all housing transactions (for living in, not investment) in the last 10 years have been in the strip from Ashdod to Netanya, while the proportion of home purchases in the Galilee and Negev was just 25 per cent. Before the high-tech bubble burst in the early 2000s, the discrepancy was even greater.

Figures from the Central Bureau of Statistics show that from 1991 to 2009, the number of people moving to the centre exceeded the number moving out by 178,000. But the demographic balance in Haifa and the north was negative: 91,000 moved away in that time. And around 124,000 more people abandoned the south in those years than moved there.

So while the real estate market in central Israel flourished, the weight of the peripheral areas diminished, bottoming out in late 2006 and early 2007 as people shuddered from the memories of the Second Lebanon War.

As demand diminished in the outskirts, so did construction. And while home prices in the periphery stagnated, prices in the popular centre soared. The average price of an apartment in Tel Aviv rose from 800,000 shekels ($225,000 Cdn) in 2003 to 1.7 million shekels ($477,000 Cdn) today.

The result of these processes was the patent absurdity demonstrated in a paper by Eli Stern and Yair Duchin for the Housing Ministry that concluded that the value of land in Ma'alot Tarshiha ranged from minus $3,530 for high-density units to minus $6,052 for a family house. That means the cost of building materials and construction itself outstripped the value of the land, so there was no incentive to build.

In Tirat Carmel, the value of land per housing unit was minus $3,865 per family home and minus $2,558 per unit of high-density building. No chance of anybody building there, the academics concluded.

In short, all development converged on central Israel, lifting prices there sharply while prices elsewhere languished. That, however, has led to a change in trend, because people are concluding they can't afford to buy in the centre, so they're starting to look elsewhere.

The creeping change in trend appears to have started in 2005. The number of deals in Caesarea-Hadera-Binyamina increased, rising from 500 transactions a quarter in 2005 to 800 in 2007 and more than 900 in 2009 and 2010.

From the second half of 2007, the weight of home purchases (not property for investment) in the Negev and the Galilee increased from 20 to 25 per cent to 30 to 35 per cent.

In the Upper Galilee, the average number of home deals per quarter has risen from between 300 and 400 in 2004 to 800 these days. In the Lower Galilee, the number per quarter has risen from 300 to around 700 this year. In Be'er Sheva, the number rose from 2,200 at the start of the decade to about 3,500 this year.

Most of the increase in deal flow in the periphery is people buying homes for themselves, but they're increasingly being joined by investors who have been targeting mainly Haifa and Be'er Sheva. Evidently, they feel the upward potential in prices there hasn't been exhausted.

As a result, the number of transactions in which people are buying for investment purposes has risen from 20 per cent to around 33 per cent in Haifa in the last 10 years. For Be'er Sheva, the increase is from 20 per cent to 36 per cent.

In short, the price discrepancy between the periphery and central Israel has greatly narrowed in the last decade. It's possible that the state assessor has it right and that housing prices will continue to rise in the outskirts while halting, at least to a degree, in the centre. But it could also be argued that housing prices in the periphery have lots of room to rise, while that isn't so in the centre anymore.

RE/MAX predicts 2011 housing price increase

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JERUSALEM — RE/MAX Israel owner Bernard Raskin said last week he expects apartment prices in Israel to rise between four per cent and 12 per cent in 2011. Speaking at an end-of-year press conference, Raskin noted that local franchises of the global real estate agency chalked up a 30 per cent increase in sales over 2009.

"The Housing and Construction Ministry frightens the developers and drives them away on the grounds that if they build their project it won't be profitable," Raskin said. "The developers are genuinely skittish about building, and as a result, there's no new construction. Contrary to the forecasts of the government, prices will continue to rise, in my estimation by between four per cent and 12 per cent in 2011.

"The purpose of the Housing and Construction Ministry is to free up land and not to interfere with the economic feasibility of building," he said.

Raskin heaped praise on Bank of Israel governor Stanley Fischer, calling him the man of the year for heading off a housing bubble.

"Fischer saw to a conservative banking system in the country and today it is not easy to get a mortgage in Israel. Anyone seeking to purchase a home has to carefully consider whether they'll still be able to meet their mortgage payments once interest rates rise to more normal levels," he said.

Raskin also said the government should stop trying to drive investors buying rental properties out of the market.

"Today even the government realizes that not every one can afford to purchase an apartment and that's also the conclusion from what happened in the United States. The upshot of the government's plan is that there will be fewer rental apartments available. In Tel Aviv, for example, where a lot of young people want to rent small apartments, in my opinion the city should have created standards for splitting up larger apartments instead of trying to eliminate the practice," he said.

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CBC radio host honoured for her work

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

CBC Radio's *Writers & Company* celebrated its 20th anniversary at the International Festival of Authors with the taping of a special panel discussion moderated by Eleanor Wachtel, host of the show since its inception in 1990.

Over the years, her in-depth interviews with such celebrated authors as Amos Oz, Saul Bellow, Jonathan Franzen, Doris Lessing and Oliver Sacks have garnered Wachtel, 63, a loyal following.

Some of these listeners had an opportunity to pay tribute to her at the *Writers & Company* 20th anniversary event. English author Margaret Drabble, who was on the panel, brought the audience to its feet when she introduced Wachtel: "One of the highlights of coming to Canada is the hope of seeing Eleanor again," she told the 450 people who packed the Fleck Dance Theatre.

"In an age of dumbing down, Eleanor lifts us up. She is serious, but never solemn. She makes us laugh and she makes us think."

The standing ovation that followed continued even as the *Writers & Company* theme song began to play. Wachtel, visibly embarrassed, restarted the music, editing out most of the applause for the Oct. 31 broadcast.

Musing about this event in a recent interview at CBC headquarters, Wachtel said she was moved by the show of appreciation. "I wasn't expecting a standing a ovation...

"I was very touched by what Margaret said and that she came [from London] especially for that event."

Festivities for the 20th anniversary continued in December when Wachtel shared the stage with Canadian novelist Michael Ondaatje. The Bram & Bluma Appel Salon at the Metropolitan Toronto Reference Library was filled to capacity for the interview. But on this occasion, the roles were reversed and it was Ondaatje who asked the questions. "I think we were both a little tense," Wachtel told *The CJN*.

But in a two-hour interview heavily infused with goodwill and humour, the tension was not detectable from the audience's standpoint. Wachtel noted that Ondaatje encouraged her to write, and he pointed out that she belonged in the interviewee hot seat.

Wachtel has published four books of interviews: *Writers &Company* (Knopf Canada,1993), *More Writers & Company* (Knopf Canada,1996), *Original Minds* (HarperCollins, 2003) and *Random Illuminations: Conversations with Carol Shields* (Goose Lane Editions, 2007) and she has contributed to several literary anthologies.

She has also reaped many honours. She said she was "totally thrilled" to be named a member of the Order of Canada in 2005, "especially since I don't know how it happened."

Her eight honorary degrees were also a surprise. "It just feels like something of a blessing from heaven."

It's all pretty impressive, especially for a journalism school dropout. Wachtel is virtually self-trained. She learned to do the hour-long interviews on the job, but she stresses that the research and preparation are a team effort.

The Montreal native – she grew up in Snowdon – is the youngest of three. She said she was raised in a home where education and reading were valued. She recalled "schlepping to the library by streetcar and bus" with her mother, but she traces her interest in literature to the influence of her intellectually precocious friends in high school.

Wachtel majored in English literature at university, and by happenstance, she did an art column for the *McGill Daily*. "One year, someone from high school remembered that I was interested in books."

However, the experience did not jumpstart a career in journalism."I was a late starter. It took me a long time to know what I wanted to do," Wachtel said.

In the mid-'70s, she began freelancing for magazines and radio. "I liked doing both, but the rhythm of radio suited me better."

CBC offered Wachtel a full-time radio job in Toronto as an arts commentator in 1987. "It was only a one-year contract," she laughed. "And here it is 23 years later."

She's held multiple positions, including a 12-year stint hosting *The Arts Tonight*, while doing Writers & Company. She also does *Wachtel on the Arts*, a monthly arts program.

Wachtel said she's proud to have interviewed so many Nobel laureates, "many before they won" the coveted literary prize.

There have been many other career coups. For instance, after 17 years of trying, she scored an interview with American novelist Philip Roth. She described him as "surprisingly genial."

She said a highlight of the 2010 season was a three-hour meeting with English spy novelist John le Carré at his home on a remote coast in Cornwall. She recounted how he capped the afternoon with a celebratory bottle of champagne. "That was a first."

And so was experiencing a major earthquake. Last February, Wachtel arrived in Chile hours before the earthquake struck. "I never really doubted that I would be able to do my interviews. But my interviewees were rather surprised to hear from me."

Looking back over the last 20 years, Wachtel said she's privileged to be doing work that she loves so much. "I feel extremely lucky. I have the best job in the world."

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Eleanor Wachtel

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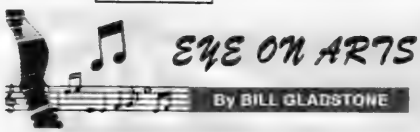

EXHIBITION SPOTLIGHTS WOMEN'S AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL COMICS

The Koffler Gallery has focused its energies on a continuing series of projects around the city of Toronto. Koffler exhibitions may be turning up in unexpected places over the next few years as the Koffler Centre of the Arts prepares for the anticipated opening of its new arts and cultural centre at the Sherman Campus in 2014.

In keeping with its status as gallery-in-exile, the Koffler Gallery presents the international touring exhibition *Graphic Details: Confessional Comics by Jewish Women* at the Gladstone Hotel. The ground-breaking, touring exhibition, which opens in mid-February, features the works of 18 Canadian and international artists.

Graphic Details provides the first in-depth look at Jewish women's autobiographical comics through original drawings, full comic books and graphic novels. Artists include **Vanessa Davis**, **Bernice Eisenstein**, **Sarah Glidden**, **Miriam Katin**, **Aline Kominsky-Crumb**, **Miss Lasko-Gross**, **Sarah Lazarovic**, **Miriam Libicki**, **Sarah Lightman**, **Diane Noomin**, **Corinne Pearlman**, **Trina Robbins**, **Racheli Rotner**, **Sharon Rudahl**, **Laurie Sandell**, **Ariel Schrag**, **Lauren Weinstein** and **Ilana Zeffren**.

Many of the original artworks on display have never been exhibited in public until now. The exhibition "illuminates the intersection of experiences that make these diaristic comics so compelling," a Koffler press release advises.

"By turns funny, outrageous, poignant and embarrassingly intimate, the works in *Graphic Details* reflect the artists' individual journeys, refracted through a distinctively Jewish lens in a pop-culture art form. Some bare their bodies. Some expose their psyches. All are fearless about sex, romance, politics, body functions, experiences, emotions and desires."

Graphic Details will be on view at the Gladstone Hotel from Feb. 17 to April 17. The co-curators are **Michael Kaminer**, a New York journalist and collector whose 2008 story on confessional comics in the Forward provided the impetus for the show; and Lightman, a London-based artist and arts journalist.

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Film on Yiddish Theatre: Friends of Yiddish presents the feature film *Yiddish Theatre: A Love Story*, by director **Dan Katzir**. The English-language film is being screened at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., with refreshments. Admission free. Sunday, Jan. 9, 2 p.m. RSVP by Jan. 6 to Sandy, 416-458-1440 or 416-736-8073.

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Theatre Notes

• Crow's Theatre presents *Eternal Hydra*, a play by **Anton Piatigorsky** that spins a literary mystery involving Gordias Carbuncle, an invented Irish-Jewish writer living in Paris in the 1930s. "The play explores several themes, one of which is Jewish identity," said director **Chris Abraham**, who added that the work is reminiscent of both **Tom Stoppard**'s *Arcadia* and **A.S. Byatt**'s *Possession*. Previews for *Eternal Hydra* begin Jan. 22 at the Factory Theatre and the play runs Jan. 27 to Feb. 12. www.factorytheatre.ca

• *The Apology*, by Toronto playwright **Darrah Teitel**, tells the story of the philosophical and sexual experiment that led to the creation of **Mary Shelley**'s *Frankenstein*. It's at the Factory Theatre, 125 Bathurst St., Jan. 5 to 16. 416-966-1061, www.fringetix.ca

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Arts in Brief

• "Cochini – Jewish Women's Folksongs in South India and Israel," an illustrated talk by **Barbara Johnson**, is a rare opportunity to learn about Indian Jewry from a leading scholar. Miles Nadal JCC, Tuesday, Jan. 11, 7-8:30 p.m. Admission free. sharonis@mnjcc.org, 416-924-6211, ext. 154.

• The History of Jewish Publishing, a series of talks with **Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner**, takes in industrial espionage, forgeries, church censorship and much more. Miles Nadal JCC, Mondays 6 to 7 p.m. from Jan. 17 to Feb. 14 (excluding Jan. 31). $20 for the series or $5 per lecture. sharonis@mnjcc.org, 416-924-6211, ext. 154.

• In Nayman's Terms, a series of lectures with film clips presented by film critic **Adam Nayman**, continues with "Surfing the New Waves: Contemporary New Wave Cinema" as he looks at Iranian cinema. Monday, Jan. 17, 7 to 9 p.m. $12 per lecture; students $6. Presented as part of the Miles Nadal JCC's Media Mondays. 416-924-6211, ext. 606.

• Active Seniors presents Jewish Toronto: One Community or Many?, a new series with **Harold Troper**. Miles Nadal JCC, Thursday Jan. 6, 1:30 p.m. Refreshments. 416-924-6211. ext. 155.

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At the Galleries

• *Save a Child's Heart*, an exhibition of photographs curated by **Eli Gross**, is at the Jacobs Lounge Visual Arts Space, Miles Nadal JCC, Jan. 4 to 30. www.mnjcc.org

Sharp character studies from a bygone era

By JOSEPH SERGE
Arts Editor

In *The Pool*, a young girl supposedly doing her homework, secretly watches Ficksen, the gardener, outside cleaning the pool.

In *Bottle*, Bella, a nanny, revels in the splendour of her first-ever trip to the beach.

In *The Letter*, a mother anxiously awaits the arrival of a letter from her teenage son whom she hasn't seen since he left the country.

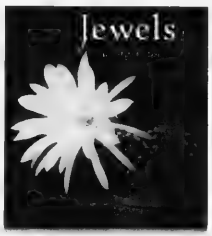
Jewels and other stories (Tsar Publications) is a collection of short fiction that offers a unique perspective on life in 1970s apartheid-era South Africa.

The author, Dawn Promislow, was born and raised in Johannesburg and left with her family for Britain in 1977, ultimately arriving in Canada in 1987.

The diverse characters in all her stories come from both sides of the apartheid divide – black and white, poor and rich, domestic and house owner.

Ficksen, the black gardener, watches the white children of his employer swim in the pool, yearning to swim in it himself someday.

While Bella, the nanny in *Bottle*, captures the joy of the Indian Ocean in a pop bottle, her husband, a security guard, has to take two buses and walk two miles to get to work. They only see each other one day a month.



Through her strong, remarkable characters, Promislow makes this shameful world of segregated beaches, corrugated tin roofs, pass books, "the natives," the Special Branch and malnourished children come alive.

Several stories are told from the points of view of young children, such as Billy, a poor, hungry boy who loves to listen to his mother's stories about her and her tribe. "Her stories, unlike the stream and her milk, never dried up. They flowed always in her, as fluid and abundant as the most fertile river."

Rivers and water are recurring images in many stories.

Several stories are connected by similar characters, but different viewpoints. In *Billy*, for instance, Billy is taken by his father, a gardener, to spend two weeks at the house of his employers. In *Our Story/His Story*, white siblings eagerly await the arrival of their new guest, the young son of their black gardner.

In *The Letter*, one of the most moving stories in this collection, Rose, a young mother, anxiously awaits word from her son who fled to neighbouring Zambia to train as a "freedom fighter." In *Freedom Fighter*, a young man – Rose's son perhaps? – eagerly waits to be taken across the border to Zambia. Rife with rich imagery and lush description, *Jewels and other stories*, is a wonderful collection of 14 character studies from a thankfully bygone era.

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Poet writes loving paeans to Bathurst Manor

By RON CSILLAG
Special to The CJN

"I mean, how many people write poems about Wilmington Avenue?"

Karen Shenfeld doesn't need to answer her own rhetorical and self-referencing question. The response is plain: she does, and particularly well.

Her religiously, biblically and Holocaust-tinged poems have won plaudits for their tenderness, beauty and power.

In her newest volume, *My Father's Hands Spoke in Yiddish* (Guernica Editions), a number of the verses are loving paeans to Bathurst Manor, the Toronto Jewish suburb of prefab bungalows, manicured lawns and no shortage of synagogues.

In the hands of a less sensitive writer, "the Manor," as many of its current and former inhabitants call it, could be the subject of derision. After all, poetry and bland, postwar suburbia have rarely been yoked successfully.

But Shenfeld has a soft spot for the neighbourhood where she was raised.

"I think that for me and kids of my generation, growing up there, it was a kind of utopia," the poet tells me over cups of latté in the Little Italy neighbourhood she's called home for 26 years. "I didn't realize it until after I wrote one poem about playing in Bathurst Manor that the key thing was, we weren't watched in the way that I watched my son all the time. I went to kindergarten on my own, running down Wilmington, away from the parental gaze."

Only later did suburbia become "boring" and "stultifying" and "I certainly had no desire to live as an adult there." Like many young adults, she felt the need to escape her old surroundings' tidiness and "cultural homogeneity, which I associated with sterility and repression," Shenfeld told the *Toronto Quarterly* literary and arts journal recently.

Still, it's the reader who wins. Shenfeld's poems, though spare and taut, evoke a lushness and nostalgia one might associate with a much older writer's folkloric memories of a European shtetl. In one offering, she spies "the Golem of Bathurst Manor cruising Wilmington Avenue in Rabbi Kelman's

Karen Shenfeld
[Rosalie Bellefontaine photo]

turquoise Chevrolet." (The protective Golem may come in handy one day, she writes).

The streets of her childhood "carried names of English towns. We skipped up Wilmington to the public school, chanting the blocks aloud: Searle, Brighton, Acton, Combe. Home was an L-shaped bungalow, floating on a sea of grass."

Shenfeld, a remarkably youthful-looking 54, has published three books of poetry: *The Law of Return* (1999), which won the Canadian Jewish Book Award for poetry in 2001; *The Fertile Crescent* (2005); and her latest, whose title came to her after watching her father as he lay dying.

"His hands went up," Shenfeld recalls, her own hands mimicking a sudden downward swoop, as though bricks dropped, "and fell down. He really did do that. I started playing around with that – that he spoke with his hands, and somehow, the line turned into, 'oh my God, his hands spoke in Yiddish.' "

My father's hands spoke in Yiddish,
the ganze megillah *of curses,*
complaints.

Ever in motion,
they argued with themselves.

Gai kochen aufen yam! *my father's*
hands said. Go s--t in the sea!

In the mamaloshen,
they spoke their last, impatient words,
rose palms up from the narrow bed -

Nu? Shoyn!
All right already!

then fell like bricks.

Their final kvetch
bemusing the angel of death.

"That's what poets do," she explains. "You kind of go into a dream state and you hallucinate. I was in terrible, terrible grief but that poem does have humour in it."

Born in Toronto to Canadian parents (her mother's father, Arthur Parker, was the city's first Jewish doctor), Shenfeld attended afternoon Hebrew classes at Beth Emeth synagogue, where, amid the usual horseplay, the cadences and rich imagery of the Bible and readings inspired her. "I recognized the incandescence of the texts, even at a very young age."

After studying poetry at York University with the late Irving Layton, "I didn't follow the predictable path of the nice Jewish girl who went to Mackenzie [Collegiate] and got married and moved to Thornhill." Instead, she spent years travelling the world, including hitchhiking across the Sahara Desert. That experience infused much of her earlier work.

A noted filmmaker and freelance writer, Shenfeld is in a unique position to explain the difference between her journalism and poetry. "I start with the truth in a poem and then I twist it, I prevaricate, I could lie. It's not so much that I'm interested in telling the whole truth and nothing but the truth."

And while a great exercise in self-expression, "a poem only works when you are reaching someone else," she concedes.

Her range extends beyond the Manor, whether she's exploring burlesque dancers or canoeing or the cantillation of a Maftir – all in short, crystalline lines.

Is the craft any easier than it was in her teens? "Certainly," Shenfeld replies. "Now I have more to say."

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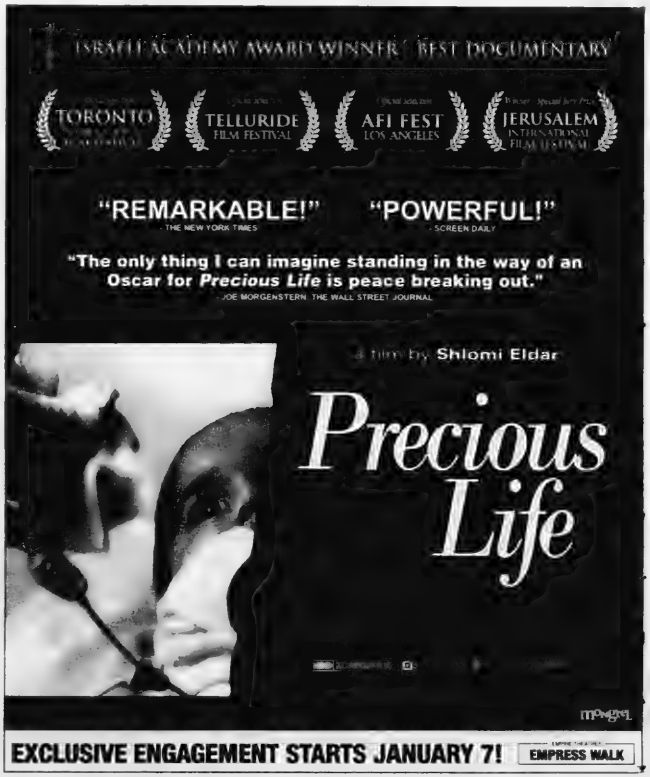
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Play asks some difficult questions

By LAURA STRICKER
Staff Reporter

Hard Love, the newest production from Teatron Theatre, asks some difficult questions.

"In this play, the questions that come up are loyalty to a spouse... in contrast with loyalty to God, to the divine," says Ari Weisberg, Teatron Theatre's founder and artistic director.

Hard Love is by Israeli playwright Motti Lerner. It tells the story of Hannah and Zvi, an Israeli couple whose marriage was short-lived, ending when Zvi left his Orthodox roots behind in Jerusalem and embraced secularism in Tel Aviv. Twenty years later they are reunited when their children from their second marriages meet and fall in love. Hannah and Zvi then realize they still have feelings for each other.

"I fell in love with this play when I saw it in New York last year," Weisberg says. "It's a play that is very fitting with our mandate.

"It's very engaging," he adds. "There is a back and forth between the philosophies of the two main characters, and it draws you in right from the start. It is well written."

The stars of the play, Tara Nicodemo and Howard Rosenstein, bring something very special to this particular adaptation, Weisberg says.

"Our two actors starring in this play are two fantastic veteran professional actors. And what they've managed, with my direction, to bring out in this play is fantastic. Every rehearsal, every day we get together, we find new meanings, new twists and new angles to this beautiful play."

Hard Love is Teatron's second play of the season. The third play, *A Hamburger in a Pita*, is written by *CJN* columnist Nina Shenhav and runs March 2 to 13.

Hard Love runs to Jan. 16 at the Toronto Centre for the Arts. For tickets, call 416-781-5527 or visit www.teatrontheatre.com.

Tara Nicodemo plays Hannah and Howard Rosenstein has the role of Zvi in Teatron Theatre's *Hard Love*.

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Singer introduces her audience to rare Ladino songs

By KATHRYN KATES
Special to The CJN

Donna Greenberg's second CD, *Mav'rik*, is an eclectic mix of 12 original songs she wrote that cross several genres and languages.

Mav'rik features songs performed in several styles, including jazz, salsa, lullaby, Celtic folk, tango, swing and bossa nova. Working in the tradition of 20th-century popular songwriters, the singer-songwriter says she brings this musical craft full circle for the new millennium, and she hopes listeners will be especially touched by her lyrics.

The CD enlists some of Toronto's most in-demand musicians. The producer and musical director is Jordan Klapman, and the arrangements and orchestrations are Tony Quarrington's.

Mav'rik will be launched with a special pre-Valentine's Day concert. Greenberg will be joined on stage by Klapman on piano, drummer Glenn Anderson, Henry Heillig playing bass and Tom Skublics on clarinet, flute and sax, along with special guest, trumpeter Jon Seiger.

"The concert is a special evening because we are bringing the music we created on *Mav'rik* to a live audience. From a young age, I have written songs, and now as a performer and recording artist, I am able to realize my dream of sharing my music on stage and seeing people's reactions," Greenberg says.

"Creating music with these musicians, especially Jordon Klapman, is a great experience because my music is coming alive, not just through my voice, but through the interpretations of the other musicians. For me as a songwriter, it is a thrill."

Greenberg loves to introduce audiences to rare and unusual musical finds. One such find are songs sung in Ladino – a mixture of Spanish and Hebrew that was once used in Spain. In 1442, during the Spanish Inquisition, Jews who were expelled left with a knowledge of this language.

"Ladino is a fantastic tradition of Sephardi Jewish music," says Greenberg. "Years ago, I was in New York City searching for sheet music and found this Ladino music. Then, back in Toronto, I went to hear the late, Spanish Catalan operatic soprano, Victoria de Los Angeles, and she sang those songs in concert. They were so beautiful that I wanted to learn them, and I already had the songbook."

Greenberg says her Jewish background affects her very much as a sensibility – an awareness of people and the fragility of life.

"As a singer, what I write about means a lot to me and that caring comes from my Jewish roots," says Greenberg. "Specifically, my song *The Springtime of Our Love* from *Mav'rik* was inspired by Jewish stories from World War II.

"There is Jewishness to my music – a lot of people tell me that they hear it. I feel my Jewish heritage reflects both my songwriting, and as a performer includes my choice of songs stemming from a long list of Jewish songwriters."

Before realizing her dream as a singer-songwriter, Greenberg was an accomplished choreographer, dancer and dance filmmaker. Her early influences include jazz, opera, classical music, musical theatre and liturgical music. She graduated from the University of Toronto with a BA in English literature. Greenberg continued her education with extensive musical training, making her a sought-after classical solo artist who has performed in many languages, a skill reflected in *Mav'rik*.

Greenberg's first foray into jazz was a one-woman show, *A Tribute to Gershwin, Porter and Rodgers*, for which she sang, danced and wrote. Now, jazz is the mainstay of her live performances. Greenberg has been collaborating with Klapman since her debut release, *Stranger*, in 2009. *Stranger* hit the Top 30 chart on the local radio station CIUT and continues to be played on-air worldwide. Greenberg was named jazz vocalist of the month for October 2010 on the web-based Bob Birch Radio from the United Kingdom.

She plans to tour in 2011 in support of her album.

For more information on Greenberg, visit her website at www.donnagreenberg.com.

Greenberg launches Mav'rik *on Feb. 12 at The Annex Live, 296 Brunswick Ave., Toronto. Tickets are $15. For reservations, call 416-929-3999 or visit www.theannex-live.com.*

Canadian explores roots of Muslim antisemitism

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Tarek Fatah, a frank and fearless Pakistani Canadian Muslim writer and broadcaster, has written an astonishingly courageous and much-needed book.

In *The Jew Is Not My Enemy: Unveiling the Myths that Fuel Muslim Anti-Semitism* (McClelland & Stewart), he explores the historical, political and theological underpinnings of this pernicious phenomenon and explains why Israel's right to exist cannot be questioned.

Claiming that a virulent form of antisemitism has inundated the Islamic world, Fatah traces its roots to the Hadith, the commentaries written on the Prophet Muhammad's words and deeds after his death. "From labelling Christians and Jews pigs and apes to prohibiting Muslims from playing chess, Hadith literature has been a source of much embarrassment to Muslims," he writes. Anti-Jewish passages in the Hadith, he adds, have been superimposed on the Qur'an, which, though generally respectful of Judaism, contains "some pretty harsh language about Jews."

A legend in which Muhammad supposedly participated in the slaughter of 600 to 900 Jews in Medina in 627 also nourishes antisemitism among Muslims, he contends. "Contemporary Islamists and clerics evoke the story of the slaughter to recruit young Muslim into the hate fest targeted at the Jew," he writes. He adds, "The story of the massacre... feeds our hatred and gives us moral and religious validation for that hate."

He suggests that Islamic fundamentalists such as the Egyptian Sayyid Qutb have exacerbated tensions. In an essay titled "Our Fight Against the Jews," Qutb wrote, "The Jews will be satisfied only with the destruction of [Islam]."

Fatah also has harsh things to say about Mohammed Amin al-Husseini, the Mufti of Jerusalem. After collaborating with Nazi Germany, he persuaded Islamists in postwar Egypt that antisemitism should be an integral component of their worldview.

To Fatah, *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, the Russian forgery first published in Arabic in 1926 in Jerusalem, firmly established antisemitism in the Muslim consciousness. "However, it was only after the end of World War II, when the rest of the world had dismissed *The Protocols* as a fake, that the tract found new life in the Middle East," Fatah writes. "Defeat of the combined Arab armies in 1948 at the hands of Israel gave fresh impetus to Judeophobia."

Infected by the virus of antisemitism, a growing number of Islamists and Muslim intellectuals prone to conspiracy theories believe that Jews cannot be trusted and control the world, he says.

And, citing a study by the Hudson Institute's Center for Religious Freedom, he accuses Saudi Arabia of funding the publication of antisemitic "Islamic propaganda."

Fatah, born and raised in Karachi, laments that antisemitism has found widespread acceptance in Pakistan. He singles out the city of Peshawar as a hotbed of Jew-hatred. "If there is a place on earth today where identifying oneself as a Jew means inviting serious danger to life and liberty, then the historic Pakistani city of Peshawar would easily win that honour."

Transformed into a centre of jihadism by Al Qaeda and "Arab Afghans," Peshawar was once home to a prosperous and thriving Jewish community with a synagogue. But now Peshawar is "a place where men are willing to slit the throat of a *kuffar* [non-believer] and confess to the crime with pride."

Although warning that a discussion of Muslim-Jewish relations becomes a non-starter the moment Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state is challenged, Fatah insists that Israel's "illegal and immoral" occupation of the West Bank has contributed to the rise of blatant antisemitism in Muslim countries.

As he puts it, "Though it is true that many Muslim critics of Israel are motivated by Judeophobia, not all criticism – even the harshest – stems from antisemitism."

Fatah, a supporter of a two-state solution, holds that the Arabs' uncompromising "all-or-nothing" policy was a factor in bringing about the birth of Israel. The Palestinians could have achieved statehood long ago had they accepted the 1937 Peel Commission plan or the 1947 United Nations partition plan, he argues.

'I believe it is fundamentally anti-Jewish to incessantly challenge the moral and ethical basis of Israel as a Jewish state'

Fatah urges Muslims to reconcile themselves to the fact that Israel's establishment was sanctioned by the United Nations' General Assembly by a two-thirds majority. "Questioning Israel's moral and legal right to exist as a state within secure borders that are recognized by its neighbours should cease to be a subject of endless debate," he writes. "I believe it is fundamentally anti-Jewish to incessantly challenge the moral and ethical basis of Israel as a Jewish state."

Fatah's beliefs, and his willingness to state them in public, belies the fact that he was "conflicted" for decades. As a student in Pakistan, he raised funds for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and in Toronto, he demonstrated outside the Israeli consulate. "But never once in my entire life have I had even an iota of antisemitism in my soul," he observes.

Fatah's first friendship with a Jew did not occur until 1993, when he met his boss-to-be, Toronto trade unionist Julius Deutsch, who died last year. The son of German Jewish refugees, he imparted to Fatah an understanding of the complexity of the Arab-Israeli conflict. " I learned from this Jew that things are rarely ever black and white, and that the truth is usually found in the grey areas of overlapping narratives."

Fatah believes that the Muslim community's "false sense of victimhood" is counter-productive. "As the rest of the world makes rapid advances in technology, culture, arts, literature and social development, the Muslim world seems frozen in time, obsessed with the past... [and] paralyzed in the quagmire of stagnation."

Though much of his book is laden with gloom, Fatah claims not all is lost. Muslim reformers are gaining ground, and their voices are being heard, he says, citing a list of names.

Whether Fatah is overly optimistic remains to be seen. But if the Middle East is ever to become a better place for Jews and Arabs, let us hope that Fatah is right.

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Peace, calm, joy and purpose

As the past year draws to a close, and the new year begins, I am so grateful for so much in our lives, mostly the wonderful people that mean the world to my family and me.

One of those people, Judy G., has mentioned to me a quote from a book that her dad gave her, which she refers to as "code 53." The other day she dropped by with a copy of the book, *The Gentle Weapon, Prayers for Everyday and Not-So-Everyday Moments*, by Rebbe Nachman of Breslov. It's a collection of prayers that offer an uplifting perspective on life. I turned to page 53, the "code 53." I found the following prayer, called Inner Calm: "Patient God,/ teach me to be patient/ unruffled by those who anger,/ tolerant of those who exasperate,/ accepting of those who disappoint./ Help me remain/ Serene in the face of derision./ Calm in the face of provocation,/ Composed in the midst of a storm./ And, God.../ Teach me to be patient/ With myself."

Rebbe Nachman wrote that "life makes warriors of us all. To emerge the victors, we must arm ourselves with the most potent of weapons. That weapon is prayer." Each prayer begins with praise and thanks, so that the relationship is not just one of requests for what we need and want, but one of giving back.

Life Coach Corner

By Judy Siblin-Librach

Again it comes back to the word "gratitude," and how important it is to stay connected to what we are so grateful for.

Another wonderful way to begin 2011 is to focus on what you want in the new year. In *The Power of a Single Thought: How to Initiate Major Life Changes from the Quiet of Your Mind*, Gay Hendricks and Debbie De Voe describe how major, positive shifts in the quality of your life can be initiated by changing a single thought. "So if your thoughts are negative, then you'll experience pain; if positive, you'll experience joy." They also write about how "a dour expression on your face doesn't appear by chance; it's the result of unpleasant thoughts. Wrinkles that line your face are drawn by negative thought patterns."

The message is that "there is no greater comfort than benevolence to ease grief and sorrow. If you continually live with thoughts of ill will, cynicism, suspicion and envy, you'll confine yourself to a self-made prison cell. But if each day you think well of all – being cheerful with everyone and patiently learning to find the good in every person and in every moment, you'll experience an abundance of peace."

Peace of mind and inner peace and calm is what I wish for you in 2011. And finally, set a goal for this year and make it your focal point, and ask, what is your life's purpose right now?

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, peaceful and wonderful new year filled with lots of joy, goodness and bliss!

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Ottawa-area goalie named to Team Ontario

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

When Daniel Altshuller straps on the pads as goaltender for the Nepean Raiders, he usually prepares himself to face shooters from Hawkesbury, Kemptville and Pembroke, but on Dec. 29 he stared down an entirely different group of players – guys from the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Western Canada.

Altshuller was recently one of the goaltenders with Team Ontario for the 2011 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge. Five international teams and five Canadian squads competed at the tournament, which ran from Dec. 29 to Jan. 4 in Winnipeg and Portage La Prairie. Joining Ontario were teams from the Pacific region, Western Canada, Quebec and the Atlantic provinces, while on the international side, the Czechs and Slovaks were joined by skaters from the United States, Finland and Germany.

Reached at his home in Nepean, a suburb of Ottawa, before the tournament, Altshuller said he was pleased with his selection. "It feels great," the 16-year-old said. "I feel a really great responsibility to the province. I just want to play my best and try to win."

So far this season, in 27 games with the Central Tier 1 Junior A Hockey League (CHL) franchise, Altshuller sports a .916 save percentage and 2.89 goals against average.

He's been particularly hot of late. On Dec. 2, he was named CHL Rookie of the Month for November, after he helped turn around the Raiders' season, moving them from 11th place in the league to a tie for fourth.

Altshullerwent5-2-2 in November with a .913 save percentage and one shutout.

Although not the best stats in the league, it was enough to get the call from Team Ontario organizers. He was only one of two guys on the team who didn't play in the Ontario Hockey League, the major junior circuit that develops many NHL-calibre players.

> ***'An opportunity for him to show his stuff'***

Altshuller said he was eager to test his skills against international players. He wasn't at all concerned about facing tougher shooters in the tournament. "There are going to be good shooters," he acknowledged, "but I feel since I'm in a league with 20-year-olds, that will prepare me to play against 17-year-olds."

In past years, the tournament showcased elite players who went on to pro careers. Ninety World Under-17 alumni were selected in the 2010 NHL Entry Draft, including 20 in the first round. The top three picks were Taylor Hall, Tyler Seguin and Erik Gudbranson.

Heady company indeed, but his coach believed Altshuller has what it takes to compete with the big boys.

"He's got unlimited potential," said Nepean head coach and general manager Peter Goulet. "The question is how hard he works, how he develops."

As a 16-year-old, "he just has so much poise. He competes, he battles on every shot," Goulet said.

Lots of people who watch the six-foot-three, 195-pound Altshuller player say he reminds them of Habs' netminder Corey Price. "He's very technical, stays square to the shooter and tracks the puck very well," Goulet said. Complementing that is his quickness: "He has great, great reflexes," Goulet added.

Last year, Team Ontario lost to Team USA by a score of 2-1 in the final in Timmins, Ont. The Americans, who play together all year, are again favoured, said Ontario head coach Jake Grimes of the Belleville Bulls.

Grimes told the the *Intelligencer* of Belleville that he was relying on Altshuller to demonstrate why he was selected for Team Ontario.

"He's having a really good year and has played an absolute ton of hockey with good numbers. Now, here's an opportunity for him to show his stuff," Grimes said.

Like many a Canadian kid, Altshuller started playing hockey at an early age. He was around six when he first joined an organized program and as soon as he could, he played in the net.

Before joining the Raiders, a team owned by his father, Bryan, he played for the Ottawa Jr. 67's and with the major bantam Ottawa Senators. A graduate of the Hillel Academy of Ottawa, Altshuller was drafted by the OHL's Belleville Bulls last year, but opted to play in Nepean.

"I always wanted to be a goalie," Altshuller said. "I always wanted to be the guy everybody depends on and help out the team."

Hall of Fame inducts seven

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LOS ANGELES — A 19th-century bare-knuckles pugilist and a pioneer women's judo champion are among seven elected to the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

Five Americans, one Briton and one Russian will be formally inducted into the Hall of Fame museum on the campus of Israel's Wingate Institute in July 2013 during the quadrennial Maccabiah Games.

Following are the new inductees.

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• Judo pioneer Rena Kanokogi, the former Rusty Glickman of Brooklyn, known as the "mother of women's judo," almost single-handedly forced the Olympic Committee to recognize women's judo. She coached the U.S. team in the 1988 Olympic Games.

• Sports columnist Leonard Koppett wrote for New York's Herald Tribune, Post and Times, besides authoring 16 books.

• Alfred Kuchevsky played a major role as defenceman in the Soviet Union's domination of international ice hockey in the 1950s. He was named three times to the Soviet Hockey League All-Stars.

• Fred Lewis, a three- and four-wall handball champion, was named the 1970s Player of the Decade by the National Handball Association. He now lives in Arizona.

• Billiards champ Michael Sigel, described as the "greatest living player of the 20th century" by the International Pool Tour, is the winner of 10 world titles and six U.S. opens. He now lives in Florida.

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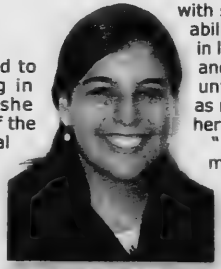
Toronto Aleh volunteer conquers her own challenges

By VICKY TOBINIAH
Special to The CJN

When Rafi Gasner decided to spend a year studying in a seminary in Israel, she thought she would spend most of the time focusing on her own personal growth. Her year has shaped up to be much more about helping others.



Rafi Gasner

Gasner was born and raised in Thornhill, Ont. While attending Ulpanat Orot High School for Girls, she quickly discovered that one of her biggest passions in life is helping others, specifically children with special needs.

She volunteered with Yachad, the National Jewish Council for Disabilities, an organization dedicated to addressing the needs of disabled peoples and including them in the Jewish community.

"My high school promoted volunteer work and especially organizations like Yachad. On the first day that I met with the people at Yachad, I immediately felt a connection to them and I loved what I was doing. It made me want to come back, and I continued volunteering there for four years," Gasner said.

Afterward she volunteered with D.A.N.I. Toronto, an organization founded in 2005 to create opportunities for young adults with disabilities and allow them to have a full and meaningful quality of life.

"I was intrigued with the organization... because they help young adults live a real and full life, just like any other adult. After working mostly with children at Yachad, I wanted to volunteer with D.A.N.I. and help young adults like myself have the same opportunities that I did," Gasner said.

Her desire for helping people with special needs led her to work for Camp HASC in New York for two summers. The organization provides children with special needs the opportunity to attend sleepover camps. "It's really completely different than working with other children. If these kids don't do something, it's not because they don't want to, it's because they can't. I really wanted to help kids grow and overcome some of their obstacles."

After graduating from Ulpanat Orot, Gasner decided to spend a year in a seminary in Israel. Part of her program was committing to one afternoon a week of volunteer work. She chose to volunteer with ALEH, Israel's biggest network of residential facilities for children with severe physical and cognitive disabilities. After one afternoon, she fell in love with the organization, the staff and the kids, and she decided to volunteer there not only once a week, as required by her school, but also on her weekly day off from school.

"It's a very welcoming environment," she said. "On the first day I was there, I noticed all the kids had these beautiful smiles on their faces. It was so amazing to see their genuine smiles."

In the beginning, Gasner had to overcome some challenges herself. She was not fluent in Hebrew, which made it difficult to communicate to the staff and the kids. "The teachers only spoke Hebrew, which was challenging for me, since my Hebrew was not very good. Luckily, the staff was very helpful and helped me communicate with the kids," she said.

"The one thing that really amazes me is that every day is a different, unique experience. Every day these kids have new challenges that they overcome. My job is to help them through these challenges, and help make their lives like any other kids' lives. One day we had a musical therapist come in and we helped the kids dance. Their faces lit up, and you could see they felt valuable."

Gasner knew when she got involved with ALEH that she would be giving back to the community, but she is pleased that the experience has helped her as well.

"I didn't just want to spend a year focusing on myself. I wanted to give back to the community, and in the end, this experience is also helping me grow," she said.

"When you work with special needs children, you develop an appreciation for life. You see how they appreciate the [smallest] things, from being able to hold a ball in their hands to being able to stand up, and it makes you grateful for everything you have," she added.

The staff at ALEH plan activities such as dancing, baking cookies and Shabbat parties. They try to let the kids use their different motilities to do the different activities. "Some kids can move their hands, so we would play a game like bowling. Other kids can't move at all, so we let them touch the textures to their face so they can feel what we are doing," said Gasner.

She hopes to pursue a career in special needs and nursing. "I can't imagine doing anything else. These children don't complain about their obstacles, and they take on their challenges. It helped me learn to deal with my own challenges.

"When I first came to ALEH, my biggest challenge was [the] language barrier. When I saw how these kids deal with bigger problems every day, it helped me overcome my difficulty."

She is thankful the staff at ALEH was so welcoming, and is grateful to have formed relationships with both the teachers and the kids.

"These teachers are 24/7 caretakers. The kids have constant love and care from people who they are not related to. They develop a connection to us, and this bond is so rewarding."

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Rafi Gasner with a child from the ALEH program, an Israeli network of residential facilities for disabled children

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I didn't think anything of it, as Deb and I go way back and we always consult each other on many issues.

When I got there, I realized she wasn't kidding. She bought new living, dining and bedroom furniture. She practically redid her whole house!

We did a walkthrough, and she asked me straight out what I thought about each and every piece. I have always been honest with her, as she has with me, and I didn't feel this situation was any different. However, when I told her I didn't like her dining room set, she informed me she had bought all the furniture at a bankruptcy sale and it's non-refundable. She was quite hurt and upset that I didn't like the dining room. I tried to backtrack, but the damage was done. Was I wrong to give her my honest opinion?

Whole Truth and Nothing But

Dear Whole Truth and Nothing But,

You walked into a trap. Your friend didn't want your opinion on her new furniture, she wanted to share her excitement with you.

She wanted you to tell her everything was gorgeous, that she has great taste, that she got a fabulous deal. Even without Deb realizing it, all she really wanted was your validation – she was just too excited to think it through, and never expected a negative response.

You can't take back what you've already said, but you can learn from this experience. A truthful opinion can backfire when nothing can be done about the final outcome.

If Deb got a terrible haircut, should you say, "It looks awful, but don't worry. It will grow back"?

Before you answer the question "What do you think of my new [anything]?" you need to get some facts. Whether it's as small as a new dress or as large as a new house, get the whole story before you offer your opinion. If the purchase is final, would admitting that you disapprove help in any way? Did telling her you didn't like her furniture accomplish anything other than hurting her feelings?

You don't have to come out and lie, but choose your words carefully. You might say something like: "You got a fabulous deal," or "The furniture fits perfectly in here," or even "It's not exactly my taste, but it's a beautiful set".

Telling the truth is important, but not necessarily when the situation is a fait accompli. If there's nothing to be gained by offering a negative opinion, why do it? Don't dwell on this incident. What's done is done. Your relationship with Deb will survive. You have learned something from this experience. Once in awhile, when the opportunity is appropriate, skirting the truth may be the gracious thing to do.

Ask Ella

By Ella Burakowski

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN., *e-mail: eb@thecjn.ca. But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*

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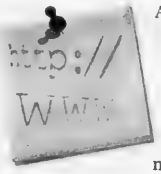

• A panel recently discussed the topic of Jewish schools and the secularization of Quebec, as part of a conference for the 150th anniversary of the Alliance Israélite Universelle.

• Israeli active in Polish cemetery restoration project.

• For the first time in its 50-year history, Congregation Dorshei Emet, Montreal's only Reconstructionist synagogue, has hired an "official second clergy." Cantor Heather Batchelor most recently served at an egalitarian Conservative synagogue in Westchester County, N.Y. She is assisting Rabbi Ron Aigen, spiritual leader since 1976 of the 500-family member congregation, with particular duties leading b'nei mitzvah education and programming for youth and families. Unlike many Montreal synagogues, Dorshei Emet has grown over the past decade.

Cantor Heather Batchelor

It's difficult to let go

I recently was asked to attend an ethics workshop at a Tel Aviv teaching hospital where I knew many of the staff. Since my Hebrew is just adequate, I at times answered them in a mixture of Hebrew and English.

The discussion was about a conflict between a distraught family receiving "bad news" and their attempt to change the course of nature by making demands that were clinically unreasonable. The ambient level of emotion was extreme and made communication a challenge.

An elderly woman who had lived alone and apparently functioned well was admitted to a geriatric rehabilitation program following a stroke. The goal was to bring her to a level of function to enable her to return home to the care of her son and daughter.

Initially, she seemed to improve, and the family and staff were pleased with her progress. But she then deteriorated, with symptoms not characteristic of a stroke, including loss of appetite, weight loss, fatigue and anemia.

Investigations eventually revealed that she had an underlying cancer of the pancreas, which had spread extensively throughout her abdomen and had reached a point where no treatment options were considered beneficial.

Senior Side of Life

By Michael Gordon

The children, especially the daughter, approached the staff with an initial skepticism and then a degree of concern that became coupled with an intensity bordering on hostility. The daughter had difficulty grasping that her mother, who seemed to be suffering only from the stroke from which she was making progress, could develop a terminal disease while under the care of physicians. The son, who did not have the most amicable relationship with his sister, gradually understood what had happened, but deferred to his sister to interact with staff because of the emotional toll her assertive approach was taking on him.

During the hospitalization, as discussed at the workshop, the responsible physician received incessant calls from the daughter for progress reports and demands for interventions that were untenable, such as transfer to the intensive care unit.

Some staff members suggested taking a hard line, including calling security when she became belligerent. The discussion explored why she was responding as she was, and then considered strategies for dealing with her state of denial, which although extreme, could be understood.

The responsible physician adopted a combination of non-emotionally reactive support, attempts at responding to even marginal requests (such as for a formal intensive care consultation) and engaging the brother in providing support to his sister. Eventually, she accepted the reality of her mother's situation, no longer sought "miracles" and ceased her conflicts with the staff. I later heard that she ultimately thanked the staff for their exemplary care.

Dealing with bad news anywhere is always a challenge. Those practising medicine and its allied professions have the duty to help distraught families understand and accept the bad outcomes that do occur.

Dr. Michael Gordon is medical program director of palliative care at Baycrest and co-author with Bart Mindszenthy of Parenting Your Parents (Dundurn Press). His latest book, Moments that Matter: Cases in Ethical Eldercare, follows his previous book, Brooklyn Beginnings: A Geriatrician's Odyssey. All can be researched at his website: http://www.drmichaelgordon.com.

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Anti-Israel shoe store boycott a PR failure

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The anti-Israel boycott campaign has suffered a major setback in Quebec because it targeted a small family business and especially because of the intervention of Québec solidaire MNA Amir Khadir, the Quebec-Israel Committee (QIC) believes.

The organization's research and communications director, David Ouellette, describes as unprecedented the repudiation in the French media of the campaign to convince the public not to buy Israeli products as a result of the singling out of the Boutique Le Marcheur on St. Denis Street.

The coverage has cast in a negative light both the campaign's methods and the propriety of an elected official picketing a local store because it sells a line of shoes from Israel that comprises a small percentage of its inventory.

Ouellette has collected a thick dossier of newspaper, television, radio and online material to support that conclusion. Although unions and other broad-based organizations such as the Federation des femmes du Québec have officially endorsed the boycott of Israel in the past few years, the QIC maintains that the issue continues to garner "marginal" support from the Quebec public.

The appearance that the participation of Khadir – who, according to a recent poll, is the most popular politician in the province – has harmed the boycotters' cause rather than helped it only bolsters that conclusion, Ouellette said.

"The media coverage aroused a wave of moral indignation," Ouellette said. "There is no public support for BDS in Quebec. Quebecers don't buy the 'apartheid' label."

On Dec. 18, about 150 people, mostly francophones, journalists and other opinion-makers among them, swamped Le Marcheur while the picketing outside was in progress. It was the first organized anti-boycott action by non-Jews in Quebec, he said.

Commentators have questioned why Khadir seems concerned only with the human-rights record of one state and not more egregious violators, and they've rejected the contention that Israel can be compared to South Africa's former apartheid regime.

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DEFENCE MINISTERS MEET

Defence Minister Ehud Barak expressed solidarity with Canada when he met in Tel Aviv with his Canadian counterpart, Peter MacKay, on Monday, saying Canada and MacKay are friends of Israel. Barak, who spoke on a panel on homeland security at the three-day Halifax International Security Forum in November, praised MacKay's involvement in helping organize the forum.

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CANADA

Kent Promoted

TORONTO — Thornhill MP Peter Kent was promoted to environment minister in a minor cabinet shuffle last week. Kent, a former news broadcaster who represents the riding with the highest proportion of Jewish voters in the country, had been serving as minister of state of foreign affairs (Americas). He was first elected in 2008, defeating Liberal Susan Kadis.

WORLD

Assad Meeting

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice-president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, met with Syrian President Bashar Assad in Damascus. Hoenlein said Jan. 3 that the meeting late last month was at the invitation of Syria and not, as reported by the Israeli media, at the behest of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. "All I can say is that I did not go as a negotiator or mediator or with messages," Hoenlein told JTA. "I addressed humanitarian concerns." He wouldn't elaborate except to say the trip involved restoration of shuls and was "for the good of the Jewish people."

Mickey in Haifa?

HAIFA — Haifa will be the next home to a Disney amusement park. A 20-acre, $168-million complex, including a 25-screen multiplex and an amusement park, is set to be built near the Carmel Tunnel. The Walt Disney Company's investment arm, Shamrock Holdings, and Israel's New Lineo cinema chain announced the plans Jan. 4. The complex is slated to open in 2013.

Letters For Pollard

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu wrote U.S. President Barack Obama urging clemency for convicted spy Jonathan Pollard. Netanyahu read his letter Jan. 4 to a Knesset plenum discussion. His letter, Israel's first formal request for Pollard's release, came a day after similar urgings from more than 500 clergy – including rabbis representing all streams, as well as a number of leading Protestant and Roman Catholic clergy – in a letter to Obama. The letters are the latest in a surge of pleas to free Pollard, a U.S. Navy analyst who spied for Israel and who has been in prison since 1985.

Cuts At Book Centre

BOSTON — The National Yiddish Book Center, amid a change in focus, laid off four employees and closed its bookstore. The Amherst, Mass., centre made the layoffs last month as part of a strategic change from saving and restoring Yiddish texts to educating people about them. The cuts include the director's assistant, a gifts officer, the bookstore manager and a designer of the centre's magazine. The vice-president and program director also resigned, leaving the centre with 16 workers. The centre, open since 1980, has collected more than one million Yiddish volumes.

Group Mulls Thomas Award Name Change

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Helen Thomas' decision to take her disparagement of Zionists from off the cuff (last May) to on the record (last month) has led a journalists' group to consider dropping her name from a lifetime achievement award.

The Society of Professional Journalists is revisiting its decision last summer not to change the name of its Helen Thomas Lifetime Achievement Award after Thomas, 90, told an Arab-American group in Dearborn, Mich., last month that Congress, the White House, Hollywood and Wall Street "are owned by the Zionists."

Thomas, a 67-year-veteran of Washington reporting, resigned from her job as a columnist at Hearst last June after remarking to a video blogger that Jews "should get the hell out of Palestine" and "go home" to Poland, Germany and the United States. She later apologized, but her remarks in Michigan on Dec. 2 have raised fresh concerns about the sincerity of the apology.

Wayne State University, her alma mater, withdrew its Helen Thomas Spirit of Diversity in the Media Award after her most recent remarks. Under deluge again, the Society for Professional Journalists said it would reconsider. Thomas, born to Lebanese immigrants, for decades was the White House correspondent for United Press International.

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Palestinian doctor hopes 'wisdom will prevail'

Peace advocate launches lawsuit following death of family in Gaza Strip conflict

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

A local Palestinian physician and Middle East peace advocate whose three daughters and niece were killed by Israeli forces during the war in the Gaza Strip two years ago is confident that Israel will ultimately issue an apology and provide compensation for his losses.

"I'm positive wisdom will prevail," said Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish, who immigrated to Canada after the tragedy and is now the Michael and Amira Dan Professor in Global Health at the University of Toronto. "I'm asking for the truth and fighting for justice. Israel needs to take responsibility."

Abuelaish – an ardent advocate of a two-state solution and a proponent of non-violence to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict – filed a lawsuit against the Israeli government late last month after Israel announced he was not entitled to an apology and compensation.

"They left me without an alternative," Abuelaish said in an interview last week in his office at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health. "I tried to settle the matter through mediators, but it didn't work."

Among the mediators were Avishay Braverman, the current minister of minorities and a former president of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, and Amir Peretz, the former minister of defence, both of whom are members of the Labor party.

In spite their efforts, Israel's Ministry of Defence said it would neither apologize nor compensate him.

The ministry's legal adviser, Ahaz Ben-Ari, was quoted by *Ynetnews.com* as saying that a settlement would not be forthcoming: "Despite the severe outcome, from a legal standpoint our stance is that the operation during which Dr. Abuelaish's family members were hurt was an operation of war. Therefore, the State of Israel does not carry the responsibility for the damage it caused."

Israel's embassy in Ottawa was asked for a comment, but its press attache could not provide one because of a labour dispute at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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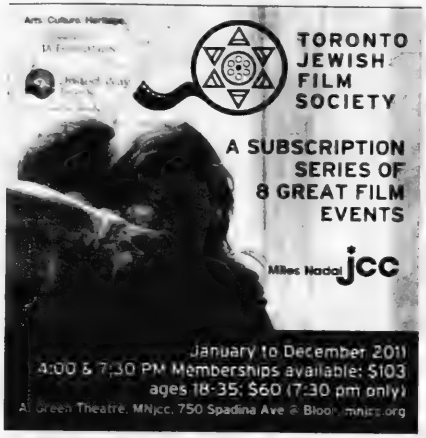

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"We are requesting from the nations... to accept the state of Palestine of '67 – that's what we're trying to achieve," chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat told reporters last week. (Please see the editorial in this week's edition.)

Of course, the canny Erekat neglected to tell his audience that there was no state of Palestine of '67.

This happens to be one of the many inconvenient truths about the Arab-Israeli conflict that Palestinian and other leaders always neglect to share with an eager, peace-seeking public.

Gaza – which Israel unilaterally left some five years ago and which is now entirely governed by Palestinians (Hamas) – was under Egyptian rule in 1967. In 1967, there was not the slightest prospect that the Egyptians would relinquish control of the Gaza Strip to its local Palestinian inhabitants. It just simply was not in Egyptian president Gamal Abdel Nasser's plans.

The West Bank, including east Jerusalem and the Old City, was under Jordanian rule in 1967. The British-trained army of the Hashemite Kingdom of Transjordan (as Jordan was then called) remained in the West Bank at the conclusion of Israel's War of Independence, 1948-1949, thereby staking a Jordanian claim to sovereignty over the area. Nor was there ever any intention in 1967 on the part of the Jordanian king to relinquish control of the West Bank and east Jerusalem to the local Palestinians. Indeed, the Hashemite family had always considered itself as history's rightful custodians of Jerusalem's holy Muslim places. It was only many years later that King Hussein "abdicated" his custodial responsibilities for Jerusalem when he understood, pointedly, that clinging to the custodial role endangered the stability of his kingdom more than it ennobled it.

Thus, when Erekat refers to "the state of Palestine of '67" it is, like so much of what he says: cynical fiction.

Palestine did not exist in 1967.

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), whose most celebrated leader was Yasser Arafat, was created in 1964 fully three years *before* the Six Day War of 1967. The first leader of the PLO was Lebanese-born Ahmed Shukairy. He was appointed to the job by the Arab League. In 1964, the PLO was trying to liberate "Palestine," – excluding, of course, Gaza and the West Bank, which were already under Arab rule – from the Jews, who, 16 years earlier, to the painful chagrin of the Arabs, had refused to be thrown into the sea. At no time during the 18 years between 1949 and 1967 did Egypt, Jordan or the Arab League establish or even discuss establishing an independent state of Palestine in Gaza and the West Bank.

I know that looking back to the factual, historical context of the conflict is only of limited use, if even that. There is an irrefutable reality today that must be accommodated. Some two million Palestinians live in the West Bank today. They do not wish to be ruled by Israel. Nor does Israel wish to rule them.

Pragmatics must trump principle if a reasonable, workable solution is to be found, finally, to the conflict. Pragmatism offers the most hope for a negotiated end to this longstanding dispute.

Still, we dare not disregard the truth of history or surrender the entitlement of the Jews, too, to seek justice and fairness from the other side. We must protect the truth of history.

The young generations of Jews must know this (their) history. They must know that the cause of a sovereign, independent Jewish state in the Middle East is a just one.

The world must be reminded of this history.

And the Palestinians must be held to account when they purposefully, deliberately distort history.

The allusion to a state of Palestine of '67 is but the latest in a never-ending story of prevarication by Palestinian leaders.

The Palestinian leadership still denies any Jewish connection to the Western Wall.

Last week, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas condemned the death of Jawaher Abu Rahmah as a "new Israeli crime carried out by the occupation army against our helpless nation." Abbas alleged that Rahmah was killed by exposure to tear gas fired by the Israel Defence Forces at the weekly anti-Israel protest against the security barrier in the West Bank village of Bil'in. The IDF's commander in the West Bank, however, Brig.-Gen. Nitzan Alon, refuted Abbas' claim. Alon said she died of various medical complications. "She most probably died as a result of other complications, combined with problems in the medical care she received at the Palestinian hospital," Alon said.

The sad truth is that most of the world accepts uncritically the Palestinian narrative. This has unpleasant consequences for Israel and its supporters. But one of those consequences must never be our acquiescence to the falsification of history.

We have too much reverence for truth.

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BIRTHRIGHT GATHERING

Young Jews from all over the world, in Israel on the Taglit-Birthright program, assembled last week at the International Conference Center in Jerusalem for a special rally. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told the group that his government would double its annual budget for the program, which brings about 30,000 young adults from the ages of 18 to 26 to Israel each year.

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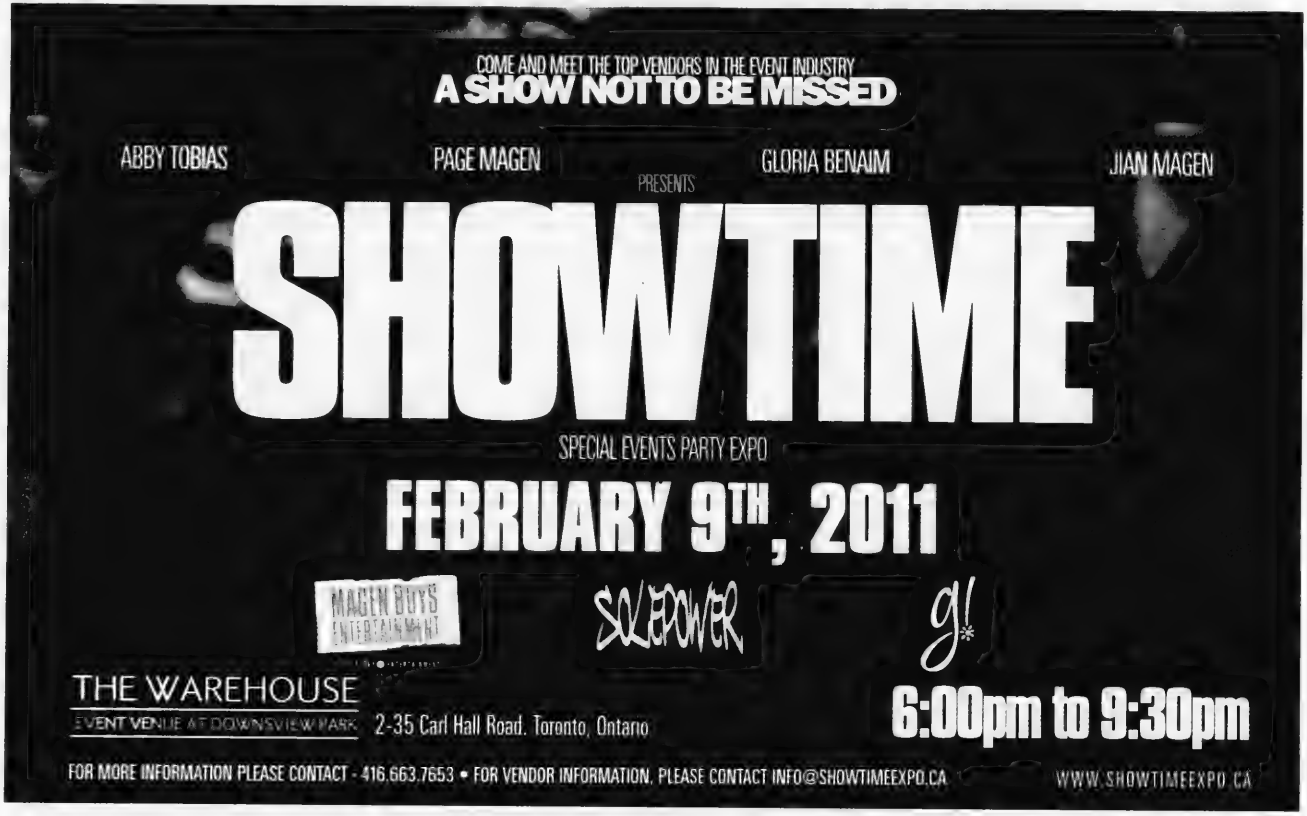

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This past October, MAGEN BOYS ENTERTAINMENT joined forces with SOLE POWER PRODUCTIONS and G EVENTS to create SHOWTIME. A Special Events and Party Expo. The idea, originally conceived by Jian Magen and Gloria Benaim, was to create a Trade Show unlike any of the others that have previously existed.

Once created, the SHOWTIME team planned, produced and executed a sold-out show that was truly unique. "We had the luxury of joining forces with these other teams and put many collective minds together to accomplish this task. We had over twenty staff working on this event, and I think it showed in the final outcome. We were very pleased. ...and there's more to come from us," says Page Magen (co-founder of MBE).

He is referring to SHOWTIME V2, the upcoming Trade Show at the WAREHOUSE on February 9, 2011. The second edition in what Abby Tobias (President of SOLE POWER PRODUCTIONS) calls "the second of many! We knew we were creating something special while we were doing it but to see the event run as it did, and to get the response that we have–that's when we really knew. We sat down the day after the show and began plans for what we think will be an even more spectacular evening on February 9th."

As I walked the SHOWTIME floor, it was apparent to me that this Trade Show was different from the norm. The room was designed to look like an actual party, filled with décor, lighting, video screens, and other things you would typically see at an event. Conceptually, the night included live interviews for various vendors that were broadcasted on monitors and projection units throughout the building. There were event hosts, chaperones and prizes for kids that included IPods and Justin Beiber concert tickets.

Gloria Benaim (G EVENTS) says: "We continue to try and push the envelope in terms of what we can offer the clients and industry personnel. But our main goal was two-fold. One, to fill the room with potential clients, thus keeping our vendors happy and two, to make sure we had a good mix of both new and existing vendors –the top service providers in our industry! We believe that in order for SHOWTIME to be successful, both the vendors and prospective clients need to be satisfied. If we can continue to accomplish that, SHOWTIME V2 at the Warehouse will be an even greater success."

The group promises to offer the same great event with even more unique elements and surprises that will satisfy all who witness it. "We have a few exciting tricks up our sleeve," says Jian Magen (co-founder of MBE). "We know what this game has been missing and creatively, we are here to give the people what they want. The next three SHOWTIME Expos are already in sight—it is like a chess game for us, and we're always thinking a few steps ahead. This show will be bigger and better than the last. We are excited to be at the WAREHOUSE, a great new venue. We are not only implementing our own ideas, but those of our clients and vendors as well. It's important to give the clients and vendors what they request. This show isn't about us, it's all about them!"

With a winning attitude like that, how could SHOWTIME V2 not be a success? I look forward to seeing you all there at the Warehouse (2-35 Carl Hall Rd at Downsview Park) on February 9th, 2011. For more information and updates, check out www.showtimeexpo.ca or call 416.663.7653.

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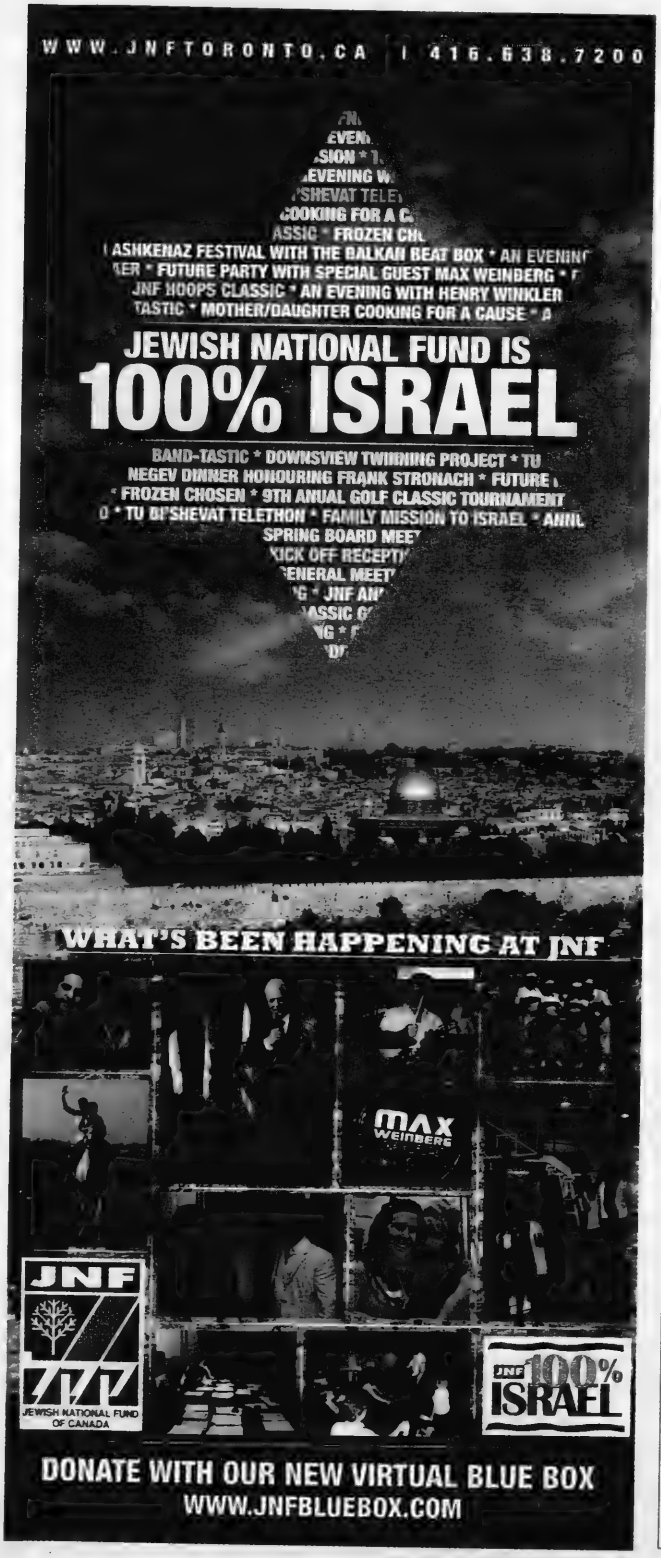
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Toronto man heads Reconstructionist group

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Toronto labour lawyer Michael Mitchell is, to the best of his knowledge, the first Canadian president of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation (JRF). His first official – and unquestionably memorable – duty was a trip to the White House last month for U.S. President Barack Obama's Chanukah party.

"From a Jewish perspective, it was very exciting and interesting to stand in the East Room of the White House with 400 or so Jewish people, and the president of the United States and his wife, and sing the brachot," Mitchell said.

"It was a pretty unique Jewish experience. The thing that impressed me was the extent to which it symbolized the inclusion of Jews in American society.

"I wouldn't say we should be special, but it felt very good to see how Jews were included... I'd want it for all communities. I wouldn't want the Jewish community to be the only one."

A Winnipeg native who received his law degree from the University of Toronto in 1977, Mitchell grew up in a modern Orthodox/Conservative synagogue environment (his family belonged to two shuls) and attended a modern Orthodox day school, as well as Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate through Grade 10.

In Toronto, Mitchell came to Reconstructionism – a movement founded in the last century by Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan – because it offered a place where he and his wife could both be comfortable, he said.

Toronto's Congregation Darchei Noam, where Mitchell sometimes leads services, is one of only three Reconstructionist congregations in Canada. The other two are in Ottawa and Montreal. The JRF represents more than 100 congregations and chavurot in North America.

A former president of Darchei Noam, Mitchell said it had "a strong traditional bent" that he was comfortable with, but it was also completely egalitarian, which appealed to his wife, Lynne.

Michael Mitchell
[Frances Kraft photo]

However, people are more familiar with Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Judaism, he noted. "In Canada in particular, people wonder if [Reconstructionism] is really Jewish, and really authentic – and of course it's very Jewish and very authentic."

A marketing initiative that is in the works to increase awareness is one of his top priorities in his new role.

He's also involved in talks about the possibility of merging the movement's institutions, including the JRF and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia, to create "a more cohesive and effective organization."

Mitchell said that Reconstructionism answers the "need for Judaism to change and keep modern, evolve and yet have very strong respect for tradition without being bound by it."

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The great betrayers

In the spring of 2002, Palestinian Authority spokesperson Saeb Erekat told world media that the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) had conducted a "massacre" in Jenin in which hundreds of Palestinians had been murdered. The alleged event occurred during a military operation to root out terrorists and their confederates after a seder night atrocity in a Netanya hotel in which 29 civilians were slaughtered.

It was quite inconvenient for Erekat, however, that even the United Nations contradicted him. There was no massacre, a special UN report concluded. There was, to be sure, very difficult, close range, hand-to-hand fighting in the clustered warren of houses in Jenin. But there was absolutely and categorically no massacre.

The UN report merely confirmed what most of the diplomatic and media world already knew about Erekat then and always: he travels very little with the truth.

Last week Erekat once again declaimed his prevaricating postures.

"We don't need negotiations anymore," he said when asked about the stalled peace talks with Israel. In place of negotiating with Israel, he put forward a three-point plan to foist upon Israel. Erekat's plan calls for:

- the leaders of the Quartet (the United States, Russia, the European Union and the UN) to make the decisions about the details of peace.
- the UN Security Council to pass a resolution seeking a freeze of Israeli construction on the West Bank "so we can continue the negotiations."
- a statement "from the nations... to accept the state of Palestine of '67."

It is clear that Erekat's and the PA's strategy is to ratchet up the level of international frustration with the peace process – that is, with Israel – by using any and every pretext to permanently stymie bilateral negotiations. The phony call for a settlement freeze, alas, still seems to have a great deal of traction. The PA is convinced, rightly so, that the mounting frustration will translate into diplomatic steps favouring the Palestinians.

Israeli government spokesperson Mark Regev asked the most compellingly obvious and appropriate question last week in an interview with BBC Radio. "How do you expect to make peace with Israel unless you're willing to talk to Israel?"

There will never be peace between Israel and the Palestinians without a mutually agreeable, *negotiated* treaty. And there will never be a negotiated agreement without, dare we say it, negotiations. By avoiding negotiations, Erekat and the PA leadership are yet again forestalling the possibility of peace.

This has been the constant betrayal of Palestinian history. And the Arafats, the Erekats, the Abbases and all those before them who have shunned negotiations with Israel have been the great betrayers of the Palestinian people.

25 years ago in *The CJN*

Israel had its best tourism year ever in 1985, with a record 1.43 million visitors, a 15 per cent increase over the previous year, tourism minister Avraham Sharir announced. He forecast a five to eight per cent rise for 1986 and predicted two million visitors within two to three years.

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The Peto thesis

In *The Victimhood of the Powerful: White Jews, Zionism and the Racism of Hegemonic Holocaust Education*, Jennifer Peto writes: "I propose that these claims to victimhood are no longer based in a reality of oppression, but continue to be propagated because a victimized Jewish identity can produce certain effects that are beneficial to the organized Jewish community"("U of T's standards questioned in approving thesis," Dec. 16).

Peto did not seem to get the answers she needed from her Jewish education: she got emotion and victimhood instead. She did not get facts. She did not absorb the history, the chronological development of the Holocaust and its geopolitical, economic, psychological, legal, and social context within the wider war. Rather than presenting the facts, the emotional approach is what some Jewish educators give to our history and what can be learned from it. For them, it is easier to teach fear and victimization, which can be used to keep students "in the fold."

Are our Jewish schools teaching what happened during the Holocaust, and how this history can be used to study the depths – and heights – that human beings can achieve during times of extreme trauma and stress? Between 1939 and 1945, 1-1/2 million Jews served in the Allied forces, among them, 16,883 Canadian Jews. Jews under German occupation resisted with every means available to them and maintained a level of dignity, humanity and spirituality of which we should all be proud. Victimhood distorts this story.

Are our Jewish schools teaching what historical, institutional antisemitism was like? How was it different from antisemitism today, how is it now expressed, and what place do Jews hold today in western society? Peto has a point: there is another way to teach our traumatic history and uneasy present than with the bludgeon of victimhood. The Shoah is not an excuse to view Jews as victims, and not an opportunity for us to lay blame and claim entitlement. Rather it is a way to study human potential, and must be transmitted as such. As Peto sees herself as the product of a "privileged" Jewish education, we have failed her. And she is not alone.

Esther Goldberg
London, England

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The number of days Hamas has held Gilad Schalit captive

Disagrees with columnist's views

Sheldon Kirshner's views are at odds with the other columnists in *The CJN* ("Peace is as elusive and distant as ever," Jan. 6). Gerald Steinberg explains how and why the Palestinian refugee "industry" is thriving, thanks to its anti-peace mythology, in "Freezing Palestinian myths" (Jan. 6). Paul Michaels reminds us that time and again, it's the Palestinians who have rejected the compromises necessary for peace in "Are Palestinians ready for a two-state solution?" (Jan. 6).

Kirshner, despite all the evidence, continues to blame Israel, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman in particular. Kirshner complains that Netanyahu never "seriously courted" Kadima party leader Tzipi Livni as a coalition partner, even though Netanyahu took weeks to establish his coalition for the very reason that he was trying to find a solution that would include the Kadima party. Kirshner could well ask himself why Netanyahu was able to reach an agreement with Defence Minister Ehud Barak's Labor party, which is to the left of Kadima, but not with Livni and her supposedly centrist party.

Kirshner also tells us that Washington concluded it "was not worth the trouble" to give Israel a written summary of the package of "extremely generous U.S. incentives in return for prolonging the [settlement] freeze." Yet Israel did not turn down the package. Netanyahu simply asked for it to be confirmed in writing, which the United States suddenly found itself unable to do. Kirshner completely misunderstands what is happening in the Middle East.

Stephen Tannenbaum
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CJN's new look

I just opened up my *CJN* and was surprised to see the new and most definitely improved appearance, which was nice. I love the larger font, which eases the burden on a middle-aged woman's eyes. The clean, crisp appearance is delightful. Nice touch.

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It's no longer just about the master's thesis

A few months ago, Jennifer Peto, a graduate student at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto wrote a rather sloppy master's thesis. Two professors looked it over and signed off, considering it satisfactory.

While this is not a routine practice amidst the typically high standards at the University of Toronto, there is nothing extraordinary in the entire event. Both good and bad master's theses are written and defended every day. Their authors are lucky if they can get their roommates to read them.

Most definitely, master theses do not make the news, do not bother politicians and do not reach the general public.

By Anna Sternshis

Why is the case of Jennifer Peto different? Why does her thesis provoke a heated public discussion about university academic standards? Why might her work come up as the first hit on Google search "Master's Thesis University of Toronto"? Why does it get discussed by Canadian legislators and covered in the mainstream Canadian media? Why does she become famous overnight?

The answer is simple. She writes that white Ashkenazi Jews are racists and manipulators who pretend to be victims by exploiting the memory of the Holocaust through a system of school education and public outreach.

Jewish community organizations are outraged. They send fiery press releases to media outlets. Community leaders and the Jewish public are angry at the university. The defence of the thesis signifies to them that the university agrees with the assertions of the student. They want the student, her supervisor and the supervisors of the supervisor to be punished.

Within the university, many public and private inquiries are made. Faculty members are talking about the thesis, the governing bodies conduct internal investigations and questions are raised about academic standards. However, both the faculty members and the administration of the university know that the media outrage is not about the academic quality of the work, which the public cannot judge. Thus, it becomes an issue of opinion.

Free expression of opinions is a guarded and much fought for academic freedom. For this reason, the university administrators need to defend the student. They have no choice, because next, the community will be allowed to protest and win any questionable argument made in any dissertation in the fields of humanities and social sciences. That's why Prof. Cheryl Misak, a celebrated scholar herself and the provost of the University of Toronto, has to go on record protecting the sloppy work of a random graduate student.

The mainstream press is delighted to cover the story, but not because journalists or the public are interested in the latest achievements in the field of Holocaust education. Rather, the situation makes the news because the thesis argues for the existence of a Jewish conspiracy designed to manipulate an unsuspecting public.

The outrage of Jewish organizations and lobbyists only seems to confirm the theory. The journalists are curious. Maybe there is more to the story than a bad master's thesis? Maybe the outrage suggests that the student is on to something? Maybe, indeed, Jews are angry because they are exposed? Though no one wants to admit it, the idea of Jews hiding something is tantalizing and it helps to sell newspapers.

This situation – the argument and the reaction of community leaders and the public, Jewish and non-Jewish alike – is not unique. In the early 20th century, when the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* was first published in St. Petersburg, Russia, in 1903 and then in Detroit in 1920, it provoked a similar reaction. Presented as a transcript of a secret meeting, the *Protocols* outlined a Jewish master plan of conquering the world, which included manipulating the global economy, educational system and civil rights movement. The authors warned the readers that Jews masked their power by attracting attention to their victimhood. The *Protocols* alleged that Jews organized anti-Jewish pogroms in order to gain sympathy. Jewish and non-Jewish intellectuals alike spoke out against the ridiculously improbable assumptions of the document; historians asserted that it was a work of fiction; Jewish organizations worldwide were outraged. The polemic lasted for years and the press covered the debate because the public was curious.

While Peto's thesis is certainly no *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, the reaction that it provokes from the press and the public is similar. Perhaps a history lesson is in order.

Should the people who are outraged with the thesis understand that their attention to Peto's work actually validates and dignifies it? The wisdom that every kindergartener is taught – "ignoring the offender is the best response to verbal abuse" – would certainly be a better reaction than the current scandal. But quite the opposite is taking place. The journalists, led by the community leaders, create unprecedented publicity for Peto, thus granting her a place, however extreme, in the current spectrum of opinions about the role that Jews play in modern society.

Validating such an extreme opinion is dangerous. It creates the wrong spectrum and, most importantly, the wrong middle ground, the golden mean, toward which most human beings tend to gravitate. The most contemporary illustration of this danger is the political climate in modern Russia. After the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, post-Soviet public opinion began to reject most postulates previously associated with Soviet ideology, including the value of interethnic tolerance, known to Soviet citizens as "the friendship of peoples." The newly organized ultra-nationalist political parties advocated slightly theoretical, almost academic ideas advocating that Russia belonging solely to Russians.

Home to over 100 ethnic and religious groups, the post-Soviet space soon became a forum of vitriolic debates on the meaning of "true Russian identity." The discussion occupied a central place in Russian politics in the 2000s, when millions of impoverished residents from many former Soviet republics arrived in Russian cities in search of income. Construction workers, street cleaners, nannies and taxi drivers from Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Moldova and Azerbaijan filled the niche of the fast-growing oil-driven economy of the Russian megalopolises, especially Moscow and St. Petersburg.

This is when the Russian ultra-nationalist parties took their ideas to a new level. Their leaders began to call for violence against migrant workers. They argued that the ethnic diasporas of guest workers were taking advantage of native Russians by stealing their jobs, colonizing their cities and even destroying their culture (this is despite the fact that almost all migrants were from former Soviet republics and spoke Russian fluently).

Similarly to the authors of the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, the nationalist parties claimed that the migrants, or as they are called in Russian "guest workers," belonged to tightly knit webs of ethnic diasporas that conspired to enslave Russians. Despite the absurdity of these assertions, such views became a valid, albeit extreme part of the Russian political spectrum. As a result, a striking 85,000 Russian citizens openly declared membership in neo-Nazi parties in Russia in 2008, according to Amnesty International. It's not surprising that more than 1,000 migrant workers were attacked, injured or killed as a result of racial crimes between 2003 and 2009.

On the other end of the Russian political spectrum are the political movements that advocate equal rights for migrants and Russian citizens, call for the elimination of racial profiling and for promotion of multiculturalism and tolerance. The number of supporters of these parties is growing, but it is nowhere near the ranks of neo-Nazis, to say nothing of the less radical but still nationalist Russian parties.

What does it mean for the "golden middle" of the political spectrum? In 2008, the Moscow branch of the Human Rights Bureau reported that over 50 per cent of Russians shared a degree of xenophobia and other racist expressions. In other words, contemporary Russians are negotiating between the views of skinheads and supporters of multiculturalism, leaning toward a middle ground where some tolerance is accepted, but only at the price of a significant degree of racism.

Conspiracies, no matter how ridiculous, captivate human minds everywhere. Peto's thesis is certainly not strong enough to change public opinion in Canada as the nationalist parties did in Russia. It is not even strong enough to start a juicy conspiracy. However, the debate that it has provoked is a warning sign of the potential popularity of anti-semitic and other racist political platforms. This is a real cause for alarm.

The community should analyze this danger and work out the strategies for dealing with it, rather than obsess about the weak academic opus that would have been better off had it never left the ivory tower of academia.

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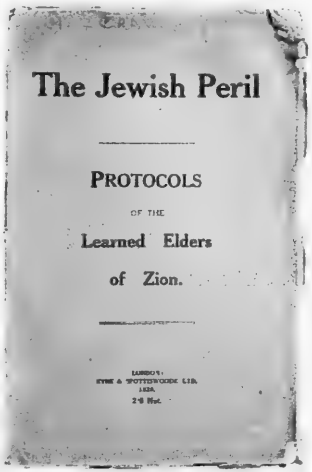

The author cites *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* as having provided a warning sign of the potential popularity of antisemetic and other racist political platforms.

A promising new initiative

In the weekly Torah cycle, we have begun to read the Book of Shmot, which contains the foundational story of the Jewish People, the Exodus and the receiving of Torah at Sinai. It also slyly indicates an important truth: you can't do it alone.

Who are the persons vital to the survival of Moses and the continued existence of the Israelites in Egypt? Pharaoh's daughter and the midwives Shifrah and Puah. The midwives, according to some midrashim were non-Israelites, but rather righteous Egyptians and not Hebrews. As midwives to the Hebrew women, they saved the male children. Further, who saved Moses on the road back to Egypt? His non-Israelite wife, Zipporah.

Later, who counsels Moses as he grapples with judging Israelite matters? Yitro, his father-in-law, a non-Israelite, one after whom a parshah is actually named!

So what's the *kesher*, the connection?

It's this: you cannot survive alone. You need others, some of whom may be surprising saviours in time of desperate need. Without Pharaoh's daughter, Moses would have died in the Nile. Without the midwives, male Israelites would have met a similar fate. Without Zipporah, Moses might have been struck down.

We have been so afraid of losing our Jewish selves in the easily accessible Canadian culture of the 21st century that we have ignored the weakening of amity within our own community. We face many threats to Jewish continuance, none more serious than the widening gaps between groups within the Jewish People.

Lesson learned: if we don't hang together, we will all hang separately.

Modern Orthodox Jews fear that their ability to live a halachic life at the same time as a life integrated into Canadian wider society will look too "modern" for the right-wing of Orthodox Judaism. Conservative Jews feel looked down on by the Orthodox. Reform, now the regnant denomination in the United States, sniff at both.

Jean M. Gerber in Vancouver

Hence the need for an approach that will bring the best of all to a common room, where together we can exchange ideas, study text and debate issues that divide.

Therefore, it is with guarded optimism that I welcome the announcement of the Canadian Yeshiva and Rabbinical School headed by Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum, to open in 2012. To hear that Rabbi Daniel Sperber has agreed to be its chancellor is even better news.

Rabbi Sperber – recipient of the 1992 Israel Prize in recognition of his immense knowledge of Halachah and his unique approach to the study of Judaism (dare I say in an historical context?) – should be a beacon to other Orthodox scholars to let wider trends inform their scholarship. That Rabbi Sperber has been criticized by his peers for participating in this Canadian initiative illustrates my point.

This yeshiva can be the example for others to follow.

There are many issues that probably will not appear immediately on its agenda: the ordination of women (half the Jewish population, remember), or of gays and lesbians. Reform and Conservative denominations have recently grappled with the issues of women, gays and lesbians wanting into the rabbinic fold. Their decisions have caused dissension and resulted in congregations and rabbis breaking away.

Rabbi Tanenbaum's own former synagogue, Beth Tzedec Congregation of Toronto, withdrew from the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism over some of these issues.

Orthodox Judaism has yet to enter the debate.

However, that both Orthodox and Conservative scholars will teach at this new institution is a significant start. No doubt the Orthodox community will not be united in its praise, and Conservative scholars who participate may come with

Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum

definite ideas regarding those issues I cited above.

All beginnings are hard. If this yeshiva can be open to all currents of thought in every denomination, it could, as Rabbi Sperber is quoted as saying, " have enormous benefits [including] much wider implications, because it may form a model that can be replicated elsewhere."

Yes, we need each other. As the events of Shmot are there to teach us, we need each other in order to survive and flourish as a living religion. A yeshiva where all voices are heard for the greater good of Judaism must work if we are not all to hang separately.

A light unto the nations?

How can we be a light unto the nations if we are racist?

How can we claim to be "chosen" to bring the word of HaShem into this world if we distance ourselves from the people of this world?

How can we show them the goodly and Godly ways of the Torah if we refuse to interact with them?

The recent rabbinic ruling from Safed, Israel, banning the rental or sale of property to non-Jews provokes interfaith repugnance, raising tension and stifling respect. Will the edict lead to worsening conditions, or will it protect Israeli Jews?

Admittedly, my questions pose the issue as an extreme choice, but perhaps we should explore the edges to understand the implications of this position.

There are many facets to the current debate inside and outside Israel. Friends tell me that to trust outsiders is to be naive, and that renting to potential enemies is foolhardy. They see the rabbinic ban as logical, even rational in a world of terrorists. Historical injustices of the past point clearly to our need for caution and concern. Our past is filled with neighbours turning on us – one day friendly, the next murderous. We know of treachery and mistrust from Ashkenaz, Sepharad and the Middle East. "Their" track record calls for "our" prudence.

Others concur with the ban simply citing Jewish law. But that law is complex and not so clear. We are bound to safeguard our communities and homes, but it's not evident that this law is applicable here, nor that it should be implemented worldwide. Different Jewish communities require specific halachic approaches. That has always been our unique survival mechanism. We cannot accept one catholic view of the law.

Notably, we are proud of our heritage, but it was not one of isolation. The challenge before us is to know when to focus inward and when to open outward.

Our nation has thrived on openness to non-Jews. We shared and learned together. Our history is not a vale of tears, though sometimes there were hurricanes. We can boast a productive past in which we sometimes experienced a succession of good relationships with our neighbours.

Recently, I read a beautiful essay by a Cuban American Shabbos goy. Joe Velarde writes movingly of friendship, loyalty, honour and respect. We can almost taste the goodies he was fed as he performed those acts forbidden to Jews on Shabbat. In the process, he developed close relationships with his neighbours. They set a place for him at their Shabbos tables during World War II, praying for his safe return. From them he "discovered obedience without subservience... the worth of a strong work ethic... love of learning." If you don't rent to his family, they won't be your Shabbos goy, and they can't learn these Torah values from you.

Norma Baumel Joseph in Montreal

Now a Canadian "goy" story of friendship and interfaith understanding: a young Jewish woman had two non-Jewish best friends. After her father died, they wondered how to help her through her grieving, how to bring her real comfort. They knew that she always went to synagogue on the High Holidays with her dad. The first year without him would not only be difficult, it would be impossible. With whom would she go? So they pledged to go with her – two non-Jewish girls helping one Jew celebrate in the way her father would want, and in the way she wanted and would find comfort. They still attend services with her every year.

Perhaps there is a difference between Israel and the rest of the Jewish world. Perhaps our Israeli family requires a different model of insider-outsider relationships. Perhaps. I can't judge. In fact, I would not be the judge of a universal Jewish ethic. We need to be cautious. Antisemitism is alive and well, and it exists all on its own, no matter what we do. But surely we should be careful of our own acts toward others.

We were strangers in a strange land. We should be circumspect in how we treat others. Remember what it feels like to be shunned.

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Iran will not 'retreat an inch'

Later this month, in Istanbul, the United States and five other world powers – Russia, China, Britain, Germany and France – will resume discussions on Iran's disputed nuclear program, one of the thorniest unsettled problems in international politics today. As in the past, the six nations will ask Iran to suspend its uranium enrichment activities, in line with five previous United Nations Security Council resolutions.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

But Iran, which recently announced that its stockpile of uranium has almost doubled in the past 12 months, will surely reject this demand. In the waning days of 2010, Iran's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, declared that Iran will not "retreat an inch" from pursuing nuclear technology.

Iran's obduracy is hardly new.

More than a year ago, in Geneva, the six powers and Iran reached a tentative agreement under which Iran would send much of its enriched uranium to Russia and France for conversion into non-fissile material for medical research. But amid political bickering within the Iranian government, the deal fell apart, giving Iran a free hand to return to the status quo ante.

U.S. President Barack Obama

Iran proceeded to refine roughly 7,000 pounds of lightly enriched uranium, twice the amount it possessed before the October 2009 accord collapsed.

The following May, in an obvious bid to derail a fourth round of UN economic sanctions, Iran negotiated an agreement with Turkey and Brazil that was remarkably similar to the one Iran's leaders had already spurned. To no one's surprise, the United States and its partners rejected the deal, saying Iran had bolstered its quantity of enriched uranium in the interval.

Last month, the six powers and Iran rehashed the issue in Geneva yet again, but the talks were difficult and the impasse was not broken.

The outcome was preordained. Ahmadinejad, having insisted that Israel's undeclared nuclear arsenal should be addressed as well, asserted that Iran's "nuclear rights" were not negotiable.

Ali Akbar Velayati, Iran's former foreign minister and current adviser to Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, went further. In a definitive statement of Iran's policy, Velayati said the six powers "must be dreaming" if they think they can force Iran to give up its nuclear program.

Iran, which has hegemonic ambitions in the Middle East and has repeatedly called for Israel's annihilation, claims its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes only. But Iran's claim has always been implausible, given its imperial regional goals, its visceral hostility to Israel and its vast oil and natural gas reserves.

Since the defection of Iranian diplomat Mohammed Reza Heydari last winter, Iran's claim has been blown to pieces. Heydari, who was stationed in Oslo, Norway, has disclosed that Iran, with North Korea's help, is working toward developing an atomic bomb. Israel, the United States and the European Union most definitely concur with Heydari's assessment.

If Iran succeeds in building a nuclear arsenal, its power and prestige will soar, to the detriment of Israel, the United States and Sunni Muslim Arab countries, whose rivalry with Iran is well-known.

According to U.S. diplomatic cables released by WikiLeaks, Sunni Arab states have urged the United States to destroy Iran's nuclear infrastructure. Indeed, King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia has implored the Obama administration to "cut off the head of the snake," while Qatar has supposedly agreed to allow the U.S. air force to use a base on its soil to bomb Iran.

Like these conservative Arab regimes and Israel, the United States opposes a nuclear-armed Iran. As U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said last year, "The United States is determined to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons."

Washington, however, appears to have ruled out military means to destroy or cripple Iran's nuclear program. Militarily stretched in Iraq and Afghanistan, the United States would not likely commit itself to a third front in Iran.

Although Obama administration officials have continually said that all options are open, the United States prefers a diplomatic resolution. As President Barack Obama has said, diplomacy is the "ideal way" to solve this problem.

Obama's secretary of defence, Robert Gates, has been just as emphatic. A military strike, he said while on a visit to Israel, would be counter-productive. "It will bring together a divided nation [and] make them absolutely committed to obtaining nuclear weapons," he argued.

Admiral Mike Mullen, the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, agrees. A U.S. or Israeli strike on Iran would be "profoundly destabilizing" and could have serious "unintended consequences," he asserted.

Washington's overall attitude was probably best summed up by Undersecretary of Defence Michele Flournoy: "Military force is an option of last resort."

Not even Obama's hawkish predecessor, George W. Bush, seriously contemplated military force, as he writes in his newly published memoirs, *Decision Points.*

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

Although his vice-president, Dick Cheney, was an advocate of military force, Bush preferred to exercise restraint.

Nor did Bush budge when Israel's then prime minister, Ehud Olmert, expressed disappointment with American policy.

In the face of veiled threats from Israel and the United States, Iran has been outwardly fearless. Ahmadinejad has said that neither the United States nor Israel are capable of attacking its nuclear sites, while Khamenei has sounded similar sentiments.

Their rhetoric aside, Iranian leaders, have threatened dire consequences – a war with "no limits," Ahmadinejad said – should Israel or the United States act militarily.

Having concluded that a strike on Iran would ill serve its interests, the United States has supported four rounds of UN sanctions against Iran and unveiled its own regimen of sanctions.

According to Ahmadinejad, sanctions have not affected Iran. The United States counters that sanctions have scared off foreign investors.

Despite all the sanctions, U.S. companies still trade with Iran to the tune of billions of dollars.

To deter Iran, the United States has also upgraded the air and land defences of Arab states through massive arms sales and resorted to sabotaging Iran's nuclear program. The Stuxnet computer virus that struck Iran's centrifuges recently was apparently planted by the United States, if not Israel.

Obama, who began his presidency by offering Tehran a "new beginning," has come to the bitter realization that his conciliatory policy to engage Iran has not borne fruit. Iran is determined to build a nuclear arsenal and has responded to Obama's overture with, as he ruefully admitted, a "clenched fist."

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Nothing beats a Matzoball on Christmas Eve

By LAURA STRICKER
Staff Reporter

Instead of what for many Jews is the typical Christmas Eve fare of Chinese food, Dec. 24 was all about matzah and falafel.

Or at least that was the case for the more than 1,000 attendees who came out to the 22nd annual Matzoball and, for the 30-plus crowd, the Falafel Ball.

Held for the third year in a row at Six Degrees in the Yonge Street and Eglinton Avenue area, Matzoball is a great way to meet other Jewish people on a night where there typically isn't much to do, said Jian Magen, the Canadian owner of the Matzoball franchise.

"It really started as a way just to have a good time and really turned into a universal or global evening of coming together for the tribe," he said.

"I've heard over the years countless stories of people saying they met at the Matzoball... and that's kind of what it's all about.

"I would probably say hundreds," Magen added, when asked how many matches have been made as a result of the Matzoball.

Held for the first time just up the street from the Matzoball, at Alleycatz, was the Falafel Ball.

When asked about the inspiration behind the event, Magen said it came from personal experience.

"As I mature in age and grow up a bit, I recognize that not everyone wants to be in the same room anymore. There is a slew of 19-to-30-year- olds that come to the party, as well as 30-to 50-year-olds... But there are also the [ones] that want something a little more low key.

"We built the Falafel Ball as an opportunity for people to go down the street from the Matzoball for a [crowd] that's strictly 30-plus.

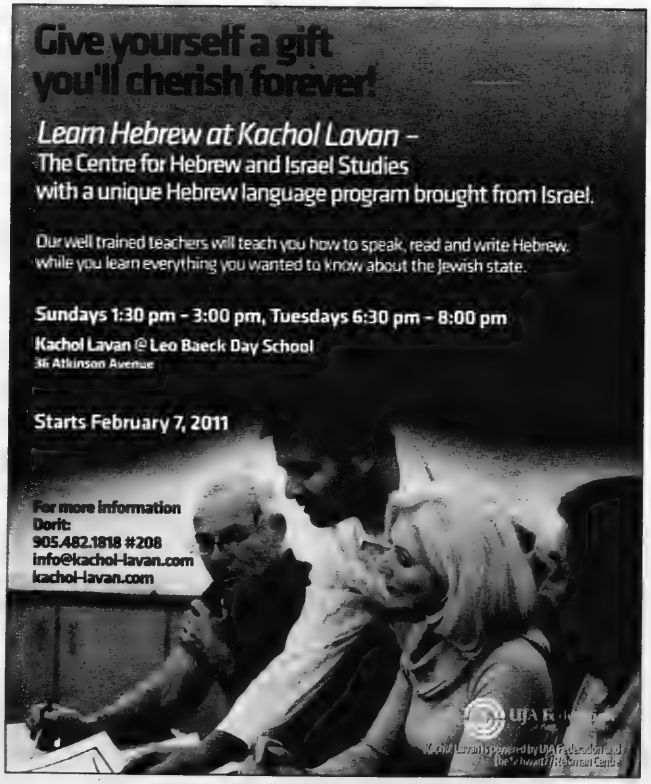
"It's the best of both worlds. People in their 30s have a hard time remembering what it was like when they were in their 20s and would go to a few bars in a night. Here's [their] chance to go from bar to bar and know that [they're] in the comfort of a great environment."

The great environment is exactly why 23-year-old Shaun Bernstein attends. This was his second time attending the Matzoball, he said, and he came out with a few friends to meet new people.

"It's an interesting crowd, to say the least," he said dryly. "[Besides], what else is there to do on Christmas Eve?"

"We're the biggest party every year," Magen said. "It's become a tradition."

This year's event drew over 1,000 people. *[Dara Skolnick photos]*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Teen writes book for his bar mitzvah

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Max Librach, 13, had a unique gift for the guests at his recent bar mitzvah.

He presented them with a book, *18 Mitzvot: 18 Steps to becoming a Bar Mitzvah*, which he wrote and illustrated himself.

MITTEN MITZVAH: The children of Gan Netivot, together with the grade 1 and 2 classes at Netivot HaTorah Day School, collected mittens for Jewish Family & Child's "Clothing Cupboard." Pictured, from left, are preschoolers Lia, Aaron, Kayla, Elisha and Adina. *[Rebecca Ansel photo]*

A Grade 8 student at Robbins Hebrew Academy, Max, son of Clifford and Judy, came up with the idea because he wanted to create a testament to his bar mitzvah.

"I wanted to show in writing how important my bar mitzvah was to me, and I decided to concentrate on 18 of the mitzvot that are part of my life.

"I hope that my book will encourage others to perform mitzvot in everyday life, not because they have to, but because they want to."

The 52-page book is divided into 18 chapters, one for each mitzvah, and each chapter was illustrated in pastels by Max.

In the first chapter, Believing in God, he said that the first time he knew he believed in God was when he had a concussion and "my parents told me if I believe, I will get better. God helped me when I needed healing physically and emotionally," he said.

The mitzvah of reciting the *Shema* also became very real to him, he said, when he was having an MRI connected to his concussion. "It wasn't so much scary as it was impossibly boring. Then, it came to me like a bolt of lightning – *Shema*. I recited all I knew by heart over and over again until I had no need to worry: I had God on my side, protecting me all the way."

He's fulfilling the mitzvah of charity, he said, by selling his book and donating all the proceeds to UJA Federation of Greater Toronto."

Max Librach

He said that Beth Tzedec Congregation, his family's shul, has expressed interest in using his book as part of its bar/bat mitzvah program.

Preparing for his bar mitzvah and writing the book has changed him as a person, he said. "It has deepened my connection to Judaism, and helped me confirm that a bar mitzvah is much, much more than a party and gifts."

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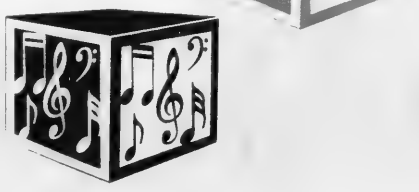

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Abuelaish calls for end of blame game in conflict

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Abuelaish's daughters – Besan, 20, Mayar, 15 and Aya, 14 – and his niece, Nour, 14, were killed on Jan. 16, 2009, after two Israeli tank shells crashed into his house in Gaza.

According to Israel's statute of limitations, his case against Israel will effectively expire this week, on Jan. 16.

As a result, Abuelaish, who lives here with his five surviving children, aged eight to 21, decided to sue the Israeli government.

His lawyer, Michael Sfrad, filed the lawsuit on Dec. 26 at a district court in Jerusalem. He told *Ynetnews* that the ministry's decision is disgraceful and reflects badly on Israel.

He added, "I am not just angry as Dr. Abuelaish's lawyer. I am ashamed as an Israeli."

In an interview, Abuelaish, an intense and passionate person, was calm and spoke in measured tones.

"I don't know why Israel rejected my claim," said Abuelaish, whose recently published book, *I Shall Not Hate*, is about his life and daughters' deaths. "A human life is not subject to a statute of limitations. But I'm confident Israel will change its mind. Nothing is impossible."

Claiming to be neither angry nor bitter, he said he will continue to be patient and positive.

"I'm more determined than ever to work for peace," said Abuelaish, who completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Israel's Soroka Hospital and who has established a foundation to promote health and education among Middle Eastern women. "This cause is holy and noble, and it will never be spoiled by bad things."

In filing a lawsuit, Abuelaish did not ask for a specific amount, saying he would let Israel's legal system determine what would be acceptable in terms of compensation.

If the court rules in his favour, the funds he receives will be channelled into his foundation, said Abuelaish, who plans to visit Israel in the spring to consult with supporters and proceed with his case.

He said the Palestinian Authority was never involved in his decision to sue the Israeli government. "I didn't want to politicize this issue," he explained.

Still a fervent believer in reconciliation and coexistence between Israelis and Palestinians, Abuelaish expressed confidence that a two-state solution is still possible.

He urged Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to take risks for peace and move forward in negotiations with the Palestinian Authority so that the "safety, dignity and security" of both Israelis and Palestinians can be assured.

He said Israel and the Palestinians should stop playing the blame game. "Let's get rid of this vicious and endless cycle of who's right or wrong and move forward in a positive way. That's what we need to do.

"Israelis and Palestinians are in the same boat. Can they understand that? They have one enemy: ignorance and denial of each other's rights."

Non-violence remains a viable option for both sides, he said. "Words are stronger than bullets, and weapons alone cannot guarantee the security of a country."

Judging by some items in his office, Abuelaish lives by this creed. A plaque on his bookshelf reads: "Life is good. Be kind. Be true. Seek peace. Keep the faith. Be a friend."

Jews in Toronto have rallied to his cause. Dr. Barbara Landau and her husband, Sy, sent an e-mail to *The CJN* that, in part, reads, "My hope is that the Jewish community in Canada will support a healing gesture on [his] behalf. I am a friend of Izzeldin and know how much he longs for a peaceful resolution, both of his own situation and to the broader Middle East crisis."

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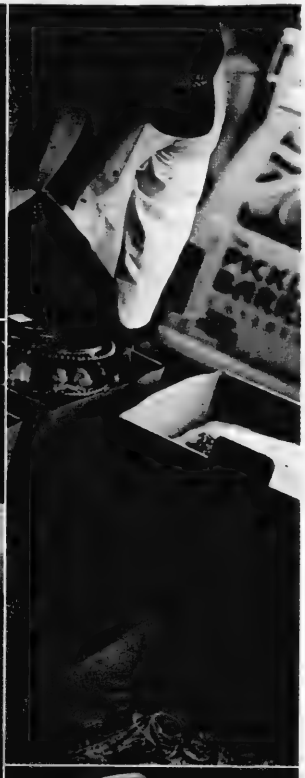

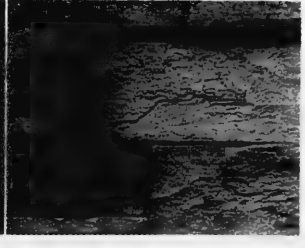

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Do you hear God?

BY RABBI MEIR ROSENBERG

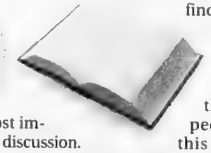
Contrary to popular belief, the revelation at Mount Sinai, is not the last time that God addressed the Jewish people. My teacher, Rabbi Berel Wein, used to quip that God spoke to him from the front page of the newspaper every day. How do you hear God?

Some time after our experience at Mount Sinai, the Jewish People built an earthly abode for God. It was called the Mishkan, or Tabernacle. At the entrance to the Tabernacle, God would speak to Moses and instruct him regarding various commandments

"It shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tent of the Lord, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there" (Exodus 29:42). Rashi, in commenting on this verse, informs us that there was a difference of opinion between our Sages as to where Moshe heard it from. Some maintain that the voice of God was heard from the copper altar, as the verse would indicate, while others maintain the voice was heard from between the Cherubim, as indicated in a later verse.

This discussion, while of great interest, is nevertheless secondary to the fact that Moses did hear the voice of God when he entered the Mishkan, at the time that God saw fit to speak to him. But it's of especially great significance to note how Moses hear that voice. Rashi tells us that Moses "hears the voice in and of himself." The voice was there to be heard, but it required a Moses to hear it. Others could not hear it, although it was a powerful voice that filled the Mishkan.

Rabbinic Reflections



I believe this is the most important point of the entire discussion. Many people ask today, "Why don't we hear the voice of God just like Moses and the other prophets? Why doesn't God give us a message just like he did to the great personalities of the Chumash? If there was any time when we needed to hear a message from God to guide us, it's now!"

But we sometimes forget that in order to hear the voice of God, one must be properly attuned to it, as was Moses. It's like watching TV or listening to the radio. All sorts of static, noise and voices can be heard on all the channels and stations. To hear the program we're interested in, we must tune in to the right channel. To distinguish good from bad requires training and education. Not all TV is good TV. All sorts of programs can be received from the airwaves, but it requires a certain depth of spirit and wisdom to find the right channel.

The same is true with the voice of God. HaShem speaks to us every day. In every era, there there have been people who have heard this voice – it simply requires a background of faith, religious application and, yes, much Torah study.

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Wikileaks and Jewish law

If nothing else, Julian Assange of Wikileaks has confirmed the talmudic adage that our world is a world of falsehood. Our leaders have routinely been saying one thing in private and something very different in public. While Jewish law recognizes that in rare circumstances – such as the preservation of peace – one may indeed speak a mistruth, the released Wikileaks documents sadly highlight a culture of lying, one that tragically thwarts all efforts at peace.

Imagine if the numerous Arab states would actually admit publicly for the record their fear of the Iranian nuclear program and the need for concrete action to remove that threat. Imagine if they would work together with Israel to remove the greatest threat to the region and world peace. Alas, I have no doubt that if Israel was to singlehandedly remove the Iranian threat, these same Arab states would be the first to condemn Israel.

Yet confirming the wisdom of our sages doesn't justify the release of confidential information. Jewish law begins with the premise that all information to which one is privy is deemed to be of a confidential nature. That premise can be negated only when it's clear that information is meant for public consumption, such as having the information conveyed publicly.

Nonetheless, confidential information may – nay, must – be released in order to prevent harm, such as informing someone of serious character flaws in a prospective business partner, and when one is assured of the accuracy of the information. Even so, the information may only be told to those who have a need to know.

Money Matters

By Rabbi Jay Kelman CA

There are few, if any, cases where one has the option of releasing confidential information. Either it's forbidden to do so, or it's obligatory.

Even when it would otherwise be permissible (obligatory) to release information, there is a further condition that must be met – namely, one must be motivated solely for the purpose of preventing harm. One may not do so to settle personal scores or for riches. Even though, objectively speaking, one's motivation should be irrelevant – either the information needs to be revealed or it does not – Judaism is more concerned with the character of the informant than the nature of the information. Thus, even if one could actually believe an accused who is offered a plea bargain, his revealing words are tainted by the reduced sentence he stands to gain by snitching.

Leaving aside issues of motivation the initial question regarding Wikileaks is whether releasing the information is beneficial or harmful. Answering this question as an either or proposition is extremely complicated and all but impossible. The fallout, both good and bad, could go on for years. As there is no need for a yes or no answer, we can surmise that the answer is that the information fits both categories.

Releasing streams of information with little or no regard for its implications, including potential danger to the lives of many, is worse than irresponsible and clearly forbidden. At the same time, there are potential benefits to the release of at least selected information that may bring much needed transparency to the political realm. However, in the "false world" that we inhabit, it will take much pressure upon our political leaders to enable these benefits to be actualized.

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Lockshin on Kugel on the religious impulse

Ten years ago, Prof. James Kugel, a deeply religious Jew and world-renowned scholar of Jewish studies, was told by his doctors that he had only two years to live, perhaps four with aggressive chemotherapy. His reaction was to do research and write a book about why human beings need religion.

In university circles, Kugel is best known for his cutting-edge scholarship on the Bible and early biblical interpretation. Much of his academic writing is characterized by deep literary insights into texts. (In fact, his earliest academic training was in comparative literature.) Two of his 11 published books have also received much attention in Jewish religious circles – one positively and one less so.

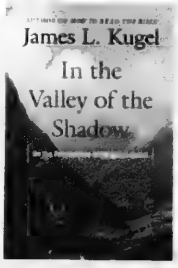
Twenty years ago, Kugel published *On Being a Jew*, a thoughtful apologia for living a life of Jewish religious observance, written in the form of a dialogue between a skeptical Jewish college student and his older observant relative. Many religious Jews and some "seekers" deeply appreciated the book.

Views & Reviews

By Martin Lockshin

Three years ago, Kugel published a book that (as he has repeatedly emphasized) was not directed to a religious Jewish audience, and not even specifically to Jews: *How to Read the Bible*. In the book, Kugel takes seriously the claims of biblical criticism – including the claim that the Torah was not a unitary composition authored by Moses – and does not dismiss them the way most Orthodox Jews do.

Despite the fact that Kugel was known to be an observant Jew, he suddenly found himself at the centre of a controversy. The hullabaloo about Kugel's beliefs became very public in 2009, when he spoke (on a different, non-controversial topic) at Yeshiva University, at the invitation of a student group. A number of rabbis and professors at this centrist Orthodox flagship institution spoke out strongly against having him speak on campus when, allegedly, he was known to espouse heretical beliefs.



In a few weeks, Kugel's book that was sparked by his cancer diagnosis, *In the Valley of the Shadow* (Free Press, 2011), is appearing in print. Thank God he is alive and well, and vigorously productive today, even if his doctors aren't quite sure why. Facing his own mortality, Kugel has marshalled poetry, history, the Bible, religious works from many traditions and an impressive knowledge of modern science, in an attempt to explain the origins of the human religious impulse.

Kugel rejects the silly assumption of many moderns that we have a more advanced understanding of what it means to be a human being than did our ancestors two or three thousand years ago. True, our knowledge of science has advanced greatly. But has our knowledge of ourselves also improved?

According to Kugel, one of the most significant ways that human self-understanding has changed in modern times (and not for the better) is that we (especially in western countries) tend to see ourselves and our own place in the world as being much "larger" or more significant than did the pre-moderns, who saw the world as very large but saw themselves as only very small players in it.

Kugel argues that one result of this perception is that death was easier for pre-modern people to face than it is for us today. People who do not recognize and think about their own smallness find the prospect of their own demise – or the demise of a loved one, since it reminds us so forcefully that we too shall not escape death – very frightening.

Many moderns, Kugel suggests, also tend to distort the meaning of a religious activity like prayer by seeing it as inwardly directed – as a form of introspection or meditation – and not as directed to forces beyond us. This, too, is a result of our tendency to see ourselves as large and significant and of our failure to approach the world with the humility of our ancestors.

Kugel claims that the outwardly directed religious impulse in human beings is natural; it shows up in virtually every culture in virtually every age. He ridicules those critics of religion who argue that religious feelings are simply a result of a lack of understanding of how the world really works. The corollary of this claim is often that, since we now understand the world so much better than our ancestors did, we have no more need for religion.

Prof. James L. Kugel

As he writes: "It's the equivalent of saying that once evolutionary biologists have fully explained the forces responsible for the particular characteristics of human courtship behaviour, and once neuroscientists can tell us exactly how our brains have been shaped to create the various neural interactions that foster attraction between males and females of reproductive age, then we can at last stop falling in love and reconfigure the business of mate selection on purely scientific grounds."

Only a very small part of this book is autobiographical, but it is perhaps the most moving section. I found much to smile about in Kugel's critical analysis of most medical doctors and their extremely narrow worldview. Kugel rejects the assumption that only western medicine has anything of value to say about disease and healing. The book includes a moving description by a sensitive surgeon of how the Dalai Lama's personal physician impressed the best doctors of New Haven with his very unusual diagnostic skills, ones that had nothing to do with what doctors learn in western medical schools.

I highly recommend this book to readers who want to consider the big questions of life and the tiny place of humans in this world. I hesitate to suggest it, but perhaps we have all benefited from James Kugel's near brush with death. I pray that God continue to grant him the good health he needs to keep teaching and inspiring us for many more years.

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The new German antisemitism

By DONALD SNYDER
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BERLIN — Muslim teenagers in Hanover attack an Israeli dance troupe, reportedly yelling "*Juden raus*" ("Jews get out") as they hurl stones.

German leftists march in Berlin with Muslims to protest the 2008–2009 Gaza military conflict. "Death to the Jews!" the marchers chant.

At a soccer game between teams from the St. Pauli section of Hamburg and the city of Chemnitz in eastern Germany, the Chemnitz fans shout "Sieg heil" and wave imitation Nazi flags.

This is happening in a country where Holocaust education has long been mandatory and where expressions of antisemitism and the dissemination of hatred are illegal. Holocaust denial is a crime in Germany.

But generational and demographic changes are converging in Germany today, and a shift is afoot in the Zeitgeist. While Germany continues to contend with vestiges of traditional antisemitism, a new and more deeply embedded strain has emerged related to Israel. Polls show that this strain is distinguishable from mere opposition to Israeli policies, or even from anti-Zionism. In a 2010 report by the University of Bielefeld's Institute for Interdisciplinary Research on Conflict and Violence, institute researchers, who conduct an annual poll on antisemitism, found an increase linked specifically to Israel. Among their findings:

- More than 57 per cent of those polled agreed that Israel is waging "a war of annihilation" against the Palestinians (up from 51 per cent in 2009).
- In 2008 – the most recent year the question was asked – more than 40 per cent agreed that "what Israel is doing to the Palestinians is basically no different from what the Nazis did with the Jews during the Third Reich."
- More than 38 per cent of Germans polled agreed that "considering the politics of Israel, it is easy to see why one would have something against Jews" (up from 34 per cent in 2009).

Yet, at the same time, 67.5 per cent in the 2010 poll agreed with the statement, "I like it that increasingly more Jews live in Germany."

"As a psychologist, I think that this reflects ambivalent attitudes," Beate Küpper, one of the researchers who produced the report, wrote in an e-mail to the *Forward*. "Germans are happy if there are some Jews in their country, as this gives us release. It shows off that we are tolerant… However, the strong blaming of Israel common in Germany (because we like peace and go for the weaker…) is full of antisemitic stereotypes [and] associations."

Mirko Niehoff, a 31-year-old social worker who works with Muslim youth, said he sees aspects of these trends in his daily work. "We realized we were dealing with a new antisemitism with roots in the Middle East conflict," he said.

Observers say that Muslim and classic right-wing antisemitism are combining with a left-wing demonization of Israel to produce a toxic mix, despite Germany's postwar efforts to ensure that future generations continue to learn the lessons of the Holocaust. This new strain renders old ways of combating antisemitism less effective. According to some observers, in Germany, the Holocaust narrative is no longer the powerful antidote it once was.

When former public school teacher Sebastian Voigt, now a doctoral candidate at the University of Leipzig, told his teenage students they would study the Nazi period, many complained that they had already studied the Holocaust.

This alienation from German history is compounded by the fact that many Muslim youths don't feel accepted as Germans themselves. They show little interest in this dark chapter of German history.

Meanwhile, many of Germany's four million Muslims stay connected with events in the Middle East via cable television networks, such as Hezbollah's Al-Manar and Hamas' Al-Aqsa. These antisemitic networks promote Holocaust denial.

"You cannot undo with education what these satellite broadcasts are doing," Matthias Kuntzel, an author and political scientist, said in a phone interview from Hamburg.

The programs are fed to Germany via Egyptian and Saudi Arabian satellites. Both countries have refused repeated German requests to stop transmitting Al-Manar. Although Al-Manar was banned in 2008, private homes with satellite dishes continue to receive its programs, making the ban ineffective.

To be sure, both Israel's continued occupation of the West Bank and its invasion and blockade of Gaza are substantive issues criticized by the majority of Germans. Taken at face value, opposition to Israel need not be assumed to be antisemitic. But the majority who tell pollsters they view Israel's actions toward the Palestinians as a "war of annihilation" and "principally not different than what the Nazis did with the Jews during the Third Reich" reflect a country in which the lines are blurred between opposition to Israeli actions and policies and antisemitism.

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'It's important to learn what hatred can do'

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According to Lars Rensmann, an expert on antisemitism from Germany who teaches political science at the University of Michigan, for reasons peculiar to his native country, hatred of Jews may lurk below the surface even at protests that stop short of overt antisemitism.

"It's not so legitimate to attack Jews in Germany, so you attack Israel as a state – the collective Jew that represents the memory of the Holocaust," Rensmann said.

Despite widespread criticism of Israel within Germany, Chancellor Angela Merkel's government continues to strongly support the Jewish state. Yoram Ben-Zeev, Israeli ambassador to Germany, spoke enthusiastically about his relationship with the chancellor during an interview at his embassy.

Still, Ben-Zeev conceded, the German public has a negative view of Israel, as does most of Europe. Germany's support for Israel, normally unwavering, is no longer automatic. Last July, the Bundestag unanimously condemned Israel for its attack on the Mavi Marmara, the Turkish ship bound for Gaza with humanitarian aid.

"The resolution condemning Israel was scary," said Lala Susskind, president of the Jewish Community in Berlin. "It was the first time the left and the right were united in criticizing Israel."

Still, German leftists like Petra Pau, a member of the Left party in the Bundestag, condemn Israeli actions while demonstrating steadfast opposition to antisemitism.

Others, such as Alfred Grosser, a prominent Franco-German Jewish intellectual, maintain that Israeli actions fuel antisemitism throughout the world.

Grosser, 85, a controversial figure who survived the Holocaust as a protected French citizen during World War II, equates Gaza with a concentration camp. And he accuses the Central Council Of Jews in Germany of silencing any criticism of Israel.

A number of organizations in Germany are trying to combat the new antisemitism. One innovative program is Active Against Antisemitism, designed by the American Jewish Committee, for Muslim children in Berlin schools.

In another program, at the Jewish Museum in Berlin, Murat Akan, a 32-year-old German of Turkish ancestry, is one of five Turkish guides the museum employs to encourage Muslim youth to learn about Germany's rich Jewish heritage. Some 200,000 Muslims live in Berlin, a city with a population of 3.5 million. While some of the Muslim teenagers sympathize with the Jewish victims of the Holocaust, Akan said, others are openly antisemitic.

"They often ask me why they should feel connected to anything that happened in German history, like the Holocaust," Akan said. "We have to teach them why it's so important to learn what hatred can do."

Another innovative program, Kreuzberger Initiative Gegen Antisemitismus, or Kreuzberg Initiative Against Antisemitism, concentrates its efforts on the predominantly Turkish neighbourhood of Kreuzberg. The initiative also conducts workshops on antisemitism and the Middle East conflict.

These innovative programs suggest ways in which the Holocaust narrative can still speak to future generations.

Last October, Andres Nader, 41, a doctor of comparative cultures, took a group of Palestinian teenagers to Auschwitz in a trip sponsored by the Amadeu Antonio Foundation, an organization that combats neo-Nazism, racism and antisemitism. The foundation honours the memory of a black man from Angola who was murdered by young Germans.

Nader said that something shifted for these teenagers in Auschwitz. The young people were shocked by the murder of so many Jews in this place. They said they would never again use the word "Jew" as an insult.

"I don't know how people could do this to other human beings," one boy said. "I just can't imagine anyone murdering my little sister."

Israeli President Shimon Peres recites a prayer in the German Parliament last year. *[Israel Sun photo]*

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Shas maverick wants more Israeli haredim to work

By LESLIE SUSSER
JTA

Not so long ago, few Israelis had heard of Rabbi Chaim Amsellem, a soft-spoken Shas backbencher in the Knesset.

Over the past few weeks, however, Rabbi Amsellem has emerged as a maverick in Israeli politics. Having broken ranks with the Orthodox-oriented Shas and its haredi leaders, he's talking about establishing a new party to challenge for the Sephardi vote.

It's not so much the politics that makes Rabbi Amsellem's move significant. The chances are slim that other Shas Knesset members will break with the party to join him.

Rather, Rabbi Amsellem's very public rejection of Shas orthodoxy is part of an emerging movement in the Israeli Sephardi world against the rigid Orthodoxy that Shas leaders have tried to impose on followers.

Indeed, Rabbi Amsellem speaks of nothing less than a Sephardi "social and cultural revolution," which his new party would both tap into and promote.

At the heart of the movement is a novel reassessment of the idea of the "society of Torah scholars," perhaps the most fundamental formative principle of the haredi world.

Both Shas and the Ashkenazi haredi parties hold that virtually all young haredi men should devote themselves solely to Torah study, as a society of Torah scholars who are exempted from mandatory army service as long as they stay in the yeshiva. This has led to deep poverty in the haredi community, because rather than serve in the Israel Defence Forces, many haredi men choose to stay on indefinitely in the yeshivas.

Rabbi Amsellem and others want to change this approach. Rabbi Amsellem advocates a society of Torah scholars comprising only a small elite of specially gifted students, with all others serving in the army and joining the labour force. This, he argues, is the true, more lenient Sephardi approach: a productive, working life combined with Torah study whenever time allows. Rabbi Amsellem says excessive Ashkenazi or "Lithuanian" influence led Sephardim to embrace the model of an all-inclusive society of Torah scholars.

Now, he says, it's time to break free from such thinking, mainly because it perpetuates a state of poverty among haredim.

"Our goal is that people who genuinely study should get a real cost-of-living stipend, not just pennies," Rabbi Amsellem told JTA in an interview. "This will be possible only when those who are genuinely part of the society of Torah scholars devote themselves to study, and those who aren't combine Torah study and work, the way the Sephardim down the ages have always done."

Rabbi Amsellem's ideas reflect major social changes already underway in the haredi world.

"Over the past few years, we are witnessing a dramatic increase in the number of haredim enlisting in the army," said Asher Cohen, a Bar-Ilan University political scientist who focuses on religious parties and movements. "We also see a growing trend of both men and women going to colleges of higher education. People are trying to break out of the vicious cycle of poverty, as happens in any normal society. They are studying and looking for work."

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נאָך אין די מיטלעלטערע יאָרן זענען דרײַ פֿון פֿראַנקרײַכס פֿירענדיקע רבנים געגאַנגן צו דער אינקוויזיציע אוֹן צוגעטראָגן מסירות אירף דעם רמבם *מורה נבוכים*. די גלחים האָבן זיך צוגעהערט צו די רבנים אוֹן אין גיכן פֿאַרברענט דעם רמבם מיטטערווײַערע. דאָס האָט פֿאַסירט נאָך איידער מען האָט אַנגעפֿאַנגן ברענען דעם תלמוד אין פֿראַנקרײַך.

חיישן מיר שוין פֿון אונדזער געשיכטע אַז חען אידעאָלאָגן, פּאָליטישע אָדער רעליגיעזע, גיין אין קאָמף קעגן אַן אַנדערע מיינונג, איז פֿײַער אינע פֿון זייערע וואָפֿנס.

מרדכי קאָפּלאָן איז נעבאָרן נעוואָרק אין ליטע אין 1892. צו אָבט יאָר איז ער געקומען קיין אַמעריקע. ער איז אין זיינע יונגע יאָרן נעוואָרק אונטערשט אין דעם אַרטאָדאָקסישן מיהג אוֹן איז נעוואָרן אַ רב אין דער קאָנסערוואַטיווער שול באָזונדערס אוֹן אַ פּראָפֿעסאָר אין דעם יידישן טעאָלאָגישער סעמינאַר. קאָפּלאָן, אַ מאָדערנער יד אוֹן אַ טאָלעראַנטירטער לערער אוֹן פּדאַגאָג, האָט פֿאַרשטאַנען אַז אַמעריקאַנער יידן, אין דיער מערהייט, קומען נישט אין שיל אַריין מיטן זעלבן גלויבן אוֹן זיכערהייט וויי די אַמאָליקע שטרענג אָרטאָדאָקסישע שטעטל יידן.

פֿאַר אַמעריקאַנער יידן איז אַ רבֿ מאָדט ניט נעוועזן אַבסאָלוט. אמעריקאַנער זײַנען נעוועז פֿרײַער אין זייער רעליגיעזן פֿאַרשטאַנד. אין שטעטל האָבן יידן נעלעבט אין אַ גלײַכמיניקן קיבוץ. אין אמעריקע איז דאָס לעבן נעוועז אַ פֿאַרשיידנמיניקער. קאָפּלאָן האָט דאָס פֿאַרשטאַנען אוֹן ער האָט נעשטעלט פּעדאַגאָגיע אין צענטער פֿון זײַן אָרבעט צו דערגרייכן אַמעריקאַנער יידן מיט אַ סידור וואָס האָט אַנערקענט די ענדערונגען אין אַמעריקאַנער יידישן לעבן. אָבער דער סידור איז נישט גענפֿלן נעוואָרן זײַנע אייגענע קאָנסערוואַטיווע רבנים. ס׳איז אויך, אָבסלוט נישט נעפֿלן נעוואָרן די אָרטאָדאָקסישע רבנים פֿון דער *אגודת ה׳רבנים*.

דעם צוועלפטן טאָג פֿון יוני 1945 האבן די אגודת ה׳רבנים זיך געטראָפֿן אין ניו יאָרק, געלייגט קאָפּלאָנעס אין הרם אוֹן עפֿנטלעך פֿאַרברענט זײַן סידור. די האָבן געמײַנט אַז דורך אַזאַ פּראָקלאַמאַציע וועלן זיי קענען צוריכהאַלטן די מאָדערניזאַציע פֿון דעם יידישן רעליגיעזן מינהג. דאָס געשראַי אוֹן דער פֿראָטעסט קעגן זייער פֿאַרברענען אַ ספֿר–כאָטש נאָך דער פֿאַרלעשאונג פֿון די פֿײַערן פֿון אַרשוויץ – האָט נעוויזן די שטרענג אָרטאָדאָקסישע רבנים אַז אין אַמעריקע היט מען נישט אַזוי גיך די באָפֿעלן פֿון אַן אגודת ה׳רבנים. קאָפּלאָנס סידור האָט אַרײַ נישט נעוואָנען די סימפּאַטיע פֿון דער מערהײַט פֿון זײַנע אייגענע רבנים אין דער קאָנסערוואַטיווער באָזונגונג. אָבער זײַן פּדאַגאָגיע, זײַע שריפֿטן אוֹן זײַן סידור זענען נעוואָרן דער פֿונדאַמענט פֿון אַ נײַער טעאָלאָגיע פֿון דער רעקאָנסטרוקציאָניסט באָזונגונג.

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Rabbi Amsellem's ideas enjoy public support

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Cohen believes the notion of the society of Torah scholars is already collapsing; it's just that haredi leaders are not ready to admit it or condone it.

The numbers alone suggest that something serious is happening. A decade ago, hardly any haredim served in the IDF. When a special haredi infantry battalion was established in 1999, it had just 30 soldiers. Today it has more than 1,000, including three companies at various stages of training, and two combat units. Another 1,000 haredim serve in special haredi technological units in the Air Force, Navy and intelligence corps.

In Israel, where the IDF is a vehicle for giving young Israelis marketable skills for later in life, these numbers are significant not just to the military but for Israeli society as a whole: these haredim are picking up skills for the job market.

An additional 1,000 haredim are enrolled in National Service, an alternative to military service that makes it possible for them to join the job market without being drafted into the IDF.

The number of haredim studying mainly vocational secular subjects in haredi colleges or secular colleges with special programs for haredim has more than quadrupled since 2005, to approximately 5,000. Most of the students are women – many of them, ironically, in institutions supported by Shas.

The government also is playing a key role. Education Minister Gideon Sa'ar has proposed a blueprint to increase the numbers by another 3,000 over the next five years. The Trade and Industry Ministry has launched special vocational courses for haredim and offers incentives to businesses that employ them.

These programs clearly are meeting a growing need. In a recent poll conducted by Chakima, an institute that helps haredim prepare for higher education, 53 per cent of haredim said they would be interested in studying for a secular profession in a religious, gender-segregated classroom environment.

The new trend seems to be fuelled by a confluence of interest between haredim desperate to break out of the cycle of poverty and a government eager to bring them into the labour force. Finance Minister Yuval Steinitz has even suggested waiving for haredim the national requirement to serve in the IDF, so they can go straight into the workforce.

> ***'Change only happening at a snail's pace because there is no leadership'***
>
> **— Rabbi Chaim Amsellem**

Employment of haredi men will increase rapidly over the next decade, the Ministry of Trade and Industry forecasts. Some Israelis are talking about the emergence of a haredi middle class.

Others, however, see a much slower change. They note that some 50,000 haredi students still have IDF exemptions that are valid only as long as they stay in yeshiva and don't work (until a certain age).

Holding back change are haredi leaders who believe that dramatic or rapid change may destroy the very fabric of haredi society.

"It's only happening at a snail's pace because there is no real leadership," Rabbi Amsellem said. "No one has stood up and openly said this is the way things ought to be except me."

Rabbi Amsellem wants to build a genuinely socially concerned party independent of rabbinic fiat. Unlike conventional haredi Orthodoxy, which turns its back on modernity and often on the secular Israeli state, Rabbi Amsellem is willing to entertain a working symbiosis between haredi Orthodoxy and the modern world. He also is unabashedly ready to call himself a Zionist.

His positions have earned him rogue status in Shas. In late November, the Shas Council of Torah Sages expelled Rabbi Amsellem from the party and demanded that he hand over the Knesset seat he had won on the Shas ticket. Rabbi Amsellem refused, resulting in a campaign of discreditation. Placards in Jerusalem and Bnei Brak compared Rabbi Amsellem to Amalek, the biblical Israelites' worst enemy.

Among the haredi leadership, Rabbi Amsellem is very much a lone figure. His ideas, however, enjoy wide public support. In an early December poll by the Panels Research Institute, 52 per cent of Israelis polled said enlisting haredim in the army and having them join the workforce was the only way to save haredi society. An astonishingly high 22 per cent of haredim concurred.

Despite evidence of some support among haredim for such change, the chances of Rabbi Amsellem being politically successful are minimal as long as Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, the nonagenarian spiritual mentor of the Shas Party, is alive. His impolitic remarks about non-Jews notwithstanding, Rabbi Yosef commands universal praise within Shas, and even from Rabbi Amsellem.

"I don't think anyone could defy Rabbi Ovadia and win votes," Bar-Ilan University's Cohen observed. "And I don't see rabbis, even those who say privately that Amsellem is right, joining a political movement that challenges a rabbinical authority of Ovadia's stature."

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Using the power of poetry to promote Mideast peace

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The proverbial pen is mightier than the sword, and two Montreal poets hope that when words are put into verse they will be even more powerful.

Endre Farkas and Carolyn Marie Souaid have created *Blood is Blood*, a passionate, frank, spoken-word performance about the Middle East that blends their respective poetry and voices.

It had its premiere at the Segal Centre for Performing Arts this fall, and now the text has been published as a book (Signature Editions) accompanied by a specially produced 15-minute video of them performing against different backdrops in the city.

The two had been colleagues and friends for years when that relationship was strained during the 2006 war between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Hungarian-born Farkas is the son of Holocaust survivors; Souaid, a Christian, is of Lebanese descent. Both are educators as well as published poets (17 collections between them). He is a retired CEGEP instructor, and she teaches high school.

During the 2006 summertime conflict, the two conducted a lengthy e-mail correspondence in which they candidly expressed their diverging perspectives.

It was an eye-opener for both of them, as neither had thought of themselves as especially engaged with the Middle East. But deeply rooted emotions came to the fore.

Farkas's fears for Jewish survival clashed with Souaid's dismay over seeing the devastation to the land not only of her ancestors, but of her adopted son.

Their electronic conversation soon took the form of poetry, and then they began presenting their poetic encounter publicly.

When CBC Radio became interested, they produced a 10-minute drama that was broadcast nationally in December 2006. Over the intervening years, Farkas and Souaid have continued to combine their creativity into something they think speaks to today's Mideast tensions and the maddening relations between Jews and Arabs.

"We, as poets, decided to take on this challenge, both personal and political, through our art," Farkas said. "It is important for artists to be engaged in the debate."

It also saved their friendship.

"We feel we bring a perspective in form and in content to the ongoing Middle East conflict that is fresh and vital," Souaid said.

Both realized the horror and futility of so much spilled blood, and that's the origin of the title, which also suggests the kinship between Jews and Arabs.

The two presented *Blood is Blood* on-stage at the recent launch of the book and video at Casa del Popolo on St. Laurent Boulevard. In addition to being gifted writers in an underappreciated literary form, they are both spellbinding dramatic readers.

Their delivery, both solo and in duet, ranged from hushed whispers to loud declamation. They spoke different and competing lines simultaneously, yet each voice was distinct. At regular intervals, they joined together in chorus. They call it "harmony and cacophony," reflecting the chaotic region.

Farkas and Souaid start out sounding like kids fighting in the schoolyard. "I was here first. No, I was here first/ My god can beat up your god, No, mine can beat yours," and so on, until one says, "I killed you. No, I killed you first," making plain how high the stakes are in this game of brinkmanship.

Poets Carolyn Marie Souaid and Endre Farkas perform *Blood is Blood*, a literary appeal for peace in the Middle East.

This is not a sentimental plea for peace or brotherhood. Both tell their people's history as they see it, expressing suspicions and prejudices in accusatory tones.

Ultimately, they see the error of each other's "tribal bravado" and the cycle of retribution, or as they put it, "an eye for an eye until everyone is blind."

"It's political but we didn't want it to be didactic," said Souaid. "We didn't want everything wrapped up neatly at the end."

Both agree that, as Canadians living here, it's relatively easy for them to talk to each other in a way those in the Middle East cannot or will not do.

Farkas and Souaid have worked over the years to bring poetry to the people. They were behind the 2004 project that saw poetry posted on 800 Montreal buses; they organize the cabaret of performance poetry called Circus of Words, the sixth edition of which was held at the Segal this year; and they founded and edit Poetry Quebec, an online English-language poetry magazine.

Now they hope to bring *Blood is Blood* to a wider audience, including high schools, because they believe its themes can be applied to other conflicts. At their website www.bloodisblood.com, teachers can download free of charge Quebec government-approved materials based on the book and video. Farkas and Souaid are prepared to go anywhere in the province to bring their message of tolerance.

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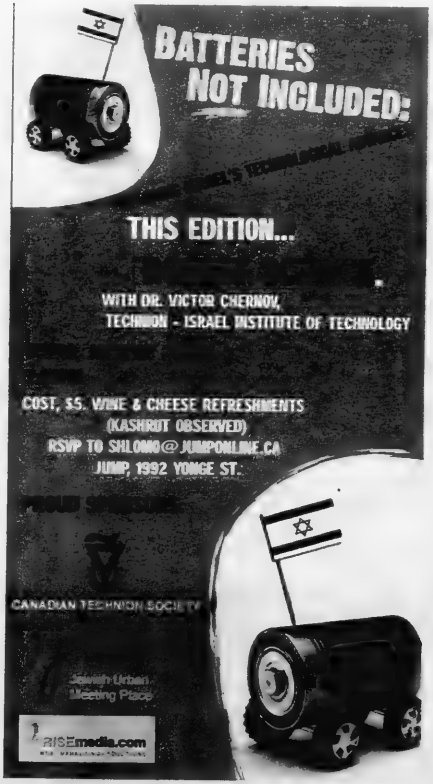

Quebec's French media slams anti-Israel campaign

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Palestinian and Jewish Unity (PAJU) began Saturday afternoon demonstrations Oct. 2 outside Le Marcheur, which has been in existence for more than 30 years. The handful of demonstrators hold placards denouncing Israel's alleged violations of Palestinian rights and hand out pamphlets explaining why Quebecers should not buy Israeli goods as a way of pressuring its government.

PAJU is the group that held weekly demonstrations outside the Israeli consulate for seven years until a couple of years ago, when the consulate moved from downtown to Westmount Square.

The picketing at Le Marcheur was ignored by the mainstream media until Khadir showed up on Dec. 11, when holiday shopping was at its height. Québec solidaire officially endorsed the so-called boycott, sanctions and divestment campaign against Israel in November 2009, and Khadir, the party's sole MNA, has since tried to get the National Assembly to entertain a motion on the issue.

Soon after Khadir's appearance, the *Journal de Montréal* ran a story quoting Le Marcheur owner Yves Archambault complaining that he was being "harassed" by the deputy for the adjacent riding of Mercier and charging that Khadir would do better to promote business in the Plateau Mont-Royal than thwart it.

Eric Duhaime, a columnist for the QMI Agency news service and leader of the new right-wing Réseau-Liberté Québec movement, was soon denouncing the leftist Khadir for his "radicalism."

Duhaime was a guest on the TV talk show hosted by former Action démocratique leader Mario Dumont on the V network (the renamed TQS).

Other *Journal* columnists such as Richard Martineau and Joseph Facal also castigated Khadir and the boycott "crusade."

In a lengthy analysis in the magazine *L'Actualité*, Jean-François Lisée concluded the term aparthejd doesn't apply to Israel.

But the most hard-hitting condemnation came from Lysiane Gagnon at *La Presse*. Under the headline "Khadir le fanatique," she deplored his "obsessional anti-Zionism."

In his retort, Khadir shot back that his party's goal is to boycott Israeli products, not the merchants who sell them, and that he tried in vain to explain this position to Le Marcheur's owner. Archambault has refused to give in to the protesters' demands or meet them face to face.

"My intention was not to encourage the boycott of this merchant, and I hope that any misunderstanding will be finally cleared up soon, when PAJU will have re-evaluated its action and its approach."

Khadir said he can't accept being portrayed as "a fanatic motivated by hatred of an ethnic group," and wondered why he hasn't been labelled anti-Iranian for his 30 years of protesting Islamic rule in the country where he was born.

Anti-boycott activist Sharon Freedman agrees that targeting Le Marcheur has failed miserably, and she thinks Khadir is "in retreat" thanks to "the French media questioning his real underlying motives and agenda," as well as the many people from inside and outside the Jewish community who have purposely patronized the store.

"Mr. Khadir, an MNA from a nearby area, is supposed to represent and promote all the businesses... He doesn't care for the employees that could have lost their jobs if morally thinking people had not acted and remained indifferent," she said.

Freedman raised more than $3,000, much of it her own money, to buy shoes at Le Marcheur, which she donated to the Welcome Hall Mission for homeless men before Christmas.

Jacob Kincler, another individual who is trying to counter the boycott, recently received a phone call from the president of Rishon Lezion-based Onyx Footwear Industries Ltd. which makes BeautiFeel, the brand Le Marcheur stocks.

Ami Bar-Nahor has been following the anti-boycott effort from the start and is grateful to the Montreal Jewish community and its supporters, Kincler said.

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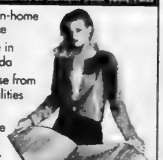
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An upcoming event sponsored by Gianni Bardini, the consul general of Italy, in honour of Holocaust survivor Miriam Frankel has been cancelled. The event, by invitation only, was planned for the end of January, in conjunction with the International Holocaust Remembrance Day on Jan. 27.

Mideast Christians under siege, except in Israel

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

An important Mideast development that has largely been ignored for years by western media, the plight and decline of Christian communities, jumped to the front pages of Canadian newspapers last week.

The occasion was dramatic – 21 Coptic Christians were killed and 97 wounded in an apparent suicide bombing at Saints Church in Alexandria, Egypt, on New Year's Day.

Christians are a significant minority in Egypt, numbering about 10 per cent of the population. For the last several decades, they've been besieged by the growth of radical Islamist forces hostile to the tolerance accorded Christians in previous periods.

A Jan. 4 *Toronto Star* editorial on the subject drew attention to the warnings of Egyptian journalist Hani Shukrallah that anti-Christian attitudes are spreading to even moderate Muslims.

In fact, Shukrallah is not just any journalist. He's the managing editor of Egypt's *Al-Ahram* weekly, and, significantly, he's a Copt. On the paper's English-language website, ahramonline, he wrote the following on Jan. 1 under the Zola-inspired title "J'accuse":

"It is not easy to empty Egypt of its Christians. They've been here for as long as there has been Christianity in the world. Close to a millennium and half of Muslim rule did not eradicate the nation's Christian community. Rather, it maintained it sufficiently strong and sufficiently vigorous so as to play a crucial role in shaping the national, political and cultural identity of modern Egypt.

"Yet now, two centuries after the birth of the modern Egyptian nation state, and as we embark on the second decade of the 21st century, the previously unheard of seems no longer beyond imagining: a Christian-free Egypt, one where the cross will have slipped out of the crescent's embrace and off the flag symbolizing our modern national identity. I hope that if and when that day comes, I will have been long dead, but dead or alive, this will be an Egypt which I do not recognize and to which I have no desire to belong."

With particular boldness, Shukrallah dismissed the government's attempt to point a finger at Al Qaeda as the perpetrator of the Alexandria attack and instead blamed Cairo's political leadership. "I accuse a government that seems to think that by outbidding the Islamists it will also outflank them," he charged.

"But most of all, I accuse the millions of supposedly moderate Muslims among us, those who've been growing more and more prejudiced, inclusive and narrow-minded with every passing year."

Amira Nowaira, writing in the *Guardian* on Jan. 5, noted that she grew up in Egypt in a traditional Muslim family and recalls positive Muslims-Christian relations. These started to deteriorate, she claims, with the growth of religious extremism under then-Egyptian president Anwar Sadat in the 1970s when he "actively encouraged and sponsored the Islamist movement, hoping that it might devour the left, which he regarded as his most potent enemy." The resulting Muslim-Coptic divide has since deepened, with successive governments doing nothing to prevent it, while blaming outside forces such as Al Qaeda and Israel for the rancour.

"The regime went out of its way to prove to its citizens that it was more Islamic than the Islamists themselves and silently watched the growing vehemence of religious intolerance," Nowaira charged.

Egypt is far from the only country where Christians are under threat from radical Muslim factions and movements. The *Star* editorial also mentioned recent attacks on Christians in Iraq, Nigeria and the Philippines.

Over many years, especially as Hezbollah has become dominant in the country, Lebanon's traditionally large Christian community has sharply declined. The small Christian community in Gaza has dwindled since Hamas took control. Even in the West Bank, historic Christian centres have shrunk. For instance, Bethlehem had a substantial Christian majority when the Palestinian Authority took control in 1995, yet today it makes up only 20 per cent of the population.

The only country in the Middle East where the number of Christians has been on the rise is Israel, growing fourfold since the founding of the state in 1948.

Paul Michaels is communications director for the Canada-Israel Committee.

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Centre for Jewish Studies presents lecture series

By LAURA STRICKER
Staff Reporter

The Centre for Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto is once again holding its renowned public lecture series.

Beginning this month, the series is held a few times each year, said Prof. Hindy Najman, the centre's director.

The centre encourages bridge-building between the community and the university, and one of the ways it does this is through the public lecture series. All the lectures are free and open to anyone.

"They're lectures that are geared to faculty and students, the community," said Najman. "Most of them are evening talks. They're meant to be open to the community.

"We have some very exciting talks about ancient Judaism... We also have a number of talks about Israel. I think it's very important for the centre – which can't be politicized – to be a context where the University of Toronto and Canada more generally can learn about what Jewish culture and Jewish civilization is."

The winter 2011 lectures, which run to April, include, among others, a talk on King Solomon and the search for wisdom by Steven Weitzman from Stanford University; "Israel: A New Narrative" with Donniel Hartman, president of the Shalom Hartman Institute; "Law and Morality in the Jewish Tradition" with Hebrew University's Izhak Englard; "Music: The 'Jew' of Jewish Studies" with Edwin Seroussi from Hebrew University, with a performance by Cantor Benny Maissner and Toronto's Lachan Chamber Choir.

"We try to have a balance so it appeals broadly to our community, and I also want to reinforce the interests of the faculty and the students," Najman said.

"I consult my students and faculty a lot on who to bring and when to bring them. When we have endowed lectures, I don't just bring one person in one area. I try to bring two or three people. We often create a conversation across colleagues, and whenever I can, I bring scholars from Israel to help reinforce our relationship with Israel."

The lectures have consistently been a great success, she continues – so much so that finding a large enough space on campus to support the demand has proven difficult.

"Our events are regularly standing room only, and the one criticism that we've received is that we need bigger spaces."

The Program for Jewish Studies at the university was established in 1967, and in 2008 it became the Centre for Jewish Studies. It offers undergraduate and graduate programs, and has sent many students to Israel.

"We run over 100 courses every year in Jewish studies," Najman said. "We coordinate with 25 different faculties and programs throughout the Faculty of Arts and Science. [There are] over 2,000 undergraduates taking our courses at the St. George campus. We're a hub for students to find their way to Israel, especially to Hebrew University... we also have sent our students to Haifa, Tel Aviv and Bar Ilan."

The public lectures run from Jan. 17 to April 15. For a list of speakers and topics, visit www.cjs.utoronto.ca.

EFFORTS RECOGNIZED: NCSY Canada's Thornhill student chapter board prepared New Year's Eve holiday dinners for members of York Region's emergency service providers at two fire stations and one police station in the Thornhill area. Knowing that it's challenging to be away from family on a holiday, the teens wanted to say thank you for the role they play in the community. The teens are pictured with firefighters from Fire Station No. 7-2.

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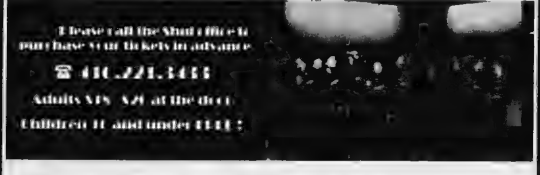

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The deadline for nominations is **February 14, 2011.**
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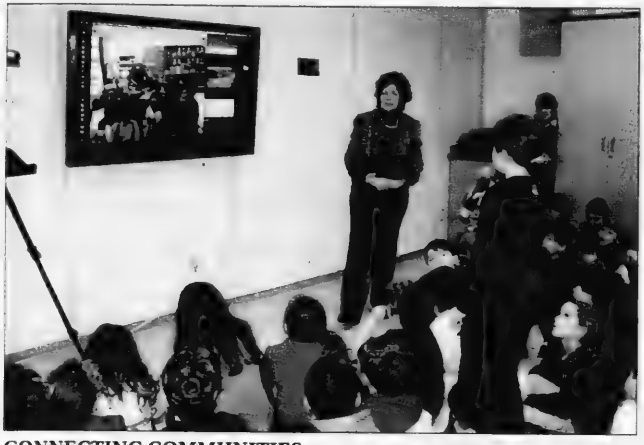

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES: As part of the Grade 3 social studies curriculum that compares urban and rural environments, students at Associated Hebrew Schools' Posluns Education Centre on Neptune Drive have teamed up with students at Linwood Public School in Linwood, Ont., most of whom are Mennonite. Pictured are the students meeting via Skype in Associated's new multimedia studio to learn about their communities' differences and similarities. More activities are planned, including a field trip so that the students can meet in person.

BOOK LOVERS: Robbins Hebrew Academy Grade 3 students Benjamin Richler and Leona Tilis show off the "reading record" for their class, which is aiming to read 100 books.

MUSIC TIME: Students from the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto recently visited the Zareinu Educational Centre to share music with students there. Pictured are TanenbaumCHAT student Lindsay Stitt on violin and Amanda Osak, a co-op student from William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute, with Zareinu student Faaris Kutty on her lap.

[Rebecca Ansel photo]

FAMILY MOMENTS

Mazel Tov

The Canadian Jewish news

Mazel tov Aaron Simon & Tali Medoff on their marriage! Parents, Norman & Jackie Kahn, Rafael Medoff, Carin Gottlieb. Grandparents, Bernard & Vera Waldman, Ruth Simon.

Mazel tov to Amanda Lily Milner on her recent bat mitzvah. Love always, Mom, Dad and Sam.

Gary Rosenberg & Sylvie Barsalo, Herbie & Joan Rosen announce the engagement of Frank & Sarah. Sharing in their joy are their families and friends.

Happy first birthday Summer Paige and fourth birthday Brooke Ashley. Hugs and kisses from big brother Ryder, Mom & Dad, Sauna & Mark Borden.

Leana Margolis & Michael Chernoff announce the birth of Eli on Dec. 2. Grandparents, Brian Chernoff and Deena Eliosoff and John & Heike Margolis.

Mazel tov to Zadie Leon Rozenwald, who celebrated his 90th birthday on Dec. 25! With love from his children and grandchildren.

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Thursday, Jan. 13

MEDIEVAL JEWISH THINKERS
Talk on Rashbam by **Martin Lockshin**. 8 p.m. Yeshivat Or Chaim. 159 Almore Ave. torahinmotion.org. 416-633-5770.

Friday, Jan. 14

SHABBAT SERVICE
Join Solel Congregation of Mississauga for the Shabbat service. 8 p.m. All welcome. 905-820-5915 for information and directions.

TEMPLE SINAI SHABBAT
Join Temple Sinai for its Shabbat Shirah evening. Enjoy the Temple Sinai Ensemble Choir, conducted by **Cantor Katie Oringel**. Hear the special chanting of the *Song of the Sea*. Celebrate with instruments from **Jose Shapero** and **Susan Piltch**. 8 p.m. 416-487-3281.

SHABBAT POTLUCK
Or Hadash Synagogue is having an Oneg Shabbat with a dairy potluck dinner. 6:30 p.m. 451 Botsford St., Newmarket. E-mail info@orhadash.org to confirm attendance and what you will bring to eat, or for more information.

Saturday, Jan. 15

SHABBAT SHIRAH
This Shabbat morning service at Beth Tikvah Synagogue honours the music of **Srul Irving Glick**. Led by **Cantor Tibor Kovari** and the Beth Tikvah Choir.

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES
B'nai Shalom Congregation of Halton-Peel's monthly Shabbat service is at 10 a.m. in Oakville. It's a Conservative, egalitarian shul. bnaishalom.ca, 905-901-9889.

JEWISH INDIA
Lecture by historian **Kranti K. Farias** from Mumbai. 1 p.m. Congregation Darchei Noam. The exodus and the travels from Israel to settlement in northeast India. Story of the Mizo Jews or the B'nei Menashe, sons of Mannaser. 416-638-4783.

SHABBAT KUMZITZ
Shabbat Shirah Kumzitz at Shaarei Shomayim. Join **Chazzan Avraham Sultan** for an evening of sing-along music and wine and cheese. 7:30 p.m. Free.

Sunday, Jan. 16

WOMEN'S LEARNING
"The Wives of King David," with **Deena Rabinovich**, director, Legacy Heritage Foundation Program. 9:30-11:45 a.m. Ulpanat Orot. 416-633-5770.

ISRAELI MOVIE NIGHT
Congregation Darchei Noam screens *Ushpizin*. A devout and childless couple are praying for a miracle. Suddenly miracles occur, including the arrival of two escaped convicts in time to be *ushpizin* – guests in their sukkah. 7 p.m. Discussion by film critic **Shlomo Schwartzberg**.

HEALING SERVICE
Jewish Healing Program presents a healing service. 3-4 p.m. Wolfond Centre, 36 Harbord St. Free. 416-638-7800, ext. 6287.

Tuesday, Jan. 18

FILM SCREENING
Tuesdays with Larry film series at Beth Tikvah. 2 p.m. $5 at the door. *Black Book* (Dutch with English subtitles). In Nazi-occupied Netherlands during World War II, a Jewish singer infiltrates the regional Gestapo headquarters for the Resistance.

BOOK REVIEW
Tinkers, by **Paul Harding**. 8 p.m. Adath Israel. $10. Guests $15. **Beverley**, 416-499-6920.

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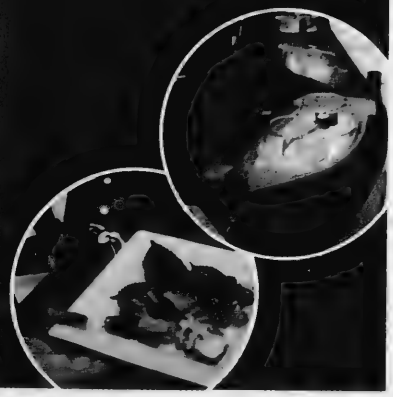

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MASTERS OF JEWISH PRAYER
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Wednesday, Jan. 19

JERUSALEM OWNERSHIP
"The legitimacy of the Israel/Jewish claim to Jerusalem and its old city under international law," with **Jacques P. Gauthier**, a lawyer who spent years researching competing claims to Jerusalem. 7:30 p.m. Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

SPIRITS WITH SINAI
Spend an evening at The Duke of Kent with **Rabbi Eleanor Steinman** of Temple Sinai. Meet with other young professionals for a casual gathering and discussion to strengthen our spirits. 7-9 p.m. 2315 Yonge St. 416-487-3281.

JEWS FOR JUDAISM SEMINAR
Gain an understanding of today's missionary threat to the Jewish community and the knowledge to respond to the challenges they pose. With **Rabbi Michael Skobac.** Six weeks. 8 p.m. Lipa Green Centre, Room 3. Free. Register: 416-789-0020.

Other News

ANTISEMITISM LECTURE
Bernie Farber, Canadian Jewish Congress CEO on "Jewish honour in the face of 21st-century antisemitism." Jan. 23, 11:30 a.m. Temple Kol Ami. Free. RSVP: TheSherman5@rogers.com.

WRITING GROUP
Join a 50+ writing group. Twelve classes on Fridays at Bernard Betel. 9:15-11:15 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Members $72, guests $144. Author **Sylvia Warsh** instructs. 416-225-2112, ext. 105.

TU B'SHVAT SEDER
Beth Isaiah Congregation in Guelph hosts a special Tu b'Shvat seder, Shabbat dinner. Learn about Judaism's view on the preservation of our planet and on ecology. Jan. 21, 5 p.m. 519-265-1591, guelphsynagogue.ca.

TORAH STUDY
Join Mekorot Institute Tuesday afternoons throughout January, 1:30-2:30 p.m. for a weekly class studying the Book of Jonah. Shaarei Shomayim. 416-877-2050 for registration and pricing.

KIDS CONCERT
Sing Your Heart Out Kids Concert in support of Save a Child's Heart. Jan. 30. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Al Green Theatre, Miles Nadal JCC. $20, $65 for family of four. Featuring **Marky Weinstock** and **Jen Gould**. Purchase tickets at saveachildsheart.ca.

BABY SHABBAT PROGRAM
Leo Baeck Day School, Temple Kol Ami and Temple Har Zion present ShabbaTOT Together – a program for 0-3 years accompanied by parents, bubbies, zadies or caregivers. Six sessions on Friday mornings, 10:45-11:45 a.m. Starts Jan. 21 at Leo Baeck in Thornhill. Register: **Yael**, 905-709-3636, ext. 247.

TORONTO JEWISH HISTORY
Ellen Scheinberg, director of Ontario Jewish Archives on "The Toronto Jewish Community in 1920." Jan. 23, 3 p.m. Beach Hebrew Synagogue, 109 Kenilworth Ave. All welcome. Free. beachhebrewinstitute.ca.

SWEETHEART DANCE
Shaar Shalom Synagogue invites couples and singles 45+ to its Sweetheart Dance. Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m. With **James Regan**. $18 per couple. **David**, 416-224-9494.

INTERGENERATIONAL JAZZ
"Jazz for Juniors and Spirited Seniors" at Baycrest – Winter Garden Court. Jan. 19, 7-8 p.m.

PRESCHOOL YIDDISH
Preschool Yiddish classes: fun and free. Ages 2-1/2 to 4. Thursday afternoons 1-2:15 p.m. starting Jan. 20. Barbara Frum Library. Register: 416-395-5440.

ADULT EDUCATION
Weekly sisterhood study with **Rabbi Martin Berman** resumes Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in January. Weekly Talmud class with **Rabbi Berman** Thursday evenings in January. Shaar Shalom, 905-889-4975.

KNITTING GROUP
The Mitzvah Knitters meet every other Monday at 7:15 p.m. The blankets and shawls bring warmth to those in need at hospitals, women's shelters and other organizations. Free. All welcome. Shaar Shalom, 905-889-4975.

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JF&CS GROUPS
Call **Janice Shaw**, 905-882-2331, ext. 232, or jfandcs.com. Registration required.

Parenting the child with ADHD. Four-week group for parents of ADHD-diagnosed children who want to learn more about ADHD and develop strategies for assisting their children at home and school. Starts Jan. 19, 7-9 p.m. 4600 Bathurst St, 6th floor. Call **Shawna** for pre-group interview: 416-638-7800, ext. 6215.

FOR SENIORS

Active Seniors Miles Nadal JCC, 416-924-6211, ext. 155.

Jan. 20, 1:30 p.m. **Prof. Harold Troper** on "Jewish Toronto: one community or many – *Yehupetz* north of Steeles, the soon to be majority."

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday social afternoons. Bridge, mah-jong, Rummikub, refreshments. $2. **Pearl**, 416-635-6317 or **Sheila**, 416-665-3333.

Association of Jewish Seniors general meeting. Jan. 20, 10 a.m. Shaarei Shomayim. **Heather Perlmutter** and **Frank Simkevitz** discuss "Maximizing Israel's scarce water resources through innovation." Members free, guests $2. 416-635-2860, ext. 458.

Beth Emeth Club Sameach, 416-633-3838. Broadway music sing-along with **Allan Price**. Jan. 16. Doors 2 p.m. Fischtein Hall. BEBY and Club Sameach members $10, guests: $12. $15 at the door. Advance deadline Jan. 14. Call to purchase.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park, 416-395-7881. Casino Rama Jan. 19, 10 a.m. Line dancing Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m. Social bridge Thursdays, 12:30-3 p.m. Art classes start Jan. 18, 10 a.m. $18 for three weeks, includes materials. Canasta Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12-3 p.m. Seniors woodworking – skilled craftsmen, 416-630-6487.

Seniors' Social Club, 416-661-4687 or 416-445-9937. First social of the year on Jan. 16, 7 p.m. Earl Bales Community Centre. **Cory Keeble** speaks. Group meets the second Sunday each month for evening of dancing, meeting new friends and hearing guest speakers. Accepting new members.

PROSSERMAN JCC

Sherman Campus, 4588 Bathurst St. www.prossermanjcc.com, 416-638-1881.

Registration on now for winter courses. Classes include Hebrew, Jewish cooking, basic Judaism, Israel, Kabbalah, acting, folk dance, current events and more. Ext. 4235.

Buy tickets now for Stagewest: *Joseph and the Amazing Dreamcoat*, Jan. 26; Casino Rama, Feb. 15; *Billy Elliot*, March 2. *Tuesdays with Morrie*, May 11. Includes transportation.

Register now for winter family programs. Shabbat party, drama tots, preschool dance, Lego brand brick club, baby and me sign and more. Visit the website for a full list of children's programs. Limited space.

MILES NADAL JCC

750 Spadina Ave., 416-924-6211, www. mnjcc.org.

Michael Bernstein Chapel services Sundays, 8 a.m. and Thursdays, 7:15 a.m. Kosher breakfast after services. **Coleman Bernstein**, 416-968-0200.

2011 Toronto Jewish Film Society subscriptions are selling out. Eight films at Al Green Theatre. 2011 paid-up members can buy 7:30 p.m. memberships for their kids (18+) for $60 if they've never been members. **Joelle**, ext. 139, to register.

Sign up for winter session of Shabbat Club for ages 3-6, with **Sarah Brodbar-Nemzer.** Fridays, 11:30-1 p.m. Starts Jan. 21. Ext. 0.

Angelina Ballerina: The Musical! Presented by Vital Theatre. Al Green Theatre. Jan. 22-March 19. $29.50, premium tickets $49.50. 416-642-8973.

Hebrew Institute: new semester starts Jan. 18 and 19. Delve into modern Hebrew at your own pace. sharonis@mnjcc.org, ext. 154.

"The history of Jewish Publishing," with **Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner**. Mondays, 6-7 p.m. Jan. 17-Feb. 14 (skip Jan. 31). $20/series or $5/lecture. Ext. 154.

Media Mondays, lectures with film clips, with *Eye Magazine* film critic **Adam Nayman**. Jan. 17: "Iran." 7-9 p.m. $12. $6 for students with ID. Ext. 606.

Family Tu b'Shvat Seder, Jan. 23. 1:30-3:30 p.m. sarahbn@mnjcc.org, ext. 277.

Friday morning Shabbat party for up to four-year-olds. Register now: ext. 0.

Koffler Centre of the Arts, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-638-1881, www.kofflerarts.org.

Sign up for classes in music, ceramics, painting, drawing, creative writing and digital photography. Register online.

Start the year with new art. Koffler Centre's winter art show features work by Koffler students. Second floor, Prosserman JCC.

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Cohen, Aaron	Dec 24/10	200 Borrows St.
Stanger, Bessie	Dec 24/10	550 Cummer Ave.
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Marmurek, Ernie	Dec 26/10	64 Maxwell St.
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Simons, Tammy	Dec 27/10	21 Gunning Cres.
Macmull, Margaret	Dec 27/10	140 Shaftesbury St.

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A cookbook for those who love nostalgia

By SYBIL KAPLAN
Special to The CJN

When Bracha Weingrod and her family moved to Israel in 1974, a professor friend gave them a Yiddish cookbook, *Dos Familien Kokh Bookh*, published in 1914, as a housewarming gift. Weingrod had been a Yiddish teacher in Winnipeg and Chicago.

Then, while she and her husband were on sabbatical in New York in 1982, a woman who was taping interviews from Jewish women asked her to translate. That sparked her interest in having someone bring her the Yiddish cookbook she had been given eight years before, and she decided to read it.

While living in Jerusalem, Weingrod had founded and run the Israel Dyslexia Association and the Kohl Teachers' Center and taught at the David Yellin Teachers' College. After she retired from teaching at the College, she began to translate the cookbook.

The result was *The Yiddish Family Cookbook*, edited and translated by Weingrod (self-published, Amazon Createspace, paperback, 2010).

What we have now is a charming "documentation of a slice of history," edited and translated with deep love by a woman with a special love of Yiddish.

Hasia Diner, an American Jewish history professor and author, has written the introduction in which she explains that this cookbook, published in 1914 (and reprinted in 1915, 1922 and 1928), was written to show how to negotiate the American kitchen and American way of life through Yiddish.

Charming slice of history

The author "claimed to teach immigrant Jewish women how to perpetuate Jewish culture and advance integration into American life through cooking."

Who was the author? That's uncertain. The English text in the book was written by lexicographer and writer Alexander Harkavy, and by David Moses Hermalin, a Yiddish author, but there is no proof that either of them wrote the actual cookbook, and research has not uncovered the origin of H. Braun, who was listed as the author of the book.

In the first chapter, H. Braun writes: "Even in the land of plenty – America – one must 'tease' the appetite." So he or she introduces appetizers (*forshpeizen*) and talks about appetizers, gives a recipe and offers practical and sound advice.

Soups (*zupen*) yields 25 recipes and advice such as: "The best soup in the world is turtle soup. Turtle is a porpoise, and since this is treif, we Jews make a mock turtle soup, that is, a soup that tastes almost the same."

The chapter on fish has 11 recipes plus great comments. For example: "The popular fish of our old world was the carp. An American would never eat carp, even if you paid him!"

Meat (*fleisch*) contains 23 recipes and the author writes: "The English and the Americans are the greatest fressers of meat… Meat for proper cooking should be at least three days old from the time it's slaughtered."

About sauces for meat, the author writes that "it is the sauce that plays a great role in giving many foods their taste, but if not prepared correctly the stomach will protest."

A few Passover recipes are inserted next.

A section on "caring for a sick one" warns us that "people who don't know how to cook for a sick one can very easily make them even sicker."

This then runs into salads and sandwiches. And there are a few recipes for pasta, rice and eggs. "A good housewife must always be sure to buy first-class rice and not bargains."

In the chapter on breads and cakes, with 17 recipes, the author discusses flour and yeast. "Seasoned *balebostes* [housewives] are able to tell if the dough is ready by sticking a hand in up to the knuckles and pulling it out – if the dough springs back, it is ready to be put aside to rise."

"The art of making good pastry is very difficult to master," we are told as we read 17 pastry and pudding recipes.

In the chapter on greens, we learn that "the housewife must know that often a meal without greens does not have much worth."

Other marks of wisdom include: "There is no better digestive aid than a fruit dessert, if it is made properly."

Custards, preserves, jams, jellies ("Many good housewives do not know that the best fruit jellies can be made from the peel or rind of fruit."), pickles, tea, coffee ("Americans make coffee from fine grounds and cook them up and serve the coffee with milk. If the coffee is freshly roasted and freshly ground, it is very good. But since this is rarely prepared this way, it is far from a bargain.") Final chapters cover tea, ice cream and candies. All in all, there are about 200 recipes.

At the end are excerpts from Harkavy's English supplement.

"This book is definitely geared to those who love history as much as cooking," Weingrod, who lives in Jerusalem, says. "It is a picture of a time during the 'Great Immigration' when Jewish women were anxious to become Americans or Canadians, when they wanted to imitate their neighbours, speak like them, understand them, buy like them and COOK like them."

Among the things Weingrod found amusing were descriptions of how to test the heat of an oven, what times of the year are best for herring and other fish, what is harmful for the stomach, how to prevent store owners from cheating unsuspecting women, how to test whether a fish is fresh and how to test if a chicken is young or old.

One must mention the cover illustration from YIVO (the Institute for Jewish Research) and the inside illustrations from the Museum of New York, the Tenement Museum, HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) and old post cards. All add to the authenticity of the book.

This is definitely a book for those who cannot resist nostalgia, who love old memories of a time gone by and who have some roots in the immigrant generation of that period.

Celebrate the fruits of the Land

By SUE EPSTEIN
Special to The CJN

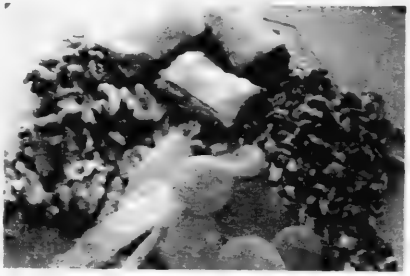
Tu b'Shvat is the Jewish New Year for the trees. Although celebrated throughout the Jewish world, it is an especially joyous holiday in Israel. Homes are decorated with fruits and flowers, there are tree-planting ceremonies, and a growing custom is to have a Tu b'Shvat seder.

There are many variations of Tu b'Shvat seders, but all are loosely based on a Passover seder. Many find this simply an occasion to get together with friends and family, but others include readings about trees and fruit from different kinds of Jewish literature. It is traditional to eat a new fruit which has not been eaten previously in the past year.

Four glasses of wine are drunk: white, blush, rose and red. Fifteen different types of fruits and nuts are served – five from each of the following three categories:

- fruits or nuts with an inedible outer shell and an edible inner core: pineapple, coconut, orange, pomello, banana, walnut, pecan, grapefruit, starfruit, pinenut, pomegranate, papaya, brazil nut, pistachio or almond;
- fruits with edible outer flesh and pits: olive, date, cherry, loquat, peach, apricot, persimmon, avocado or plum;
- fruits that are edible throughout: strawberry, grape, raisin, fig, raspberry, blueberry, cranberry, carob, apple, pear, kiwi or quince;

Crackers or bread made out of wheat and barley are also eaten.



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lettuce, (any kind, but the baby is good)
seeds from 1/2 to 1 ripe pomegranate
6 to 8 figs, quartered
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2 to 4 dates,pitted and sliced
almonds, walnuts or pecans
croutons that contain wheat and barley (you can make them from multigrain bread)
salad dressing made from olive oil, balsamic vinegar and honey
optional: goat cheese

Put all the fruit on a bed of lettuce and toss. Make sure to limit the number of the dates and grapes or it gets too sweet.

Add the dressing and croutons and toss again.

APRICOT-PISTACHIO MANDELBROT
Adapted from *The Silver Palate Good Times Cookbook*

3/4 cup dried chopped apricots
1 cup chopped pistachios
3 eggs
1/2 cup each granulated sugar, brown sugar
1/3 cup vegetable oil
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
2 3/4 cups flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. salt

Heat oven to 350. Soak apricots in hot water until plump (30 minutes), and pat dry with paper towel. Toast pistachios on baking sheet in oven until aromatic, about 10 minutes. Cool.

Beat eggs and sugars in large bowl with mixer until light and fluffy. Add oil and vanilla.

Whisk flour, baking powder and salt together in another bowl; add to sugar mixture. Mix until blended, then stir in nuts and apricots.

Briefly knead dough on floured surface. Divide into two pieces. Firmly shape each piece into a log, 3 inches wide. Place logs on parchment paper-lined cookie sheet. Bake until golden, 30-35 minutes. Remove from oven; let stand until cool enough to handle.

Cut logs into slices on slight diagonal, 1/2- to 3/4-inch wide. Bake 10 minutes (longer if you like more crunch), turning cookies over after 5 minutes. Cool. Store wrapped in wax paper in a tin for up to one week. Or freeze, double-wrapped, as long as three months. Makes about 40.

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Lawyer, 97, inducted into Order of Canada

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

Harry Walsh

WINNIPEG — Harry Walsh, one of Canada's greatest trial lawyers and in his prime a leader in Winnipeg's Jewish community, is one of the newest members of the Order of Canada.

The announcement of Walsh's induction, a long time coming considering that he is 97, was made Dec. 30.

"It was a complete surprise," said the honoree, "although my daughter, Ilene, knew about it. I have had dozens of congratulatory calls."

Walsh was recognized for "his dedication to criminal law in Canada for more than 70 years and for his advocacy against capital punishment."

He graduated from the University of Manitoba's School of Law in 1937. Over the years, Walsh served as counsel for thousands of criminal cases, including hundreds of murder cases. As chair of the Canadian Bar Association's criminal justice division, he led the campaign to abolish capital punishment in Canada.

Recognized for his dedication to criminal law in Canada for more than 70 years and for his advocacy against capital punishment

"We worked on the campaign for many years until we finally got results," he says.

Parliament finally abolished capital punishment in 1976, a year after Walsh and his committee persuaded the Canadian Bar Association to pass a resolution to that effect.

The other major highlight of Walsh's legal career was helping to establish Legal Aid Manitoba in the 1970s and recruiting senior people to work there.

In 2000, Walsh was named one of Manitoba's Top 10 lawyers of all time by the Law Society of Manitoba. He's a life bencher of the Law Society of Manitoba and a life member of the Canadian Bar Association.

In the Jewish community, Walsh's principal involvement has been with the Canadian Associates of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev – Winnipeg was home to the first chapter in Canada – which he co-founded with his late wife, Irene. The chair in Jewish law and morality at Ben-Gurion University is named in his honour.

He notes that he supports most of Israel's other universities as well.

He was also one of the founders of the former Bnay Abraham Synagogue.

Despite his advanced years, he still puts in a full week of work at the office (where his son, Paul, is a partner) and still lives in his own home. "I don't work weekends," he said, "but I take files home with me to work on."

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Giffords' Judaism noted in attacker's memo

JTA

TUCSON, Ariz. — In describing the motives of the man who allegedly attacked Gabrielle Giffords, a U.S. Department of Homeland Security memo reportedly notes that the Arizona congresswoman is Jewish.

The memo, obtained by Fox News Channel, says that the alleged assailant, Jared Lee Loughner, mentioned American Renaissance, an extremist anti-immigrant group, in some of his own postings.

"The group's ideology is anti-government, anti-immigration, anti-ZOG (Zionist occupational government), antisemitic," says the memo sent to law enforcement agencies. It also notes that Giffords, a Democrat, was the first Jewish congresswoman from Arizona.

Loughner was arrested after Giffords and at least 16 others were shot Saturday at a meet-your-lawmaker event at a Tucson shopping mall. Six people were killed, including a federal judge, John Roll, and Christina Taylor-Green, the nine-year-old granddaughter of former Mets and Yankees manager Dallas Green. Loughner was tackled and arrested. Giffords, a Democrat in her third term, remains in critical condition after being shot in the head.

Gabrielle Giffords

Loughner, who is being held by the FBI and has been described by authorities as "unstable," reportedly listed *Mein Kampf* and *The Communist Manifesto* as two of his favourite books, on his MySpace page. Several hours before the shooting he reportedly left a "Goodbye friends" message, which also said, "Please don't be mad at me."

Giffords was outside one of her signature "Congress at your corner" events outside a Safeway in Tucson, part of her congressional district, when the gunman approached and shot her. A Giffords staff member, Gabe Zimmerman, 30, the organizer of the event, was among the six casualties.

Dr. Michael Lemole a surgeon at the University Medical Center in Tucson said Sunday morning at a news conference that Giffords was responding to doctors' commands. During a two-hour surgery on Saturday, doctors removed bone fragments from her brain in order to help reduce swelling. The bullet went through the left side of her head, Lemole said.

Giffords was elected to Congress in the Democratic sweep in 2006. She made her Jewish identity part of her campaign.

"If you want something done, your best bet is to ask a Jewish woman to do it," Giffords, a former state senator, said at the time. "Jewish women – by our tradition and by the way we were raised – have an ability to cut through all the reasons why something should, shouldn't or can't be done, and pull people together to be successful."

Giffords, 40, was raised by a Christian Scientist mother and Jewish father, but said she decided she was Jewish following a visit to Israel in 2001. She attended services at a local Reform synagogue.

In a recent photo, she posed with the new U.S. House of Representatives speaker, Republican Ohio congressman John Boehner, at her swearing-in, with her hand on the Five Books of Moses.

Giffords fought a hard re-election battle last year against the national anti-incumbent, anti-Democratic mood. She tacked to the right of her party on immigration, saying border security was of primary consideration.

The election was called in her favour weeks after the vote.

Giffords' office had been vandalized in March after she voted for health-care reform. Friends said she had received threats for her positions on health care and for opposing her state's new law allowing police to arrest undocumented immigrants during routine stops.

The National Jewish Democratic Council suggested that the heated rhetoric of the last year contributed to the climate that led to the attack.

"One suspect, now in custody, may be directly responsible for this crime," the group said in a statement. "But it is fair to say – in today's political climate and given today's political rhetoric – that many have contributed to the building levels of vitriol in our political discourse that have surely contributed to the atmosphere in which this event transpired."

Congresswoman known for her openness, Judaism

By RON KAMPEAS
JTA

WASHINGTON — The event was typical Gabrielle Giffords: no barriers, all comers — Democrats, Republicans and independents welcome to talk about what was on their minds and in their hearts.

While she was deep in a conversation with an older couple about health care — the issue for which she was willing to risk her career —a gunman strode up to the Arizona congresswoman and shot her point blank in the head.

The critical wounding Jan. 8 of Giffords and the slaughter of six people standing near her — including a federal judge, her chief of community outreach and a nine-year-old girl interested in politics — brought to a screeching halt the easy, open ambience that typified Giffords' politics, friends and associates said.

"She's a warm person," Stuart Mellan, the president of the Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona, said as he walked away from a prayer service Saturday night at Temple Emanuel in Tucson, one of the southeastern Arizona cities that Giffords represents in Congress. "Everyone called her Gabby, and she would give a hug and remember your name."

Giffords was the president of a tire company founded by her grandfather when she was propelled into state politics, in part because of her concerns about the availability of health care. She switched her registration from Republican to Democrat, and in 2001, at 30, she was elected to the Arizona legislature.

She gained prominence quickly in that body, and in 2006, at 36, she became the first Jewish woman elected to Congress from her state.

At the same time, her Judaism was becoming more central to her identity. The turning point came in 2001 following a tour of Israel with the American Jewish Committee, she told the *Arizona Star* in 2007.

"It just cemented the fact that I wanted to spend more time with my own personal, spiritual growth. I felt very committed to Judaism," she said. "Religion means different things to different people. It provides me with grounding, a better understanding of who I came from."

Her wedding to Cmdr. Mark Kelly, an astronaut, was written up in the *New York Times*. The item noted that a mariachi band played Jewish music and there were two canopies – a chupah and one of swords held up by Kelly's navy buddies.

"That was Gabby," Jonathan Rothschild, a longtime friend who served on her campaign's executive committee, recalled to JTA. "The real irony of this thing is her Judaism is central to her, but she is the kind of person who reaches out to everybody."

Giffords' father is Jewish and her mother is a Christian Scientist, and she was raised in both faiths. Her grandfather, Akiba Hornstein, changed his name to Giffords after moving from New York to Arizona, in part because he did not want his Jewishness to be an issue in unfamiliar territory.

The women on her father's side of the family seemed to guide her toward identifying with Judaism.

"In my family, if you want to get something done, you take it to the Jewish women relatives," she told JTA in 2006. "Jewish women, by and large, know how to get things done."

Giffords, who last week took the oath of office for her third term in Congress, has pushed Jewish and pro-Israel issues to the forefront at the state and federal levels. She initiated an Arizona law facilitating Holocaust-era insurance claims for survivors, and in Congress she led an effort to keep Iran from obtaining parts for combat aircraft.

She didn't stint in seeking Jewish and pro-Israel funding. Nevada Democratic Representative Shelley Berkley, the premier pro-Israel lawmaker in Congress, fundraised for her, as did Steve Rabinowitz, the Washington public relations maven whose shop represents a slate of Jewish groups.

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Giffords 'described as 'heimishe, down to earth'

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"She was so heimishe, so down to earth," Rabinowitz, himself from Tucson, recalled of his fundraiser last spring.

Almost as soon as she was elected to the state legislature, Giffords was enmeshed in Arizona's signature issue — rights for undocumented immigrants — said Josh Protas, who directed the Tucson-area Jewish Community Relations Council for years before moving to Washington in 2009 to direct the D.C. office of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs.

Protas recalled meeting with Giffords as part of the area faith coalition promoting immigrant rights.

"We met with her around immigration issues, and she was sensitive to the faith community's concerns," he said.

Her approach to the issue was typical for the moderate Democrat, Protas said: she attempted to synthesize what she regarded as the valid viewpoints of both sides on the divisive issue.

"Understanding the complexities of the immigration situation was something important to her," he said. It came from "a sense of the Jewish value around how we treat the stranger, a history of the Jewish community – but she had recognition of the strong need for security."

It was a posture that led Giffords to hit both the state and federal governments last year. She blasted the Obama administration for not doing enough to secure the border, but also slammed as repressive a new Arizona law that allowed police to arrest undocumented immigrants during routine stops.

"She was very moderate in her views and willing to meet with folks on all sides," Protas said. "She took a lot of heat particularly the last couple of years from both the far right and the far left."

In the end, her greatest vulnerability might have been her openness.

The day Jim Kolbe said he was not seeking re-election to Congress, Giffords told Rothschild that she would run for the seat. Rothschild had one bit of advice for her: come back every weekend to meet constituents. Not hanging out with the locals had led to the defeat of Kolbe's Democratic predecessor.

He didn't need to convince her – she was back virtually every weekend.

And her open, engaging approach appeared to pay off.

Despite representing a swing district, she survived the Republican wave in November. And just three days before the shooting she was back in Washington – with one hand up and one hand on the Torah, grinning at her swearing-in at the Capitol.

Last Saturday, she was back in Tucson, at a parking lot smiling at all comers.

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Jewish songwriter dies

JTA

Debbie Friedman, a popular singer and songwriter who is widely credited with reinvigorating synagogue music, has died.

Friedman died Sunday after being hospitalized in Southern California for several days with pneumonia. She was in her late 50s.

Debbie Friedman

"Debbie influenced and enriched contemporary Jewish music in a profound way," read a statement published Sunday on the website of the Union for Reform Judaism. "Her music crossed generational and denominational lines and carved a powerful legacy of authentic Jewish spirituality into our daily lives."

Friedman brought a more folksy, sing-along style to American congregations. In 2007 she was appointed to the faculty of the Reform movement's cantorial school in a sign that her style had gained mainstream acceptance.

She is best known for her composition *Mi Shebeirach*, a prayer for healing that is sung in many North American congregations.

Friedman released more than 20 albums and performed in sold-out concerts around the world at synagogues, churches, schools and prestigious venues such as Carnegie Hall. She received dozens of awards and was lauded by critics worldwide.

"Debbie Friedman was an extraordinary treasure of our movement and an individual of great influence," said Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Union for Reform Judaism.

"Twenty-five years ago, North American Jews had forgotten how to sing. Debbie reminded us how to sing, she taught us how to sing. She gave us the vehicles that enabled us to sing. Then she impacted our youth and our camps and, ultimately, from there she impacted our synagogues.

"What happens in the synagogues of Reform Judaism today – the voices of song – are in large measure due to the insight, brilliance and influence of Debbie Friedman."

If they won't talk, we can't make peace, Israel says

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JERUSALEM – Israel urged the Palestinian leadership last week to set aside a diplomatic campaign that it says is keeping the Middle East peace process at an impasse and get back instead to direct talks.

"There is no doubt that the [peace] process is currently in an impasse," Israeli government spokesperson Mark Regev told BBC Radio in a London broadcast.

Mark Regev

"It's clear unfortunately that the Palestinian leadership has adopted a policy where they refuse to engage directly with Israel. And I would ask them" 'How do you expect to make peace with Israel unless you're willing to talk to Israel?' "

Regev said it was a "mirage" to think there was any alternative to a negotiated peace agreement.

But chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said talks with Israel, which stalled three months ago with the expiry of an Israeli moratorium on settlement building in the occupied West Bank, were at a dead end and other options would be pursued.

Benjamin Netanyahu

Among them is a diplomatic drive to win recognition of Palestinian statehood from as many UN member states as possible. Brazil, Argentina and several other Latin American states recently accorded recognition to Palestine.

"We don't need negotiations anymore," said Erekat, adding that the process has been going on for 17 years since the interim Oslo accords of 1993.

"Now it's time for decisions, and the decisions are required from leaders," he said. The terms of reference for an eventual peace accord should be set by the Quartet of powers engaged in the process – the United States, the European Union, Russia and the United Nations, Erekat added.

"Secondly, we want the [UN] Security Council to seek a second resolution concerning the Israeli continued settlement activity, asking for a freeze so we can continue the negotiations," he said.

Such a resolution could go to the Security Council later this month, according to Palestinian reports.

Thirdly, said Erekat, "We are requesting from the nations, on air, to accept the state of Palestine of '67 - that's what we're trying to achieve."

Regev said a unilateral move by the Palestinians would not serve the cause of a genuine peace deal to end the 62-year-old conflict and settle all claims.

"It was two decades ago, in 1988, that Yasser Arafat declared an independent Palestinian state and he got countries – Third-World countries, Communist countries, others – to recognize that state and I would ask the Palestinians what did that recognition give them? Did it change anything on the ground?" he said.

More than 100 countries have recognized a Palestinian state. But the mere fact of recognition has had scant impact on the continuing conflict. Palestinian officials nevertheless say they hope Chile will add its name to the list soon and are hoping Mexico will do the same later this year.

Their ultimate goal is not yet clear, but the Palestinian leadership would like to see a majority of UN members on their side by the next UN General Assembly next September.

Israel warns that any renewed unilateral declaration of statehood in the absence of a negotiated treaty would be a highly counter-productive move.

"My prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, has said publicly that he is willing to do another freeze [on settlements], but he said it cannot be in a vacuum," Regev said.

"In other words, we are asking for give and take. We are asking for the peace process to be a two-way street and I ask the Palestinians: 'What are you willing to give to make this process succeed?' "

Quartet envoy Tony Blair says suspended peace talks, whether direct or indirect, must get back on track very soon.

"I think it's measured in weeks not months," he told the BBC program. "We've got to give shape to the negotiation... we've got to try and see: Okay, we agree on the principle of the two-state solution, but what does that really mean?"

Israel Briefs

Sharon in coma five years

Former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon remains in a coma five years after suffering a massive stroke. He is hospitalized at the Sheba Medical Center of Tel Hashomer Hospital in Tel Aviv and has returned home for weekend visits.

Hamas leader: Shoah a 'lie'

A top Hamas leader called the Holocaust a "lie." "The lie according to which they were a victim of a holocaust and the [Jewish] people are a victim – this lie has crumbled with the holocaust of Beit Hanun, the holocaust of Al-Fakhura and the other countless holocausts... committed by the Zionist enemy," AFP, the French news agency, quoted Mahmoud Zahar as saying last week. Zahar was listing incidents in the Gaza War two years ago and marking the second anniversary of the landing of an Israeli shell near Al-Fakhura, a school run by the UN Relief and Works Agency in the Jabaliya refugee camp. Hamas claims 43 people, all but one of them civilians, were killed in the incident; Israel's army concluded 12 people, nine of them combatants, were killed, and that its troops were returning fire.

Apology for killing wrong man

Israel's army apologized for killing a civilian in his bed. Troops shot Amr Qawasme in his Hebron home during a raid aimed at re-arresting six suspected terrorists who had been released the day before by the Palestinian Authority. Qawasme, 65, lived a floor above the intended target, Wael Mahmoud Said Bitar, the army said. Bitar, who was implicated in a suicide bombing in Dimona in 2008, was arrested in the raid.

More Birthright funds

Israel will more than double its investment in the popular Birthright Israel program. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made the announcement before 3,000 program participants in Jerusalem last week. "My government will give more than double its investment in Birthright, and over the next few years we will invest more than $100 million in Birthright. Together with private donations, we can increase the number of [participants] to 50,000 a year," Netanyahu said. Considered one of the most successful initiatives in the Jewish world, Birthright Israel provides free 10-day trips to Israel for Jewish young adults aged 18-26. Some 30,000 people take part in the program each year. More than 250,000 have participated since its inception in 2000 through the joint initiative of philanthropists Charles Bronfman and Michael Steinhardt.

Knesset to probe groups

Israel's Knesset voted to form a parliamentary committee to investigate left-wing Israeli groups that criticize the Israeli military's actions. The initiative, proposed by the Yisrael Beiteinu Party, passed by a vote of 47 to 16. The committee will be charged with determining if the groups are funded by foreign countries or by groups with links to terrorism. Israeli human rights groups have criticized the move. State Attorney General Yehuda Weinstein ruled last summer that groups can't be investigated for criticizing Israel Defence Forces activities. Some of the groups singled out during the discussion included Yesh Din, Machsom Watch, B'tselem, Adallah and Breaking the Silence.

– with files from JTA

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Students at Leo Baeck Day School's Thornhill campus hold bags of used clothes to donate to New Circles, which were hand-delivered and sorted on Jan. 13. New Circles is a non-profit social service agency that provides used clothing to people in need. Pictured, back row from left, are Gaby Jacobson, teacher Michael Levinsky, Daniel Jacobson Ryan Erdman and Elena Wolff; middle row from left, Jake Rakusin, Emily Blum and Alana Reich, and, front, Toby Binder.

Parenting tips from Dr. Jeff

By RENA GODFREY
Special to the CJN

Is my kid eating enough? Will he be taller than my short hubby? Is screaming good for my baby's lungs? Does teething cause fever?

Dr. Jeff Weisbrot (better known as Dr. Jeff), pediatrician for over 20 years, teacher, lecturer, musician and now author, tapped into the many questions parents ask at his Richmond Hill, Ont., office and wrote *Should I Worry? Pediatric Tips for Parents*. It's a humorous, tell-all book intended to guide parents through the early years of their child's development.

What started as a creative outlet for the doctor became 75 chapters covering everything from choosing a pediatrician to dispelling old wives' tales, intermingled with personal stories, poems and Yiddish references.

Should I Worry? is sure to entertain, from its first-time mother's mantra: "I just had a baby and I don't know what I'm doing. Om," to a Dr. Seuss-inspired poem: "When Little Miss Sned Would Not Go to Bed."

"The book is designed to make you smile and laugh out loud," Weisbrot says.

Should I Worry? is divided into four parts – What is Normal?, How to Parent, When to Worry and Where We're Heading – a compilation of songs, sayings, jokes and more. His "pediatric pearls " of wisdom offer a fresh perspective on different issues and are generally found at the end of each chapter.

For Weisbrot, who grew up in Toronto and was raised, he says, on a healthy dose of *Mad Magazine*, writing the book was both therapeutic and a tremendous amount of fun.

Weisbrot chose the title, *Should I Worry?*, because this is the most common question he hears. He believes that when parents ask him if they should worry, they are actually asking him for permission to worry.

"Parents often ask me if it's okay to feel a certain way regarding their child's behaviour or illness. The word 'should' implies there is a right or wrong way to feel, and there are no rights or wrongs when it comes to parents' feelings."

Should I Worry? explores some of those uncertain feelings that parents have and provides valuable tips on how to handle difficult situations.

Still, Weisbrot says, "the best advice is no advice.

"Having children is an exploration of self-discovery. What parents need is to be informed and empowered to believe that what they're doing is the right thing."

Should I Worry? is available at www.shouldiworry.ca and is sold at the York Central Hospital Gift Shop in Richmond Hill, Ont.

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Israel: a natural gas superpower

By YOSEF TASTASSA
Special to The CJN

Until not long ago, it seemed that Israel would rely on foreign energy sources forever. The fact that a tiny nation surrounded by hostile neighbours had no natural energy resources was very disturbing, both economically and strategically.

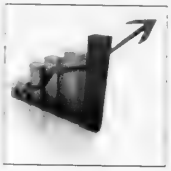
Israelis used to say, cynically, that whenever others dug a hole in the neighbourhood, they found oil or natural gas, but whenever they dug a hole in their own yard, they found mud and salty water.

The sad fact is that continuously increasing energy prices have been a burden on the Israeli economy. It's also a fact that Israel must hold enough oil reserves to sustain itself during a military conflict.

Advanced geological surveys conducted in the deep waters off the Israeli coast at the beginning of the century showed that there was a high probability of finding oil and natural gas in Israeli sovereign waters.

The first natural gas well was discovered in the Mediterranean Sea northwest of Ashkelon, and the natural gas has been flowing to Israel for several years.

The Tamar natural gas field is located about 90 kilometres west of the port city of Haifa. It was a very significant discovery for Israel. In July 2009, Texas-based Noble Energy, one of the partners in the Tamar exploration corporation, reported that Tamar's capacity is nearly 7.3 trillion cubic feet (TCF), enough to support the energy needs of the State of Israel for nearly four decades. Noble also estimated the economic value of Tamar at $6.7 billion.



Leviathan – a mighty whale in the Mediterranean

The real thriller in the Israeli energy sector, however, is not Tamar but Leviathan. In the past, geologists estimated that the chances of finding natural gas at the site, 135 kilometres west of Haifa, were 50 per cent. The estimates also said Leviathan is twice the size of Tamar, if not more.

After a period of great expectation and waiting, the moment of truth arrived. The Sedco Express, a drilling rig, hired in Spain by Noble, arrived on Oct. 12 and started immediately with experimental drilling into the core of the potential well.

At the beginning of this month, nearly three months after drilling started, the Leviathan partnership announced that the findings are positive and that Leviathan's estimated capacity is at least 16 TCF, with a potential value of $45 to $90 billion, depending on final drilling results. As well, there is a 17 per cent chance of finding three billion barrels of oil in a deeper layer of the Leviathan field.

As a result, Israel will not only be able to supply its own energy needs, it may also become a major energy exporter in the region.

The effect on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

The Leviathan partners are Noble (with a 39.66 per cent stake) and the Israeli firms Delek Energy (22.67 per cent), Avner Oil Exploration (22.67 per cent) and Ratio Oil Exploration (15 per cent).

A brief look at Ratio's share price hints at the potential significance of the find. In November 2009, Ratio shares were trading at 1.7 cents each. By January 2010, the share price was 3.5 cents. Last week, Ratio traded at more than 15.3 cents per share, surging 900 per cent in 15 months.

The effect on the Israeli economy

Israeli leaders were surprised by the offshore energy finds and decided to re-examine taxation policy pertaining to natural resources. Eytan Sheshinski, an economics professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, was nominated to chair a committee that would make recommendations on taxing policy to the state. Sheshinski's recommendations were published earlier this month. They suggested that the state's long-term share from taxes should be 55 to 62 per cent of the profits, subject to government and Knesset approvals.

Once Tamar gas reaches the coast of Israel and Leviathan gas is exported, the yearly contribution to Israel's economy will be no less than $5 billion.

Lebanon's appeal to the UN

Lebanon, with the support of the terrorist militia Hezbollah, has requested that the United Nations draw the nautical border between Israel and Lebanon. Lebanon also claimed that Leviathan is located in Lebanese territorial waters. The UN rejected the Lebanese claims, saying it does not draw nautical borders. The Leviathan discovery may yet bring another conflict in the region.

Israel to use gas income to retire external debt

By AVI BAR-ELI
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JERUSALEM — Israel's future revenue from the sale of oil and natural gas won't be included in the regular state budget, but instead be put into a special fund. The decision was based on an understanding reached by the government after preliminary discussions over how to distribute the state's share of the revenue from oil and gas exploration.

According to the model taking shape, royalty and tax payments from the sale of oil and gas would be directed first to cover a portion of Israel's external debt. In addition, the state would establish a special fund whose assets would ultimately be invested abroad.

The arrangement is an effort to avoid the so-called Dutch disease, a reference to the aftermath of the discovery of natural gas off the coast of the Netherlands in the 1960s. The country experienced a sharp rise in its currency at the time, the guilder, after a rush of incoming foreign money. This caused a sharp rise in the value of the guilder, which made Dutch exports less competitive while the price of imports fell. Local industry was hurt and unemployment rose, accompanied by a rise in public debt and inflation.

According to the Sheshinski Committee, which recently submitted its recommendations on government royalty and tax policy for natural resource exploitation, the offshore Tamar gas exploration site alone could generate average annual government revenues of $550 to $830 billion for the next 30 years. The revenue would result from 11 per cent royalties from the site, along with a progressive tax levy of 20 per cent to 50 per cent on partnership profits.

Although Israel's external debt is currently $30 billion and revenues from Tamar are expected to be small in comparison to the country's gross domestic product of about $220 billion, the thinking in the government is still that the revenues should be earmarked for a special fund, on the assumption that Tamar revenue will be followed by state revenue from other exploration sites that ultimately could have a significant impact on the balance of payments.

In the course of the Sheshinski Committee proceedings, consultants were asked to create an information database on how other countries with natural resources have dealt with the issue. Among the examples considered was the Singapore government's investment fund for its surplus income. The fund manages assets of $330 billion and employs about 1,000 people around the world.

The Norwegian model was also looked at. Norway's fund is managed as a unit of the country's central bank and has a whopping $600 billion in assets in a variety of sectors.

The committee also examined the concept of a stabilization fund designed to counter fluctuations in state revenue caused by sharp changes from natural resource sales. Such funds exist in Chile, for example, due to the volatility of the price of copper, and in Russia.

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Israeli reporter makes heartwarming documentary

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Nearly four years ago, like a bolt out of the blue, Israeli television reporter Shlomi Eldar received an e-mail message from Dr. Raz Somech, a physician at Tel Aviv's Tel Hashomer Hospital.

The message had an urgent edge to it. One of his patients, Mohammed Abu Mustafa, a four-month-old Palestinian boy from the Gaza Strip born without an immune system, would die unless he was given a bone marrow transplant, an expensive procedure not available in Gaza. Dr. Somech suggested that a story by Eldar might help him raise funds for the $55,000 transplant operation.

Eldar, a Channel 10 Arab affairs reporter who had filed stories from Gaza until its violent takeover by Hamas in the summer of 2007, doubted whether a story on a dying Arab infant would resonate with viewers.

"I was not that keen," admitted Eldar, the author of *Eyeless in Gaza*, a book that warned of Hamas' growing power in Gaza, from which Israel withdrew in 2005. "I didn't think it would be an interesting story."

Nonetheless, Eldar decided to proceed, interviewing the boy's mother and father, Raida and Fauzi Abu Mustafa. On the day his piece aired, the southern Israeli town of Sderot was hit by a volley of Hamas rockets.

Much to Eldar's surprise, his clip resonated with callers. One caller, a man whose son had been killed in the line of duty as a soldier, donated the amount required for the transplant procedure to go ahead.

Astounded by the turn of events, Eldar decided to make a heartwarming documentary about the race to save Mohammed. *Precious Life*, which was screened at at the Jerusalem Film Festival last July and at the Toronto International Film Festival several months later, opened in Toronto last week.

"It got an amazing reception in Israel," said Eldar in an interview last September. "Its achievement is that it humanized the Palestinians of Gaza."

Eldar, 53, encountered no shortage of problems in making *Precious Life*, which is due to be broadcast by HBO in June.

For starters, Raida Abu Mustafa, a traditional Palestinian woman who was hostile to Israel, declined to cooperate. Her husband, who comes across in the film as a reasonable person, convinced her to talk.

Eldar also found it hard to raise funds for the film, his first, which eventually cost $250,000. "To some people, it seemed like a banal story."

Undeterred by rejections, Eldar kept filming, acting as his own cinematographer. In 2008, he finally struck paydirt. Ehud Bleiberg, an Israeli producer who heads a Los Angeles-based production company and whose credits include *Tel Aviv Stories*, agreed to fund Eldar's documentary.

Channel 2, a private Israeli TV station, also contributed funds.

During filming, another snag popped up. After Raida Abu Mustafa told him she intended to raise Mohammed as a suicide bomber, Eldar was tempted to quit. "Her husband begged me to continue," he recalled.

After considering the matter for a month, Eldar returned to the project. By then, Raida Abu Mustafa had moderated her views, promising not to raise Mohammed as a *shahid* and coming out in favour of a two-state solution to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict.

To his relief, Raida Abu Mustafa and her family liked *Precious Life*. "They cried during the screening. She said, 'We were friends, but now we are brothers.' "

Despite Israel's blockade of Gaza, Eldar keeps in touch with them via Skype and e-mail.

"I'm like a member of their family," said Eldar, who began covering Gaza during the first Palestinian uprising in the late 1980s.

Shlomi Eldar

With Hamas' seizure of Gaza, Israeli reporters were forced to leave. "I can't argue with this decision," said Eldar, who currently covers the West Bank and co-ordinates coverage of Gaza through a team of local Palestinian journalists.

In spite of the restrictions, Eldar managed to sneak into Gaza in December 2008, when Israel's three-week war with Hamas broke out. But after 10 hours, he had to leave. Eldar, who lives in Nes Ziona, a 45-minute drive from Gaza, covered the war from Israel.

He was the reporter who broke the emotionally searing story of a Palestinian doctor and peace advocate, Izzeldin Abuelaish, who lost three of his daughters after an errant Israeli artillery shell crashed into his house on the outskirts of a Palestinian refugee camp. Eldar, who considers Abuelaish a close friend, claimed this highly embarrassing incident prompted then-Israeli prime minister Ehud Olmert to call a halt to the war.

He also argues that Israel deployed disproportionate force in waging the war. But he disagrees with the Goldstone report's claim that Israel committed war crimes or, possibly, crimes against humanity, in Gaza.

Eldar, who is currently writing a book about Hamas, doubts whether an Israeli rapprochement with Hamas is attainable. But a long-term truce with Hamas, involving the release of kidnapped Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit, is possible if Israel releases a sufficient number of Hamas prisoners, he said.

Eldar is pleased that a movie theatre in Jenin – the former suicide capital of the West Bank – wants to screen *Precious Life*. It is a sign that normality is returning to the West Bank after two Palestinian uprisings, he noted. But he doubts whether *Precious Life* will ever see the light of day in Gaza, at least as long as Hamas runs the coastal strip.

Ethiopian refugee's story

The Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company is bringing the Nephesh Theatre production *One of a Kind* from Israel for just two performances to the Jane Mallet Theatre in Toronto.

One of a Kind is co-writer Yossi Vassa's own personal account of his journey out of Ethiopia to a refugee camp in Sudan before flying to Jerusalem, as part of the Operation Moses airlift.

Vassa stars in this moving tale that follows a 10-year-old boy and his family as they travel on foot almost 700 kilometres from northern Ethiopia to Sudan.

Vassa is now a popular actor and comedian in Israel. He co-wrote and directed this play with Shai Ben Attar.

One of a Kind runs Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. There's also a limited-seating student matinée at 1:15 p.m. For tickets, call 416-366-7723.

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St. Thomas synagogue is a historic landmark

By MERLE ROSENSTEIN
Special to The CJN

I used to think that a Caribbean vacation was all sun, fun and relaxation. But on a recent trip to the U.S. Virgin Islands, I learned that there is so much more.

On the flight to St. Thomas, an ad from Chabad Lubavitch of the Virgin Islands caught my attention. It read: "Enjoy an elegant Shabbat dinner in a unique and intimate setting, overlooking the sparkling turquoise waters of St. Thomas... Dine on traditional Shabbat delicacies, with flavours of the Caribbean woven throughout the menu, complemented by a selection of kosher wines".

Even though I was to leave St. Thomas on Friday afternoon and would miss Shabbat dinner, I felt compelled to learn more about the history and community of Jews on the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI).

The U.S. Virgin Islands, part of the Lesser Antilles near Puerto Rico, comprise 50 islands. The three main islands – St. Croix, St. John and St. Thomas – share a fascinating history, unsurpassed tropical beauty and a rich living culture.

Jews first came to the Caribbean around 1654, fleeing Spanish and Portuguese religious intolerance. In 1655, Jewish merchants settled in USVI, then called the Danish West Indies and ruled by Denmark, where Jews and Catholics were granted religious freedom. With only nine families as members, the first synagogue was built in St. Thomas in 1796. The present synagogue, built in 1833, is the oldest synagogue in continuous use under the U.S. flag.

The interior of the St. Thomas synagogue

The St. Thomas Synagogue, or Beracha Veshalom Vegmiluth Hasidim, is located in charming Charlotte Amalie, the capital and largest city of USVI. Built in the Sephardi style, the synagogue was declared a national historic landmark in 1997. I was amazed by the light airy atmosphere of the sanctuary with its vaulted ceilings and white sand floor, reminiscent of the Marranos or "secret Jews," who practised Judaism in cellars and used sand to muffle the sounds of prayer. And the seven-branch menorah dating back to the 11th century, lamps made of Baccarat crystal, and pews and Ark made of local mahogany are simply gorgeous.

According to the Chabad Lubavitch's Rabbi Asher Federman, there are approximately 800 Jews living in USVI year-round and about 1,000 Jews own time-shares and winter homes. The St. Thomas congregation and Chabad Lubavitch reach out to Jewish visitors for bnei mitzvahs, weddings, minyans, Shabbat dinners and daily prayers, and provide information on where to find kosher food.

"This year, at a menorah lighting ceremony at the Westin hotel in St. John, there were 150 Jewish visitors and [locals]," Rabbi Federman said. "We have 30 to 40 people [a mix of locals and tourists] at our Shabbat table every week and community parties with anywhere from 50 to 150 locals joining, depending on the season."

Mina Orenstein, formerly of London, Ont., and now a longtime St. Thomas resident and a member of the St. Thomas Synagogue, said the shul has a close-knit congregation, which has developed through shared celebrations of Shabbat and Jewish holidays and meeting common challenges such as power outages and storms.

"The quality and inclusiveness of the congregation is not easily found. In 215 years, we have never missed a Shabbat service, even when fewer than 25 families lived on the island," Orenstein said.

The synagogue in St. Thomas

A testament to the strength of the Jewish community in USVI will be the celebration in 2011 of two "heritage" bnei mitzvah – the bnei mitzvah of children whose parents were born and raised on St. Thomas or St. John.

For information on destination weddings and bnei mitzvah, Shabbat dinner and services at St. Thomas Synagogue, contact Rabbi Stephen Moch, hebrewcong@islands.vi or 340-774-4312.

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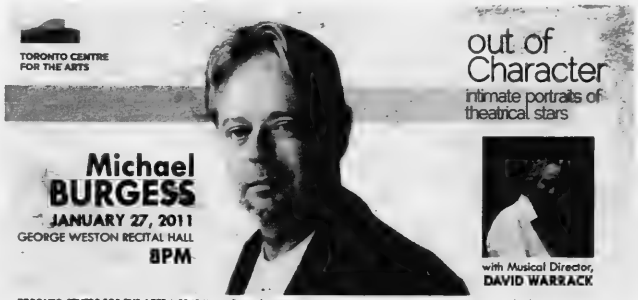
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AMERICAN PIANIST VICTOR GOLDBERG NAMED 'AMBASSADOR' FOR ISRAEL

U.S.-based Israeli musician **Victor Goldberg** was recently named "Israel ambassador" on the official website of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Goldberg is in the midst of an Asian tour that has inspired glowing reviews on the heels of the rave reviews he received on his Carnegie Hall debut last April.

Goldberg is accustomed to gleaming grand pianos, so when an electronic keyboard was scrounged up for him to play at a Buddhist orphanage in Mandalay, the second-largest city in Myanmar (Burma), he adapted quickly to the challenge. "I couldn't play most of my pieces on such a small keyboard, so I played two works by **Mozart** and **Tchaikovsky**," he said. Even so, the 6,000 children and their teachers at his performance "were awe-struck and demanded more," according to a local newspaper.

Goldberg's months-long tour of the Far East began in China and, with the help of various Israeli embassies, has also included dates in the Philippines and Thailand.

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Troper on Jewish Toronto: Prof. Harold (Hesh) Troper continues his three-part series of lectures with a talk on "Yehupetz North of Steeles: The Soon To Be Majority." Active Seniors, Miles Nadal JCC, Jan. 20, 1:30 p.m. His topic for the third lecture is "Return to Downtown: Revitalizing of the Jewish Inner City." Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, Jan. 27, 1:30 p.m. Drop-in fee, $3. 416-924-6211, ext. 155.

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Film Events

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• The Toronto Jewish Film Festival presents *Army Of Crime*, directed by **Robert Guédiguian**. Made in 2009, the film is a taut, French-made thriller about the early days of the French resistance. Chai Tea and a Movie, SilverCity Richmond Hill, 8725 Yonge St. at Hwy. 7. Sunday, Jan. 23, tea at 4 p.m., film at 5. $15. 416-599-8433, www.tjff.com

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Arts in Brief

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Gangsta rapper embraces Chassidism

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JERUSALEM — It was early on during his difficult, isolated years in prison that the former gangsta rapper known as Shyne decided to formally take on the laws of Judaism as his own.

Shyne, who changed his name in prison from Jamaal Barrows to Moses Levi, remembers the initial skepticism he encountered from prison rabbis he met at New York's Riker's Island, where he was incarcerated.

"In prison culture, everyone is trying to make a scam, everyone is a con artist, so who is this dark-skinned guy they wondered? Does he just want the Jewish food?" asks Levi, now cloaked in the black garb of a Chassidic Jew and living in Jerusalem.

"A guy with payes? Maybe they might believe him," he says, laughing.

Levi, 32, a former protegée of the hip-hop mogul Sean Combs (a.k.a. P. Diddy), found himself drawn to Judaism ever since hearing Old Testament stories from his grandmother as a boy. He was with Combs and then-girlfriend Jennifer Lopez, the singer and movie star, the night of a 1999 shooting at a Manhattan nightclub that left three injured and resulted in a trial that became a media circus.

Combs was acquitted, but Levi was found guilty of opening fire in the nightclub. In 2001, he was sentenced to 10 years in prison. After serving nearly nine years he was released last year.

Levi credits Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz, one of his attorneys, with helping him gain access in prison to prayer books and other religious items such as a tallit and tfillin.

Now, as he walks through the alleyways of Jerusalem's Old City on his way to the Western Wall, he clutches a worn prayer book whose maroon leather cover was torn off by prison officials for security purposes.

Adhering to an Orthodox approach to Judaism made the most sense to him, said Levi, who is studying with several haredi Orthodox rabbis from some of the most stringent yeshivas in Jerusalem. A few months ago, Levi said, he underwent a type of conversion called a "*giyur l'chumra*" – a conversion usually for those who likely are Jewish but undergo conversion "just to be on the safe side."

Shyne in Jerusalem

Levi's great-grandmother was Ethiopian, and he thinks she may have been Jewish. Exploring his possible Ethiopian Jewish heritage intrigues him.

Levi feels as if he's returning to the fold. His days are spent in study and prayer. Reminders of his newly acquired Jewish education come out in his rapid fire, Brooklyn-accented speech smattered with Hebrew words and talmudic and biblical references.

Levi is an anomaly in more ways than one.

His father is a prosperous lawyer who currently is the prime minister of Belize. When Levi was a child, his mother took him to the United States. They settled in New York, where she worked as a house cleaner to support them.

But Levi soon was enamoured with life on the streets, becoming a gang member. He was in and out of trouble, and at the age of 13, he was sent away to a juvenile centre. By the age of 15, he had been shot.

These days, Levi is talking about a musical comeback. He plans to release two albums this spring that are part of a joint venture with Def Jam Records, the major hip-hop label. Gone is some of the harsher and misogynist language of his previous two albums, one of which came out while he was in jail. While not explicitly religious, the lyrics do have a spiritual bent.

In Jerusalem, where Levi says he plans to stay for the next few months, he appears nonplussed by the second glances he attracts. But as a black man in the clothes of a haredi – complete with long black wool coat, fedora, knickers and black ribbed socks – Levi indeed stands out.

From Catholic mass to mass conversion

By SHALOM GOLDMAN
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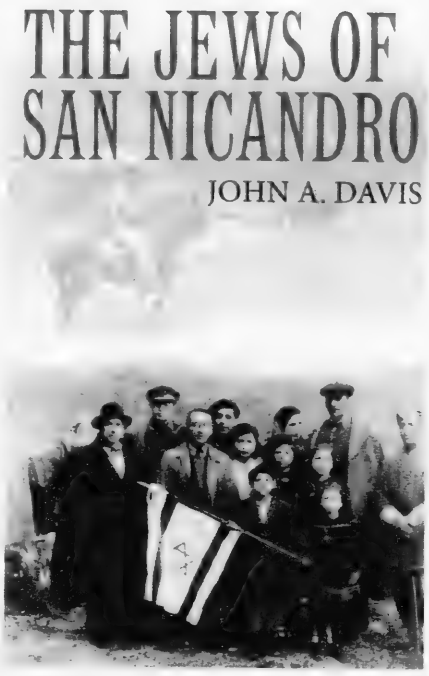

In the spring of 1932, the chief rabbi of Rome, Angelo Sacerdoti, sent a letter to Donato Manduzio, of the small town of San Nicandro in Italy's poverty-stricken southeastern Apulia region. Rome's rabbi had heard reports a year earlier about a group of Catholic villagers who wanted to convert to Judaism. And soon afterward, he had received a letter of inquiry from Manduzio, their leader.

Apulia was remote from Rome and from the other centres of Jewish life in Italy, and there had been no Jewish community in the region since the 15th century. Who then, the rabbi wondered, were these aspiring converts to Judaism? He wrote to Manduzio to find out.

At the time, in the early 1930s, there were approximately 50,000 Jews in all of Italy. Over the previous century, many Jews had converted to Catholicism, and many more were to convert before the decade was over. But a group of Catholic converts to Judaism? This was unheard of. Especially striking was the rumour that these aspiring converts in a small village were now keeping the Sahbath as best they could.

The story of Manduzio's followers and their conversion to Judaism – and eventually to fully realized Zionism – is the subject of John Davis' *The Jews of San Nicandro* (Yale University Press). Davis, a respected historian of modern Italy, does a fine job here of giving the reader the wider Italian historical context of this story.

After first hearing of these "Sabbatini" (Sabbath-observers), Rabbi Sacerdoti had learned that they "discovered" Judaism (or more precisely, the religion of the Hebrew Bible, without any knowledge of the Oral Law) on their own. Protestant missionaries had distributed Italian translations of the Bible in many southern Italian towns, and a considerable number of Catholic villagers had joined Protestant churches, much to the consternation of the local Catholic clergy.

The San Nicandro villagers, under Manduzio's visionary leadership, came to the conclusion that the message of the "Old Testament" was the only true divine message, and that they should completely reject Christian teachings.

Rome's rabbi was alarmed by this development, concerned that a group conversion would antagonize the Catholic Church.

Rabbi Sacerdoti was amazed at the Sabbatini's expression of interest in Judaism. No doubt he would have been astounded to know that Manduzio and his followers (who in 1932, numbered 20 adults and 30 children) would later convert to Judaism and that it would take 15 years for this to happen. Even more astonishing by the standards of the early 1930s, was the fact that most of the 50 Sabbatini would become Israelis – a term that was then only a distant dream.

Rabbi Sacerdoti, who died in 1935, did not live to see the outcome of the San Nicandro saga. But his successors did. They were each involved, to a greater or lesser extent, in the San Nicandro conversion story.

Over the tumultuous period from 1932 to 1946, Rabbi Sacerdoti and his successors tried to discourage the villagers from converting to Judaism. Perhaps, suggested one of Manduzio's Jewish correspondents in the mid-1930s, the group should remain gentile and embrace the responsibilities of "the sons of Noah."

Manduzio's spirited response to this suggestion showed that the group's self-concept had changed in the five years that had passed since his own first "revelation."

"We were amazed to hear that we are not sons of Israel," Manduzio wrote. "We know by Divine Revelation that we are more than Israelites, we are descended from the third branch of Jacob and directly from Levi."

Not content to claim the moral high ground by invoking a Levitical lineage, Manduzio then made a claim that must have astounded all of the rabbis. He said he and his followers were closer to the "real" Jewish tradition than his Jewish interlocutors, particularly the rabbis: "If you say that we are outside Israel, then this is a sign that you do not recognize the Divine Revelation with which we alone have been favoured."

Neither he nor his followers, Manduzio acknowledged, had "studied at rabbinical college or was a rabbi, because everything we know has been taught to us by the one God who is the only teacher and shepherd."

In August 1946, the San Nicandro Sabbatini underwent conversion to Judaism, and in November 1949, most of those converts sailed from the southern Italian city of Bari to Haifa and settled in Moshav Alma, near Safed, from where they dispersed to other parts of the country during the following decade, many of them to the Be'er Sheva region.

Davis does a fine job of telling the story of the San Nicandrans. As a historian of modern Italy, he focuses on the political and social aspects of the story. But students and scholars of religion may want to learn more about the ritual and spiritual lives of these converts, and Davis' account is a bit sparse on these details.

In addition, a more analytical account of Manduzio's opposition to the rabbinic tradition would have enlarged the scope of the book. These aspects will no doubt be covered in subsequent books on the San Nicandran converts. As of now, we have John Davis and Yale University Press to thank for bringing this great story to light.

Shalom Goldman is professor of Hebrew and Middle Eastern studies at Emory University, in Atlanta. His book, Zeal for Zion: Christians, Jews and the Idea of the Promised Land, *was recently published by University of North Carolina Press.*

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Montreal native mixed martial arts broadcaster

By DAVID LAZARUS
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Ariel Helwani doesn't make it back to Montreal that much anymore, except for maybe the Jewish holidays.

But the 28-year-old native, who is in the process of making it big in mixed martial arts (MMA) broadcasting, did visit recently to cover a match between Quebecer George St. Pierre and Josch Koschek.

As things turned out, St. Pierre won – before a crowd of 23,000.

But Helwani has won his share, too. Last year, he was named MMA journalist of the year, which is considered not too shabby for an ambitious, sports-obsessed guy whose poise, professionalism, and polish on radio, TV and on online mixed martial arts websites have gotten him more YouTube hits and Twitter followers than any other reporter in the industry.

"It's been cool, that's for sure, being recognized," said Helwani in a recent telephone interview.

Helwani grew up in TMR and Westmount, attended the Akiva School and Herzliah High School, and has fond memories of growing up a local sports fanatic.

For the uninitiated, mixed martial arts is a full-contact combat sport that allows competitors – through both striking and grappling – to use a variety of martial and non-martial disciplines such as boxing, Brazilian jiujitsu and others.

It is all pretty intense, full of showmanship, and violent – and controversial – and a sport that once, like Rodney Dangerfield, got no respect. Before becoming safer and more regulated through its promotion company called Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC), founded in 1993, critics considered it barbaric. Senator John McCain likened it to "human cock fighting," and it is still illegal in six U.S. states, including, most prominently, New York.

Broadcaster Ariel Helwani, right, interviews United Fighting Championship president Dana White. ***[Esther Lin/FanHouse photo]***

Mixed martial arts is banned in several Canadian provinces. But Helwani is sure it's only a matter of time before that will all change.

The Ontario government recently announced that it would allow mixed martial arts starting this year.

Since becoming more regulated, "it is safer than boxing," Helwani said, and has recorded very few serious injuries. "People say its appeal is based on 'blood lust,' and it's true people like violence, but that is not its main appeal.

"People always called boxing the "sweet science," but it is just as violent [as MMA] and was never banned."

And unlike pro wrestling, which it is often compared to because of its showmanship, winners are not decided in advance, which accounts, Helwani thinks, for its huge fan appeal.

"The fans just love it, and it is slowly but surely getting the respect it deserves," he said, pointing to the fact that conventional sports broadcasters such as ESPN and TSN now include coverage of UFC matches.

Certainly, Helwani, now residing in Manhattan's Upper East Side with his wife, Jacqueline Stein, is living a lifelong fantasy come true.

Growing up a huge fan of sports legends Marv Albert and Bob Costa, Helwani used to watch professional wrestling and other sports on pay per view and, at age 11, fell in love with mixed martial arts when he saw his first UFC match in 1993, the year it was founded.

His uncle, David Saad, competed in judo for Lebanon at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal.

Bent on becoming a sports broadcast journalist, Helwani earned a 2004 degree in broadcast journalism at Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communication, and little by little made his way up the broadcasting sports rungs.

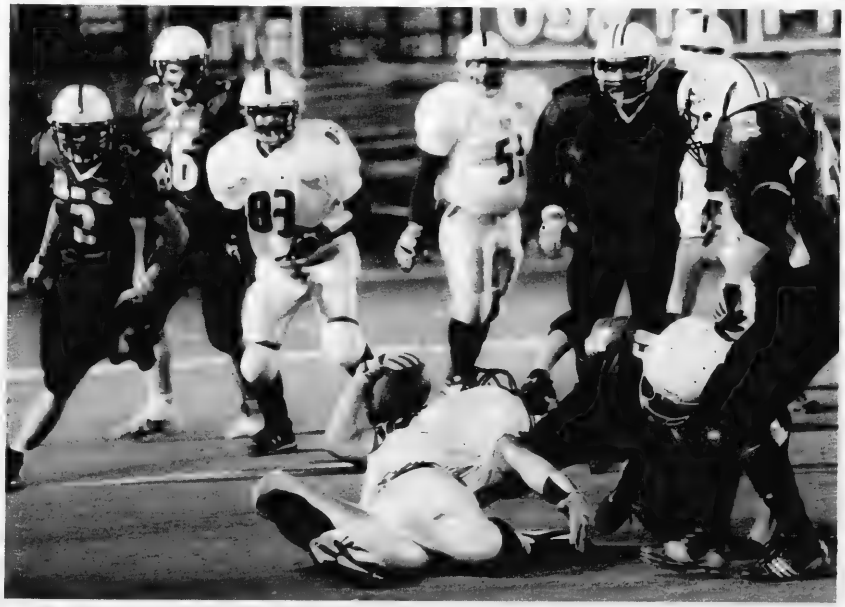
His CV now includes working for HBO Sports, ESPN Classic and Spike TV, MMA-fighting.com, Versus.com, hosting AOL's The MMA Hour and co-hosting XM Radio's Fight Club.

Helwani has also covered conventional sports such as the 2010 Winter Olympics, the NBA and NFL drafts, and the Stanley Cup playoffs.

In a sense, Helwani suggested, mixed martial arts is still in a nascent but rapidly developing state. Despite roots dating back to ancient Greece, the UFC is only 17 years old and is continuing to mature, with mixed martial arts becoming safer, more mainstream, and is in effect still a "small community" that "I am proud to be a part of."

"That is why I love being part of MMA," he told an MMA website fullmount.co last year. "I feel that we get to be there at a time when it still hasn't hit the mainstream and get the chance to grow with the sport professionally as a journalist.

"It's not just us – the fighters and everyone involved with the sport get to grow, too."



THE ISRAELI GRIDIRON

North American football is a burgeoning sport in Israel. The Israeli Football League comprises eight teams in two four-team conferences. In the photo at left, we see the ball-carrier from the Big Blue Lions of Jerusalem being tackled in a game in Jerusalem against the Jerusalem Kings. The Lions defeated the Kings 30 - 24. Above, IDF chief of staff Gabi Ashkenazi speaks to his son Itay who plays for the Big Blue Lions Football.

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Stars of David win multicultural hockey tourney

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

With the score 2-0 after two, it was still recognizable hockey. But when the Israeli Stars of David notched the third goal in the third period, the nonsense really began.

The game now appearing out of hand, the Irish Shamrocks went "Flyers" on them – or rather the 1970s version of the team. Shades of Dave "the Hammer" Schultz. One player ran the Stars' goalie. Shades of Ron Hextall, the Shamrocks' netminder skated the length of the ice to get in on the action.

A penalty parade ensued, but Alex Voihanski had coached his young team to maintain discipline and stick to what they do best: skate hard, get the puck in deep, cycle it and go forward, forward, forward. Sort of like the Montreal Canadiens of the same era. And just as that version of the Habs came out on top when it went head to head with the Broad Street Bullies, so too did the Stars of David.

Riding Kevin Kliman's shutout goaltending, the Stars defeated the Shamrocks 3-0 to capture the 2010 Scotiabank Canadian Multicultural Hockey Championships.

The win marks the second time in three years the Stars have captured the prestigious title. In 2008, their first victory came as something of a surprise, but that was not the case this time, Voihanski said.

"The first year, it was shocking to spectators that we won. The spectators now expect us to be one of the better teams."

Voihanski, who played in the MTHL for many years and who lives and breathes hockey, put together a lineup that focused on youth, speed and skill. He assembled a "Kid Line" of teenagers Bryan Weinberg, who plays for Mississauga Chargers of the OHA, Jesse Schwartz, also with the Chargers, and Daniel Leavens of Newmarket Hurricanes.

His veteran line was centred by tournament MVP Alon Eizenman, who played for the Israeli national team and in the French professional league, team captain and ex-Plymouth Whaler Stacey Britstone and Adam Weinberg, Bryan's brother, who played for the University of Toronto.

Others included Jordan Weinberg, the third brother who shifted between forward and defence, and Mike Pain, who played for Sarnia in the OHL and for York University.

Despite little prep time, the Stars came out the gate flying, defeating the Hellenic Lightning 6-1.

Game 2 saw the Stars "come out a little flat," admitted Voihanski. They tied the Macedonian Lions 1-1, despite gaining momentum midway through the second period. "We were all over them, but we couldn't beat their goalie," Voihanski said.

Game 3 versus the Irish Shamrocks was a 3-1 victory for the Stars. "It was very flattering to them. We were all over them. It could easily have been 6-1," Voihanski said.

The final game of the preliminary round saw them tangle with the Korean Tigers, a new entry who appeared to be overmatched. The Israelis cruised to a 7-1 second period lead. The game ended 7-1.

Seeded second behind the 4-0 Italian Gladiators, the Stars faced off against the Polish Hussars in the quarter-finals.

It was a blowout, 7-1 in the end.

"We had a great game. Aside from the Irish game, that was our most complete game," said Voihanski.

Israel faced the Macedonian Lions in the semis, and they proved to be a more difficult foe. "They played us tough. They trapped us and tried to slow down our free-flowing game," Voihanski said.

In response, the Stars continued to skate hard, dumped the puck deep into the Lions' zone, cycled it and managed to put eight shots past the Lions' stopper. Final score: 8-4.

The championship was the rematch against the Shamrocks. "They play together year round," said Voihanski. "They're an older group, old school, they make no mistakes, are positionally sound, so you have to work hard for points."

Jordan Weinberg scored the opening goal in the first, Brendan Schwartz, Jesse' brother, scored the second in the second, and Jordan Weinberg got the third in the third.

That, of course, signalled the reincarnation of the Flyers' shtick.

"Once it became 3-0, it became a little bit of a gong show," Voihanski said.

Undefeated in the tournament, the Israeli Stars were deserving winners, Voihanski said. "We had a lot of talent, a lot of speed, we played smart, worked hard, kept the puck in deep and made few mistakes."

About half the guys were holdovers from the team that won two years ago, he added. "There's definitely a lot of talent out there. People need to know there's a lot of Jewish talent out there, playing at a high level, and committed."

Two years ago, with the war in Gaza going on, the Stars had an incentive to come together and show well. This year's edition was likewise "a tight knit group of players... who feel passion to put on the jersey with the Star of David," he said.

Voihanski expects that with a core of young players, the team will be competitive for years to come. He hopes more and more people come out to watch them play. "It's a really good brand of hockey," he said. "We put the pedal to the medal and go forward, forward, forward."

The Stars of David celebrate their victory.

The Canadian Multicultural Hockey League championships have been played on the same days since the first tournament in December 2005. Founded to promote hockey in traditionally non-hockey playing communities, more than 20 teams took part in 2010, representing over a dozen ethnicities. They played in three divisions. The Israeli Stars won the Canadian Cup in the men's Premier Division.

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Save a Child's Heart volunteer is amazed by miracles of surgery

By LAURA STRICKER
Staff Reporter

When Kim Edwards is asked about Save a Child's Heart (SACH), she finds it hard to stop talking.

For the past six years, the 25-year-old has spent part of her summers volunteering with the Israeli organization, living in the SACH house and helping look after the children. Since 1995, SACH doctors have performed heart surgery on more than 2,400 children all over the world.

Edwards found out about SACH while attending Queen's University for her undergraduate degree. She was involved in the Hillel chapter there, and one of their fundraisers was for the organization.

Going to Israel and volunteering with SACH for the first time was an amazing experience, she said.

"I fell in love with the charity and the people who work there and the children who come."

Edwards, who is currently studying to get her PhD in clinical psychology, is very passionate about helping children, evidenced by the way she talks about the ones she's met through SACH, including Salama, who was three years old when she came to Israel from Zanzibar.

"Salama had come over without her parents... she was really ill so she was taken to the hospital right away. I met her just after her surgery," Edwards said.

"I really developed a motherly instinct that summer, because when I left I felt like I was leaving a child of mine behind. The bond that we had was so amazing. When she cried at the hospital and I was at the house, the nurses would call and ask me to speak to her."

Another child, a one-year-old boy, came from Romania with his 17-year-old mother. Before his heart surgery, he had spent his entire life in a hospital in Romania because he was so sick.

"The mother's from such a poor town – there was no running water, no nothing, and [he] would have died if he stayed in that town," Edwards said. "There were some volunteers in the hospital who had seen a bunch of other children die from heart-related complications, and they decided they didn't want the same thing to happen to this little boy. So they got on the Internet to search for options, and they found Save a Child's Heart.

"He took his first step in Israel," she added. "Before he'd been crawling around, and after his surgery, his little body was able to support his weight."

Then there was Happiness, who was three years old when she came from Tanzania.

"She's just so cute," Edwards said of Happiness. "We used to sing 'if you're happy and you know it, clap your hands' when she was being fussy. She just loved it and she would start clapping her hands."

Edwards formed close bonds with many of the parents who came with their children to Israel, including one mother from Ghana.

"I came back to [the University of] Western [Ontario this past] September, and one afternoon I was really stressed out and working on a big paper. Then I got a phone call... and it was this mother from Ghana," Edwards said.

"She had walked to another village and bought a phone card, and called me just to tell me that her baby was doing well and how much she missed me. It was so amazing to get that kind of call because it puts life in perspective."

Seeing how surgery has saved so many young lives puts the availability of first-class medical care in Canada into perspective for Edwards.

Salama, with Edwards, was three years old when she came from Zanzibar to Israel for heart surgery.

"After the surgery, they're like a whole different child and the future is so bright for them. To know that a six- or eight-hour surgery can add 40 or 50 years onto someone's life is really amazing."

Edwards remembers watching a Palestinian child undergoing heart surgery.

"It was amazing to see this child's heartbeat on a monitor beforehand and have the doctors explain to me how the blood flow looked different after. This operation completely changed this child's heart," she said.

"[Afterward] the boy's father came over to me and said 'thank you' in broken English, I thought he had mistaken me for a doctor... and tried to explain that I'm not the person he should be thanking. Eventually I realized how much it meant to him when he saw me [in the operating room] and recognized me from playing with his child.

"Going to Save a Child's Heart for me is like a break from reality. You enter a different world where it doesn't matter what you look like or what you're wearing – it just matters that you are able to use hand gestures and smile and give a hug and be silly," Edwards continued.

"Someone once told me if the world was more like the SACH house, then the world would be a better place, and I think it's true."

In addition to performing heart surgeries, SACH also trains doctors from other countries.

"At SACH this summer, I learned that Israel has around a population of seven million and there are 65 pediatric cardiologists for Israel," Edwards said. "Ethiopia has around a population of 70 million and they have three pediatric cardiologists.

"Everyone deserves a chance," she added. "I was chatting with [a woman from Gaza] a few years ago, and her daughter was extremely sick. She took her daughter to a hospital in Gaza, and they basically told her to let her daughter die and have another child.

"She refused to give up. She found her way to... Israel, and the doctors agreed to operate."

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Kim Edwards (second from left), with children, parents and volunteers from Save a Child's Heart, was a SACH volunteer in Israel.

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כשהאחד ליבהד, מצאתי את עצבי באותן מבני בשפך החדר (צפך לסטילט, על גבעת הקרן, בשטח לשעריה...). בחדור הזה אספר לכם על הביטי לאחור, ולשפרים על אירועים ושמחות שישלים לעניין את הצפונים שבהביטי. אגב, אם בא לכם לשתף אותי במה שקורה אצלכם-כבוך.

"כדאי לך להטוב על דברים שקורים בהחלה." מסכים מאיר, בעיד אמני מחשלים בבחיכה כבדיוק' מרמה ("אדסנא מיזמן, בבקשה").

"אבל אני לא אמצוב דברים טכנים. אנשים מתים על הזמנה שלי. היזאה אך הגלן לי סם המדיר מאבלית?" אני מתיעצת. מאיר מהנהן, סקפטי כרגיל.

"אנשים אוהבים אוכל!"

"בסדר, אמדיר, אוהבים. הביהבי לכסל על ההצגה שלך. זה גם יעזור לך ליהנות את עצמך, וגם חומר אוקטאלי ומעניין". מאיר מסכם את השיחה ליבי את המהנן.

"סוב, אז תכשיב." ואני מקלידה בחשיבות רבה על הלפטופ. למרך המרגה שלי: "אם מהחשק לכם לראות אותי למעגם של הטבעת לשימור הזהות הישראלית בפדיה. ואני חשבה לעצמה. הי, אני תמיד יוצאת את הבית המלוכה, אם כבר מדברים על ספת'ונז), חקרה בעניינות בסניות- מי תידעם לי את ההצגה האבולית.

"מה זיעומית?" חייכתי בפה מלא (תפאת). "כתבתי את ההצגה אאלית, בפיטה!"

הבחבת לא יכולה את זה, וכיכחה שוב לברי, "אבל האבולית שלך, ידה, היא...בלומר, אך שאת כיבנן מהיאהיה אצלי, אני מתבדנת, את בעצמך אומרת ש... בלומר..." (והא כבנמנות המן במסכל דחבות אבולית). מיהאי, מה שאני מנסה להסביר זה שלכתוב הצגות, כרטים, עלוהיה, זה בהיף וגם קלה, אבל כשאני צריכה לשאול כיכחה (אי, שלא נדע, לעצת למישהו) מה השעה, נגיד? הלך פלי.

אז הבית, בשתי מילים על ההצגה שלי, "הכבדנר בפיחה": שתי משפחות נדוה בשכנות אחת לשבירה. הישראלים חדשנים שהגדים סגרם, והגדים לבנות זאת סגרים כלפי הישראלים. ככה מעמד וכבן, כולם יהידים אחד על השני והכל יפי. עד שיום אחד, הבן של הגדים מהאהב בבת של הישראלים, ודור בחשיבה, מגנה להחזיר גם את הבחדות, וביחד הם מחליטים לעשות עליה. כמובן שהישראלים על הגלגים האפדיות (מה, עשינו את המעבר הזה כדי שהילדה ינחזר לכך ארצה?) וגם הגדים מגדרים (ברגע שהיא עם הישראלית התפצעה. הוא כבר לא יחזור הביתה אף פעם). בין כל אלה, הבת הגדולה של הגדים יוצאת לה עם בני תוכך ומבולבל, שזה גם גדים לבות רבה ליהדים, והפלילה מסתבכת לה בעליבות.

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Urban Writer

By Avrum Rosensweig

I am sitting in a Holiday Inn in Peterborough, Ont. I'm overlooking the Trent-Severn Waterway, a small body of water framed by railway tracks to the north and cottages to the south.

Since I began painting in 1995, I have heard that much of nature is grey, a colour expressed through the trunks of trees and the well-walked earth.

Today, however, I am overwhelmed by what seems to be the complete greyishness of the day and the utter beauty of this colour that's often thought of as bland. The solid ice, a winter shoreline, is greenish-grey. The naked branches of the pine and spruce trees are brownish-grey, and the distant skyline is bluish-grey.

Interestingly, when my friend Burt looks out the window, he sees a bland, nasty day. He describes the greyish scenario as "sombre." Through his sight, the greys of the Peterborough winter are dull, somewhat like the skies and moods of a Russian film.

This colour that thrills me places a damper on his day. In it, within the grey, he senses a season hibernating, a time perhaps closer to death than life – "something that will be," a "sleepy hollow."

I see a palette. I detect something very much awake and raring to go! Because of these greys I am compelled to sketch and paint. They encourage me to remember the Impressionists who looked out over the darkening fields and nearly unlit villages of Europe. How exciting.

The real consideration, however, is that two sets of eyes see so differently. While Burt's grey is one thing, mine is another. While his represents a very particular world, mine presents something else. Amazingly, both are valid.

So how are we to deal with this reality? How do we accept that that which we focus on appears differently to me than it does to you?

For the Jewish people, 2011 will be a year when this question will be asked over and over. Whose grey is truer? The Israeli government is negotiating with Palestinian leadership, and there are those who will see this situation as putting the Jewish state in peril. Others will look at it and be convinced that they are seeing a colourful grey, an environment in which peace will be possible. Two sets of eyes; two different conclusions. Which grey is truer?

This year will be a most interesting year because the schism between denominations is growing bigger. Orthodox Judaism is moving more to the right, and while Conservative and Reform Judaism have taken the same turn, the differences between the two – particularly having to do with conversion – are enormous. Here the greys have become muted. How are we to see them?

I have studied art over the years, looking closely at Vincent van Gogh. He never bores me, and I want to learn more about his life, brushstrokes, choice of colours, especially the tans, ochres, reds, oranges and greys. I will stare at *The Potato Eaters* for hours on end. But not everybody will. I know there are those who dislike van Gogh. Is he a good artist or otherwise? Whose grey shall we rely upon? Whose vision shall we trust?

Peterborough and its greyish winter made me reflect on this question, on this human condition. What are we seeing, when we see it? How does it look to us, and how does it look to them? What is reality in all of this? It will be a most interesting year. Look closely.

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Families home at last

A group of 174 Falash Mora immigrants from Ethiopia arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport on Monday morning to be immediately reunited with their families. An additional 175 Ethiopian immigrants were expected to arrive on Tuesday. Some 7,500 Falash Mora are still believed to be in Ethiopia awaiting patriation to Israel by the Jewish Agency for Israel. *[Flash90 photo]*

Vandals strike five Montreal institutions

By DAVID LAZARUS
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL – in the wake of sporadic but regular vandalism, the Jewish community reached a "tipping point" this past weekend after five institutions were hit on one night, said Rabbi Reuben Poupko, chair of Federation CJA's security co-ordinating committee.

Four Montreal synagogues and one school were hit by vandals in the early hours of Jan. 16. The synagogues – Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem (TBDJ), Beth Rambam, Beth Zion and Dorshei Emet – all had single rocks thrown through their front windows. The same thing happened at Yavne Academy.

All but one are in Cote St. Luc. Dorshei Emet is in Hampstead.

B'nai Brith Quebec deplored the attacks and called on police to review past attacks, "which may have been dismissed as isolated examples of vandalism." The federation was also expected to issue a statement on Monday.

Rabbi Poupko said it's believed that all the incidents took place between 2 and 3 a.m. on Sunday. A janitor who left Beth Rambam at around 2 a.m. returned an hour later and discovered the broken window.

A video camera at one of the institutions – not all have cameras or well-located ones, Rabbi Poupko said – showed two men emerging from a car, throwing the rock and then leaving.

The incident was the most serious to hit the Jewish community since September 2009, when three Cote St. Luc synagogues had their windows shattered by rocks, apparently also by two men in a car.

Moshe Ben-Shach, director of operations at Federation CJA, who oversees security at community institutions, said that the incidents are being viewed with concern, and police are investigating it seriously.

He said such incidents have been "sporadic" and that the priority is for the community to act "cohesively and in strength."

Rabbi Poupko said, however, that such incidents have been occurring on a more regular basis, perhaps once a month, but they have gone unreported for fear of triggering "copycats" or creating, "an unreasonable degree of fear."

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Sentence Praised

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress praised the six-month jail sentence given Jan. 10 to a Nova Scotia man who burned a cross on the front lawn of a mixed-race couple last year. "We commend the Nova Scotia courts for sending a strong message that reflects Canadian society's revulsion against hate-motivated crimes. This has been a precedent-setting case, the first time in Canada that cross burning has been recognized for what it is – a hate crime," Congress CEO Bernie Farber said. Nathan Rehberg, 21, was convicted along with his brother, Justin, 20, of burning a two-metre-high cross on the Poplar Grove, N.S., lawn of Shayne Howe, who is black, and Michelle Lyon, who is white. It's believed to be the first cross-burning case in Canada. Justin Rehberg, who reportedly admitted his guilt almost immediately, received two months in jail.

WORLD

Visitor Record

WARSAW — The Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp attracted a record number of visitors in 2010. Some 1.38 million people toured the site in southern Poland, up from 1.3 million in 2009, the Auschwitz memorial museum said Jan. 12. More than a half-million Poles visited the site, as well as 84,000 Britons, 74,000 Italians, 68,000 Germans and 63,000 French nationals. About 59,000 Israelis toured the site, and 850,000 of the visitors ranged from schoolage to university students.

Bardot Leads Drive

PARIS — Former French actress and sex symbol Brigitte Bardot is leading an animal rights campaign against kosher and halal methods of slaughtering animals. Some 2,000 posters have been plastered throughout France this month to "inform" people of the "Middle Age" methods used to "slit the throats of animals without anesthesia in order to please God." Bardot, 77, said that her Brigitte Bardot Foundation and other animal rights groups battled authorities for the right to criticize the practices with the posters.

Palin Criticized For 'Blood Libel' Claim

NEW YORK — Sarah Palin's use of the term "blood libel" to decry blaming conservatives for the Arizona shooting has raised the ire of some in the Jewish community.

Sarah Palin

In a Jan. 12 video statement, the former U.S. vice-presidential candidate said: "Acts of monstrous criminality stand on their own. They begin and end with the criminals who commit them. Especially within hours of a tragedy unfolding, journalists and pundits should not manufacture a blood libel that serves only to incite the very hatred and violence they purport to condemn. That is reprehensible."

The blood libel refers to accusations that began in the Middle Ages that Jews used the blood of murdered Christian children to make matzah for Passover.

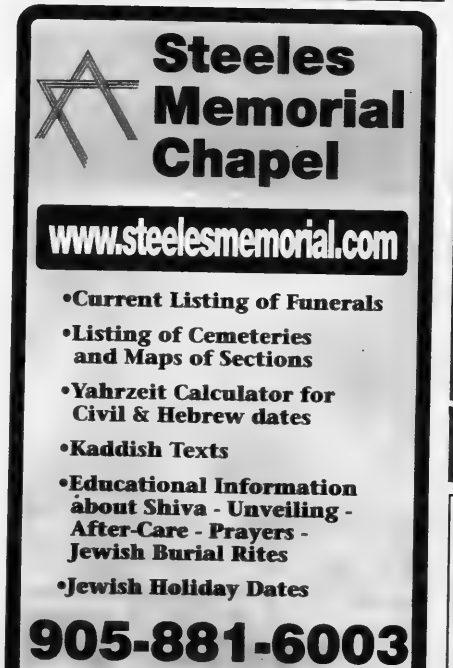
Palin has been criticized since the Jan. 8 shooting for using images of a gun crosshair to identify vulnerable districts in the November elections, including that of U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-Ariz.), who was shot in the head and seriously injured in the attack at a Tucson shopping mall that left six dead and a dozen injured.

Jewish Funds for Justice president Simon Greer noted in a statement that "blood libel" isn't a synonym for false accusation, but rather refers to a specific false charge. He said Palin's usage is "totally out of line."

Jewish Americans for Sarah Palin, however, defended the politician. "Falsely accusing someone of shedding blood is a blood libel, whether it's medieval Christians accusing Jews of baking blood in Passover matzahs or... political partisans blaming conservative political figures and talk-show hosts for the Tucson massacre," said director Benyamin Korn.

Teacher Reinstated

PARIS — A Jewish high school history teacher in France who was suspended four months for spending too much class time on the Holocaust and organizing school trips to concentration camps was reinstated. Catherine Pederzoli, 58, who teaches in Nancy, near the German border, was also criticized for using the term Shoah instead of genocide. She was assigned to another school in Nancy.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HBC stand firm against Israeli boycott calls

Pro-Palestinian group urges retail giant to stop carrying Ahava products

By ANDY LEVY-AJZENKOPF
Staff Reporter

The Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) says it will never capitulate to calls to boycott Israeli products.

That's the message the Canadian retail giant delivered to the Jewish community late last week in the wake of persistent rumours that it had acceded to the demands of a pro-Palestinian group that urged it to stop carrying Israeli-made Ahava cosmetics.

Those rumours were further fuelled by a mishandled public relations response that had senior HBC management scrambling to deny that the iconic Canadian retailer had succumbed to calls for it to boycott Ahava products after the company quietly pulled the Israeli-made beauty line from its shelves nationwide early last week.

When Canadian Ahava consumers noticed that the line was missing from HBC's stock last week, they began questioning the retailer about why, but they got little response from the company.

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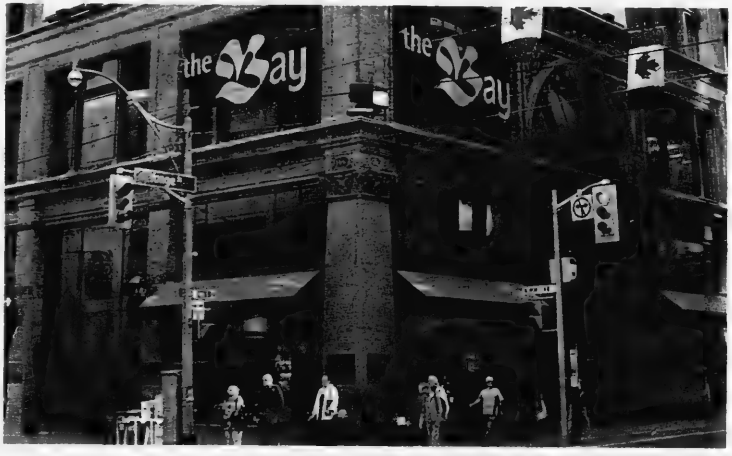

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The real scapegoat

It cannot be a restful watch these days for the leaders, strongmen, monarchs, despots, autocrats, tyrants and other anti-democrats who rule the Arab world. The latest developments in Tunisia must make them feel somewhat uneasy.

Panic-stricken and fearing for his life and the lives of his family, President Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali stealthily fled his country in the dark of last Friday night. He had ruled Tunisia for 23 years in a manner that most observers described as "iron-fisted."

The end came for Ben Ali quite suddenly. Like a match thrown on dry tinder, the street rioting grew fiercer, uglier, more brutal, deadlier and more widespread. Sparked by the self-immolatory suicide of a despairing student a week earlier, Tunisians gave vent and continue to give vent to their despair and their rage at the utter dishonesty, indifference and corruption of their government. Even the usually astute diplomatic corps and media were taken by surprise at the extent and the ferocity of the civil unrest.

From the editor's desk...

As these words are being written, Tunisia is in chaos. Dozens have been murdered. Shooting can be heard in various locations around the country.

Fouad Mebazaa, the former parliament speaker, was sworn in as interim president. He has asked Prime Minister Mohamed Ghannouchi to form a government of national unity. Presidential elections, he said, should be held within 60 days. Whether this will happen is anyone's guess.

In an irony too rich with the sharp, instructive pain of poignant timing, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton upbraided the leaders of the Arab world even as the rioters had taken to the streets in Tunisia. According to the *New York Times*, speaking at a conference last Thursday in Doha, Qatar, Clinton warned the leaders of the Arab world that their countries could "sink into the sand of unrest and extremism unless they liberalized their political systems and cleaned up their economies."

The secretary of state used the occasion to ring the alarm of warning very loudly. "Those who cling to the status quo may be able to hold back the full impact of their countries' problems for a little while, but not forever. If leaders don't offer a positive vision and give young people meaningful ways to contribute, others will fill the vacuum." She then identified the "others."

"Extremist elements, terrorist groups... who would prey on desperation and poverty are already out there, appealing for allegiance and competing for influence."

The *Times* report described the secretary's remarks as "striking for their vehemence... Mrs. Clinton saved her most scathing remarks for corruption, which she said was corroding Arab economies and making life impossible for foreigners who ran businesses in Arab countries."

The question, of course, was whether her audience was taking any of her message to heart. After all, the substance of the message was not new. Only its fervency was. Arab world rulers have long pointed to a scapegoat to distract their respective people away from a true accounting of their society's ills. Most often, of course, that scapegoat has been Israel and the unresolved conflict with the Palestinians. They tried the same tactic with the secretary of state. But she deftly turned it aside. The *Times* reporter wrote that "Clinton noted that the U.S. was the top financial donor to the Palestinian Authority, an implicit rebuke of Arab states which champion the Palestinian cause... but do too little to support its efforts to build institutions in the West Bank."

The leaders sitting silently in their chairs in Doha undoubtedly resented the secretary's bold talk. But if they were not listening to her, perhaps they were listening to the shooting and the shattering of glass in Tunisia?

The most recent United Nations Development Programme report covering the Arab world was written in 2009 (*Arab Human Development Report*). It is the fifth such report.

The publisher of the document (the United Nations) describes it as "an independent publication that gives a voice to a representative group of Arab intellectuals whose sober and self-critical appraisals might not otherwise be heard in the particular circumstances of the region."

In other words, it is impossible to conceive of the governments in the Arab world allowing such a report to be written. And for good reason: it is an unwithering condemnation of the governance of the peoples in the Arab world.

At every level and in every category of the human condition, the report describes the pitiful lack of advance throughout the Arab world. For example, it is hard to believe, but according to the report, "the Arab countries were less industrialized in 2007 than in 1970, almost four decades previously."

Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali no longer has a scapegoat. And he no longer has a country.

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Attacks now under investigation

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"Police need to dedicate more resources to the investigation," he said.

One source told *The CJN* that about two weeks ago, "a major community institution" was hit by vandals, but the incident went unreported.

Rabbi Poupko also said he has heard concerns that groups who have been calling for local boycotts of Israeli-made goods might be "riling up extremists" to the point of committing such acts.

"It is reasonable to ask the question," Rabbi Poupko said. "Those are the questions I'm hearing from people."

Quebec Jewish Congress, in a statement on Monday morning, also strongly denounced the vandalism. Such acts threaten our society's values of liberty and tolerance, QJC president Adam Atlas said.

TBDJ's Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz wrote in his blog that while the attack was "not the end of the world... a few hundred dollars damage... a broken window sends shock waves.

"The perpetrators broke this window because they hate Jews," he wrote. "They hate me, my wife and my children, and they hate my community."

Added Rabbi Poupko: "There's a point where enough is enough. These are cowards who throw rocks through windows under the cover of darkness... but [they] will not determine how the community organizes itself or uses its institutions."

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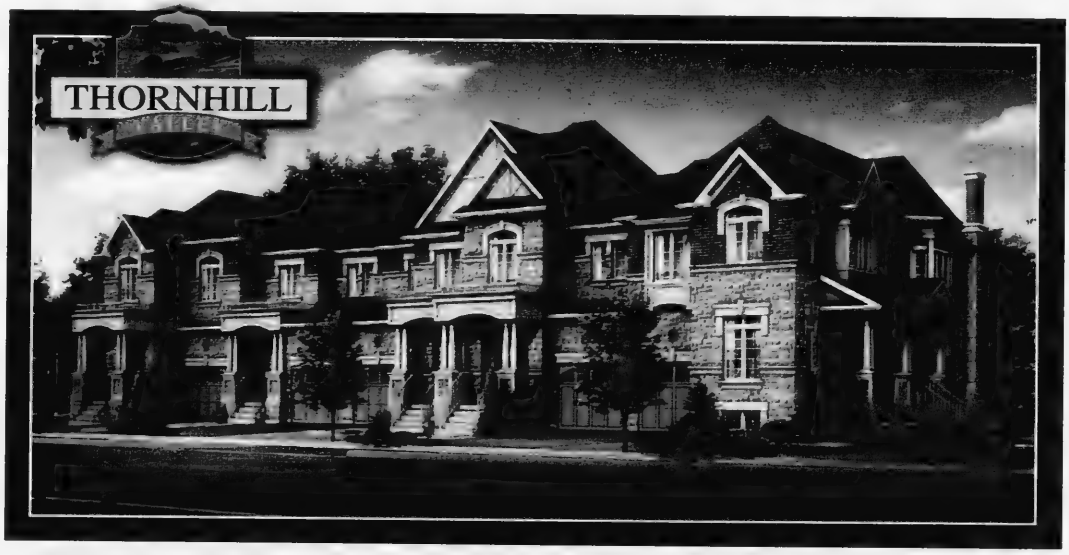

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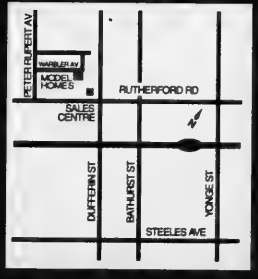

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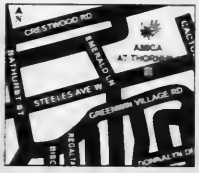

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Meir Weinstein, head of the Jewish Defence League in Canada, chats online with English Defence League founder Tommy Robinson. *[Ron Csillag photo]*

Rally for anti-Islamist group draws protesters

By RON CSILLAG
Special to The CJN

Outside in the chill, police held back noisy protesters, at least four of whom were arrested. One police officer suffered a broken rib. Inside, common cause was forged between two controversial groups.

Roughly 50 protesters representing various anti-racist and social action groups, many with their faces obscured by scarves and balaclavas, gathered at the Toronto Zionist Centre on Marlee Avenue Jan. 11 to oppose a handshake and newly minted relations between the Jewish Defence League (JDL) and the U.K.-based English Defence League (EDL).

Protesters shouted slogans and taunts at members of the JDL. Police horseback units were brought in to contain the unruly demonstration.

Indoors, Meir Weinstein, head of the JDL in Canada, explained to about an equal number of attendees why his organization has reached out to the EDL, an anti-Islamist group that has been denounced as extremist.

Weinstein's promised online chat with EDL founder Stephen Lennon, who goes by the name Tommy Robinson, was marred only by a poor Skype connection, but the Briton's message was clear: Canadians "need to wake up. The Islamicization of your country is on its way."

The highly publicized JDL rally in support of the EDL was opposed by Canadian Jewish Congress, which said last week that while it feels Islamic fundamentalism is "a real threat," fighting it with "generalized hatred against Muslims, as does the EDL, is only a recipe for fuelling more conflict.

"When extremists come together we all too often get a combustible reaction," stated CJC CEO Bernie Farber. "Violence, no matter who the perpetrator must be condemned. Using the tactics of hooligans whether from the right or the left is appalling."

Critics have charged the EDL with being racist, fascist and Islamophobic, and that its rallies often turn violent. The group was formed last year and is resolutely working class in its outlook and philosophy.

The EDL is "a far-right extremist organization" that has organized "violent street marches that target Arab and Muslim people," reads an open letter signed by two dozen activist groups, among them Ontario Coalition Against Poverty, Queers Against Israeli Apartheid and the Canadian Arab Federation.

To enthusiastic applause, Weinstein noted that charges against Robinson of assaulting a police officer stemming from a confrontation with Muslims last Remembrance Day in London were dropped that very day, Jan. 11.

The JDL is forging relations with the EDL in order to "take a stand against the forces of political Islam," according to the JDL's website.

In his remarks, Weinstein said "a bond must be established with those groups that we believe to be on the same page and fighting the same tyranny."

The threat of militant Islamism "is much more serious than any threat we face. We are obligated to take a stand," Weinstein said.

Robinson, 27, said that since the incident last Remembrance Day, in which a group of militant Muslims burned poppies and said British soldiers should "burn in hell," the EDL has gained 18,000 members.

British police "are petrified of Islam," he said in his 15-minute talk.

Ultimately, Robinson said, Islam and western democracy "are incompatible, like oil and water."

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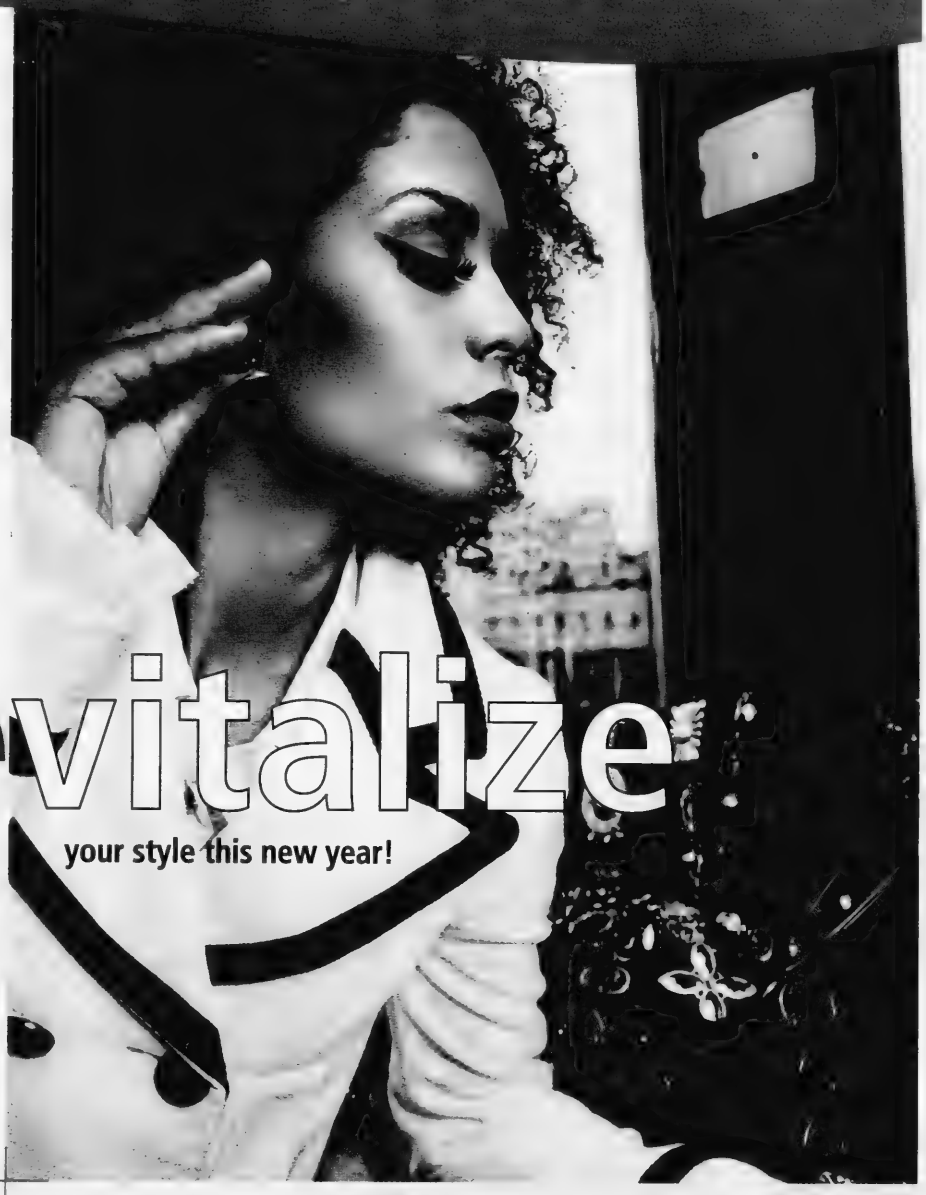

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Morally vacuous, intellectually dishonest

It is a misnomer of severely grandiose proportions that the local group leading the charge for boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) against Israel is called Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East, for their vision of justice is founded upon the dissolution of the only sovereign Jewish state on earth. And the peace that would result in their model Middle East is the eerie, haunting silence that descends upon a charred landscape after its destruction.

Last week, they urged their followers in Toronto to boycott the Bay for selling the Ahava line of Dead Sea beauty products. They were undoubtedly inspired to do so by the surrender of the British retailer John Lewis in announcing it would no longer sell Ahava products. Their call for boycott, however, fell upon deaf ears. The Bay issued a statement that succinctly stated it "neither subscribes to nor endorses politically motivated boycotts of merchandise from countries with which Canada has open and established trading relationships, including Israel."

In Montreal, the boycott advocates have also been turned aside. As reported in *The CJN*, Palestinian and Jewish Unity (PAJU) began Saturday afternoon demonstrations Oct. 2 outside the small, family-run, Boutique Le Marcheur on St. Denis Street, which has been in existence for more than 30 years, urging buyers to avoid the store because it carries a line of shoes made in Israel.

David Ouellette, research and communications director of the Quebec-Israel Committee (QIC) told *The CJN* that "the media coverage [of the boycott of Le Marcheur] aroused a wave of moral indignation." Although unions and other organizations such as the Federation des femmes du Québec officially endorse the boycott of Israel, Ouellette says "there is no public support for BDS in Quebec. Quebecers don't buy the apartheid label."

The boycott-divestment-sanctions edifice rests upon a phony, false, fake foundation: the calumny that Israel is an apartheid state. The accusation is not only intellectually dishonest, it is also morally vacuous, especially in light of the determined yet transparent campaign by Palestinian Authority leaders to resist peace treaty negotiations with Israel.

And yet, even though false, alas, the epithet has significant purchase among the misinformed and the malevolent.

PAJU said its aim was to make St. Denis Street an "Israeli apartheid free zone." But the people who shout "apartheid" at Israel are really shouting "Israel must cease to exist."

We must not be fooled into thinking their purpose is anything less. That is why ever and always we must always "shout" back: "Your words are false. We will not surrender to your lies."

Israel shall not die, but live.

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Israel and Spain established diplomatic ties, ending nearly 40 years of chilled relations. Fearing a retaliatory terror strike, Spain increased security at airports and embassies. Israel declined ties in 1948 because of Spain's close relations with Nazi Germany, but ties thawed after right-wing dictator Gen. Francisco Franco died in 1975.

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The Peto thesis

Regarding Prof. Anna Shternshis' opinion that it would have been best to disregard the Peto thesis, I feel that she has made an error in judgment ("It's no longer just about the master's thesis," Jan. 13). When something like Peto's thesis, *The Victimhood of the Powerful: White Jews, Zionism and the Racism of Hegemonic Holocaust Education*, is given the imprimatur of a major university rather than ignoring it and hoping that it isn't noticed, I believe it's best to expose, critique and ridicule the hatred, ignorance and thoughtless bias such work represents and that of a program that would foster bigotry. The issue extends far beyond that of a substandard paper being accepted as the basis of a master's degree. It reveals the bias and politicization of an entire program at the University of Toronto. Matters like this can only be addressed if they are exposed so that the public can be aware of them. In my opinion, the results have been positive and bear out that approach.

Richard Klagsbrun
Toronto

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Religious instruction at daycares

If the Quebec government plans to forbid religious instruction in subsidized daycares because of the new overriding principle of secularism ("Que. daycare religion ban upsets community," Jan. 6), why does it adamantly refuse to remove the crucifix, a clearly religious symbol, from the Assemblée Nationale, Quebec's parliament? Quebec's own Bouchard-Taylor Commission, set up to look at the issue of "reasonable accommodation," recommended that it be taken down!

Quebec's Charte des droits et libertés de la personne (Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms), adopted on June 27, 1974, says in Chapter IV, Article 41: "Parents or persons acting on their behalf have the right to ensure the religious and moral education of their children according to their beliefs, all the while respecting the rights and interests of their children." These new guidelines contradict this clause of the charter and appear to be unconstitutional. They also contradict Quebec's current policy on private elementary and high schools, which are allowed to teach religion as long as they follow the province's curriculum.

Chana Rosenberg, who works in one of the YM-YWHA's four CPEs (centres de la petite enfance), is quoted as saying that daycare centres "would have to significantly alter their activities, including, for example, abandoning weekly Shabbat observance." Has she forgotten that the Y itself has recently abandoned any and all observance of Shabbat? If we don't respect our own religion, how can we expect others to?

Rabbi Mordechai Bulua
Montreal

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A step toward healing

As Jews who hope for peace, we urge the Israeli government to do what is right by acknowledging the tragic mistake that took the lives of Izzeldin Abuelaish's three daughters and his niece on Jan. 16, 2009 ("Palestinian doctor hopes 'wisdom will prevail,'" Jan. 13). Abuelaish, who has filed a lawsuit against Israel, is not seeking money for himself but rather wants a contribution to be made to a trust fund that he has dedicated to nurturing leadership among Middle Eastern women in the fields of education and health. He would also like to build a conference centre at the Tel Hashomer Hospital in Israel, where his daughter, Shada, was saved, to be named in the memory of those who have died.

Abuelaish is a role model for peace and reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians. His bestselling book, *I Shall Not Hate*, is inspirational. We call on the Israeli government to take responsibility, apologize and find a way to commemorate the memories of Bessan, Mayar, Aya and Nour. It will be a step toward healing for both Jews and Palestinians.

Barbara Landau and Sy Landau
Toronto

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Meeting with Assad

I find the statement of Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice-president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations very surprising ("Assad Meeting," Jan. 13). He says that his trip to meet the Syrian president involved restoration of shuls. That is remarkable! There are only about 26 elderly Jews left in the whole country. It would be better had he asked for restitution for all the community buildings, private homes and businesses obliged to be left behind by a once-thriving Jewish community that has escaped to freedom.

Judy Feld Carr
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Rabbi recalls marching with King in 1961

By SUE FISHKOFF
JTA

Rabbi Israel Dresner, 81, says he's the most arrested rabbi in America.

At least that was the case in the 1960s, he says, when he was one of dozens of rabbis who answered the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s call for clergy from the North to join the civil rights movement in the Jim Crow South.

From the Freedom Rides of 1961 to the famous march in Alabama from Selma to Montgomery in March 1965, when Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel walked in the front row with Rev. King, Jews were prominent participants in the battle for civil rights that dominated the first half of the '60s.

Of the thousands of white activists who headed South, nearly half were Jewish, according to *Jewish Dimensions of Social Justice*, a 1998 publication of the Reform movement.

"This was living out what Judaism itself has been teaching all along, that you have to help the oppressed, the underprivileged, not stand idly by the blood of your neighbour," said Rabbi David Teitelbaum, 84, of Redwood City, Calif.

As the United States prepared to mark Martin Luther King Day on Jan. 17, some rabbis who travelled South to join the man who would go on to win a Nobel Peace Prize talked to JTA about the civil rights struggle.

Rabbi Teitelbaum went to Alabama with four other rabbis from northern California in March 1965 for the voter registration drive of African Americans and the Selma march.

The rabbis who joined these efforts were arrested, jailed and sometimes beaten, protected by the colour of their skin from the worst physical dangers, but nonetheless threatened on a daily basis.

Rabbi Dresner's first arrest was in June 1961, when he and the late Rabbi Martin Freedman of Paterson, N.J., along with eight Protestant ministers, formed the first interfaith clergy Freedom Ride. Their bus was part of a summer-long campaign of white and black activists, many of them clergy, who travelled together throughout the South to draw attention to the evils of segregation.

The young Rabbi Dresner went to jail each summer for the next three years as he brought ever larger groups of rabbis and ministers to join the struggle in the South.

"I was a Reform rabbi, but I always wore a yarmulke," said Rabbi Dresner, now rabbi emeritus of Congregation Beth Tikvah in Wayne, N.J. "I wanted people to know I was Jewish."

The president of the NAACP at the time was Kivie Kaplan, a prominent member of the Reform movement's social action commission. Kaplan bought the Washington building that became the headquarters for the movement's new Religious Action Center and also housed the fledgling Leadership Council on Civil Rights.

Black and Jewish lawyers, on a table in that office, drafted what became the major civil rights laws of the mid-'60s, recounted Al Vorspan, who directed the Reform commission for 50 years.

It was a time when Jews and blacks often found common cause in the struggle for justice in a country where both had been oppressed.

Rabbi Matthew Simon, 79, now the emeritus rabbi of B'nai Israel in Rockville, Md., was working at a Conservative congregation in Los Angeles when he joined the 1965 Selma march.

"I had very good relationships with the black clergy in the San Fernando Valley," he recalled. "We worked together on social action issues, on voting rights and housing rights, not just in Los Angeles but all over the country."

> ***'This was living out what Judaism itself has been teaching all along, that you have to help the oppressed'***

Jews who took part in these efforts took considerable push-back from fellow Jews who felt that Jewish activism was better directed at issues of Jewish, not general, concern.

Most of the rabbis who marched with Rev. King, or joined the Freedom Riders, were Reform, said Vorspan, now senior vice-president emeritus of the Union for Reform Judaism, formerly known as the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

UAHC came out "strongly and unequivocally" in favour of civil rights activism, he said, but the rabbis who went South risked more than physical danger.

"Many of their congregations were on the verge of firing them for it," Vorspan said. "I personally went to several congregations threatening to fire their rabbis and told them it would be a 'chillul HaShem,' " a desecration of God's name.

Three of the largest Reform temples in the country, including Temple Emanuel in New York, temporarily withdrew from the Reform movement, he recalled, because of the movement's support for the civil rights struggle and later opposition to the war in Vietnam.

Meanwhile, leading black activists were borrowing heavily from Jewish sources, particularly the Bible, in their sermons and speeches. Rev. King himself often used biblical motifs, especially the Exodus, to dramatize the African-American journey from slavery to freedom.

One night in Georgia in the summer of 1962, Rabbi Dresner and Rev. King were trapped with other activists in a house surrounded by hundreds of members of the local White Citizens Council.

While they were waiting for help, Rev. King told the rabbi about the Passover seder he'd attended that spring at a Reform synagogue in Atlanta. He particularly recalled reading the Haggadah and hearing the phrase, "We were slaves in Egypt."

"Dr. King said to me, 'I was enormously impressed that 3,000 years later, these people remember their ancestors were slaves, and they're not ashamed," Rabbi Dresner said. "He told me, 'We Negroes have to learn that – not to be ashamed of our slave heritage.'"

Negro was the accepted term for African American in the 1960s, Rabbi Dresner noted.

In March 1965, Rabbi Saul Berman, then the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Israel in Berkeley, Calif., travelled to Alabama with the rabbinic delegation from northern California.

Black leaders in Selma called, asking the rabbis to bring a box of kippot, or yarmulkes, with them.

"At that time, black people in the South were wearing kippot as a freedom cap," explained Rabbi Berman, now a prominent Orthodox scholar who teaches at Stern College and Columbia University school of law in New York. "It was an extraordinary indication of the extreme penetration of the Jewish community."

At the same time, Rabbi Berman said, a "disturbing undercurrent" began to surface in the movement. As his group of 150 activists was arrested for the second time on their way to Selma, debate broke out as to whether they should disband, with a promise not to return, as local police were urging.

"They didn't want to book us – half the group was clergy," he said.

As the white ministers pondered the best move, the black participants became angry.

"The question arose – whose movement is this?" Rabbi Berman said. "It was a precursor of much more intense feelings of that sort that emerged in the late '60s as black leaders began to resent white leaders who felt the civil rights movement was 'theirs.' I didn't recognize the significance of that scene until much later."

Many of the rabbis who were active in the civil rights struggle went on to support freedom for Soviet Jewry, motivated by the same sense of prophetic justice that drew them to the South, and by the desire to protect their fellow Jews in trouble, a more particularist concern that grew as the decades passed.

Today, relations between the black and Jewish communities are rarely as strong as they were in the heyday of the civil rights struggle.

"The issues of concern today are those of American society as a whole, not of blacks being able to enter American society," said Rabbi Simon, who notes that even after 30 years in suburban Washington, he still does not know his local black clergy. "I interact with them from time to time, but they've never come to us for a common action."

Still, vestiges of commonality remain.

Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center, is the only non-African American on the board of the NAACP. Many synagogues and Jewish community centres run freedom seders at Passover with local African-American and Latino leaders, or interfaith Shabbat services to honour Martin Luther King Day.

And rabbis who marched with Rev. King say they'd do it again.

"Because I'm Jewish," Rabbi Dresner said. "I didn't see any alternative."

Amanda Pazornik of J. weekly, *the Jewish news weekly of Northern California, contributed to this report from San Francisco.*

Finding the balance in academic freedom

Not infrequently, people tell me they've read my column in *The CJN*. Most often, they say this with a smile, suggesting that – even when they disagree – they enjoy my take on an issue. Every so often, however, my readers aren't smiling. Every so often, they accost me or write to me to take issue in strong terms with what I've written. Sometimes I anticipate drawing a strong response. For example, when I write about Jewish feminism, a contentious issue in the Canadian Jewish community, readers react strongly in sympathy or in disagreement.

But I didn't anticipate that this would be the case after last month's column about the crisis facing the humanities in North American and Israeli universities. I thought readers would share my concern about the "utilitarian" view of universities that concentrates funds in programs with direct vocational relevance and impoverishes language instruction, and humanities more broadly. I didn't think the worries I expressed – about the future of Hebrew and Yiddish language instruction, and literature, philosophy and history – were contentious.

But my column drew a range of strong responses – from people who agreed with my concerns and from others who were angered by them. The objections were two-fold. Some people felt a university education should be strictly utilitarian, that anything beyond vocational training is simply an obstacle to be overcome. Others, more pointedly, believed that the university system had destroyed itself by allowing itself to become, in essence, the incubator of radical ideologies. In this light, courses beyond pragmatic training programs were not merely beside the point, but dangerous.

I understand what prompts this view. People read accounts of extreme anti-Israel activities on campuses and about ideologically driven teaching and research. This creates an impression of universities as pitched battlefields or boot camps for political indoctrination.

Fortunately, they're more diverse than that. But business-as-usual education doesn't draw headlines or inspire passion. Perhaps it should, so that the general impression of what goes on in academia doesn't become skewed. Certainly, there is good news about the health of Jewish studies. I recently took part in the annual meeting of the Association of Jewish Studies, which featured roughly 1,000 professors and graduate students discussing their research and pedagogy.

Still, I hear concerns that, under the cover of academic freedom, universities have abandoned their mission and principles. Indeed, the idea of academic freedom sometimes seems precious to many people outside the university – precious not in the laudatory sense of valuable, but in the derogatory sense of overly affected, contrived. Especially in contexts such as Canada – and Israel – where higher education is supported by government funding, people ask why a country should pay people to oppose its very values, policies and ideological underpinnings.

Sara R. Horowitz in Toronto

But the airing and debate of ideas is important to the health of a democracy. An attempt earlier this year to legislate the ideological positions of courses and professors at Israeli universities accomplished something many think of as impossible: it brought together academics of all political stripes.

The dean of a major Israeli university told me recently that she found herself in the position – along with administrators and faculty from universities across the country – of demonstrating in support of professors whose political views she deeply opposes. Why? Because history has shown that censorship and suppression of ideas backfires, while open and free debate allows cultures to develop and improve. Pushing us beyond our comfort zone, it challenges us to refine our own thinking. On my own campus, and internationally, for example, I have spoken out against the BDS movement, often to audiences unsympathetic to my stance.

Under discussion in Israel is the development of a code of ethics to govern teaching in universities. Education Minister Gideon Sa'ar has asked Israel's Council for Higher Education for broad-based guidelines for academic freedom that, among other things, will protect the rights of professors and students on the radical left and the extreme right to express their views freely and without repercussions, and the rights of all students to hear a range of ideological viewpoints.

Attaining the right balance among these freedoms isn't easy. Scholarly organizations in many countries develop and continually revisit guiding principles that respect pluralism, openness, fairness, and balance. The extreme margins garner headlines. But the work of the centre promotes vitality.

Peace, piece by piece

An arranged marriage is based on at least three assumptions: (1) love isn't a condition; (2) it serves the interests of both partners, and (3) neither has a better alternative. That's the view of Prof. Majid Al-Haj, vice-president and dean of research at the University of Haifa. His academic specialty is the sociology of marriage.

Last November, he spoke in Toronto when Bob Rae was given an honorary doctorate by the university. Applying his insights to Israeli-Palestinian relations, Al-Haj suggested that arranged marriages provide a helpful formula for a workable, if not idyllic, peace between Arabs and Jews.

Rabbi Dow Marmur in Toronto

He believes it's futile to expect Palestinians and Israelis to love each other. We already know that though neither Egyptians nor Jordanians care much for Israelis, or vice versa, the treaties between Israel and the two Arab countries are holding because they're in the best interest of all sides, and because the alternatives would be much worse.

Similarly, the absence of love shouldn't prevent normal relations between Israel and a Palestinian state, however cold the peace may be. In the same way as once-warring Europeans learned to live with each other as good neighbours, so, too, in time can Arabs and Jews.

One reason why peace still seems far away is because of lingering delusions on both sides that the present state of tension serves their interests. Each may also be vainly looking for more acceptable alternatives. The sooner they realize that this is futile, the quicker they'll make peace.

But for this, a fourth factor is also needed: an active, imaginative and skilled match-making process. Hitherto the United States has had that task, but it's generally recognized that it hasn't been successful. Despite shuttle diplomacy and much handshaking for photographers, nothing substantial seems to have been achieved in recent years.

That's why, for example, Shlomo Avineri, a political science professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, wrote last month in *Ha'aretz* that "the United States must abandon its fruitless efforts to obtain a final agreement in favour of examining the option of interim agreements or partial, perhaps even unilateral, measures."

Along similar lines, Alon Ben-Meir, a professor of international relations at New York University, suggested in the same paper that the Obama administration "must now accept the deserved blame for failing to properly assess the political and physical realities on the ground." He, too, implied that peace is best achieved piece by piece. Only at a much later stage can the fragments be put together into a comprehensive agreement.

Contrary to bombastic declarations by both sides, thoughtful Israelis seem to agree. They sense that a different form of match-making is called for, this time conducted not by a superpower and its allies but by ordinary citizens across borders.

Israeli expertise in Internet communications may turn out to be of particular relevance. That's how I read Arianna Huffington's report in the Huffington Post about a conference she attended not long ago in Abu Dhabi. She was impressed by the immense advances in direct communication and social networking, and the effect this has already had, and is likely to have in the future, on the region's politics.

She believes that it's not what big powers and their bureaucrats conspire but what ordinary people do that will determine events from now on. Referring to the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, she quoted Kathleen Parker of the *Washington Post* that "the ancient rivalries and the heavy burdens of history are being lifted among a rising generation of world citizens." Instead of final status agreement between Palestinians and Israelis, we should expect small, mostly informal steps that incrementally will change the landscape and make peace inevitable.

Huffington writes: "No longer is our best hope for change in the region the far-too-often failed process of our [U.S.] government pressuring their governments. If fundamental change happens, it's going to come from the bottom up – with social media fueling the transformation."

In the same way as arranged marriages are increasingly being replaced by computer dating, so conventional diplomacy may have to yield to the efforts of ordinary folk in direct electronic communication with each other. They're likely to override previous expectations of comprehensive solutions and settle for peace made piece by piece.

This is probably the best Israelis and Palestinians can hope for.

Wartime Albania – a society at its best

Vera Held, a writer and public relations consultant in Toronto, heard an amazing story about human compassion eight years ago from a Canadian gym instructor of Albanian descent. Not a single Jewish person in Albania, occupied by Italy and Germany in World War II, was killed during the Holocaust, he told her. Being the first-born child of a Holocaust survivor from Hungary whose grandparents had been murdered in Auschwitz, she was astonished by this shining example of altruism.

Held's astonishment turned to surprise and admiration when she discovered that this predominantly Muslim state in the Balkans has the distinction of being the only country in wartime Europe whose Jewish population actually increased during the war.

Intrigued by this unique phenomenon, Held delved into the literature of Albania, a nation of 3.3 million whose hospitality toward strangers is deeply embedded in its culture and traditions.

Eager to learn more about this small nation, she travelled to Albania, which, for almost half a century until the fall of communism in the early 1990s, was Europe's hermit kingdom, the most reclusive and isolated country on the continent.

Saimir Lolja

Having visited Albania, Held took it upon herself to publicize its heroic and all too little known status as a haven for Jews during this darkest of periods. "I want to put Albania's role in the Holocaust on the map," she said, pointing out that 69 Albanians have been recognized as Righteous Among the Nations by Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. (The flip side of the story is that ethnic Albanians from Kosovo joined a Nazi SS division.)

During Holocaust Education Week last November, Held organized a seminar on Albania, inviting several Albanian Canadians to share their knowledge.

One of the participants, Saimir Lolja, a chemical engineer who immigrated to Canada a decade ago, teaches at Ryerson University today. Lolja, 47, takes a special interest in Albania's Jewish history, even though so few Jews have lived there throughout the centuries. Jewish people have drifted in and out of Albania – a tolerant nation that attained its independence from the Ottoman Empire in 1912 – for about 1,000 years. On the eve of World War II, Albania was home to approximately 200 Jews.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Today, 150 Jews live in Albania.

Ever the historian, Lolja drew my attention to Herman Bernstein, the U.S. ambassador to Albania from 1930 to 1933, who wrote an article for *the Jewish Daily Bulletin* of New York in which he praised Albania's tradition of tolerance.

From 1933 until 1945, Lolja noted, 3,244 Jews from Yugoslavia, Greece, Austria, Germany, Bulgaria and Poland found sanctuary in Albania. "This number does not include [Jews] who entered Albania with either false passports or false names," he said.

Their position grew tenuous when Germany's ally, fascist Italy, invaded Albania several months before the outbreak of the war. With Nazi Germany's occupation of Albania in September 1943, the alarm bells sounded.

The Albanian government refused to hand over lists of Jews to German forces. But certain that Germany would treat them with the utmost severity, Jews asked Albanians for help.

Albanians who assisted Jews did so in accordance with an ancient code of conduct and personal behaviour, known respectively as *kanun* and *besa*.

"*Kanun* regulates all aspects of conduct within one's family, village and clan, with members of other clans and with complete strangers," explained Lolja. "*Kanun* has been the foundation of Albanian society over centuries."

Besa, on the other hand, enjoins an Albanian to protect a guest at all cost, Lolja said. "It is our golden rule of ethics. Treat others as you would like to be treated."

Kanun and *besa* also came into play, he observed, when Albanians extended their special brand of hospitality to Austro-Hungarian soldiers in World War I, Italian troops in World War II, Greeks escaping the Greek civil war in the late 1940s and ethnic Albanians fleeing Kosovo in 1999.

Thanks to *kanun* and *besa*, some 2,000 Jews, including Albanian Jews, were rescued from the jaws of death.

One of the rescuers was Mesut Salillari, a Muslim whose 45-year-old son, Admir, lives in Toronto today. Salillari, a worker in a first-class hotel in Tirana, Albania's capital city, helped the Hajons, a Jewish family who escaped from Belgrade, Yugoslavia, in the wake of Germany's invasion, said Admir, an employee on the support staff of the Toronto District School Board.

Salillari was introduced to the Hajons by a common friend. At first, Salillari lodged the Hajons – Shmuel, his wife, Dorica, and their three-old-daughter, Bina – in the hotel.

Later, he accommodated them in his own house, helped Shmuel find a job and arranged Albanian identity papers for all of them.

Admir Salillari

"All this had to be done in secrecy," said Admir. "Helping a Jew was a very risky business, a matter of life and death."

When Shmuel and Dorica were sent to a safe house, they left Bina behind in the care of Salillari's mother, who treated her like a daughter. "Bina spent the next three years with my grandmother," said Admir. "She learned to speak a perfect Albanian."

When Albania was liberated by the Allies on Nov. 29, 1944, the Hajons returned to Yugoslavia, keeping in touch with Salillari for the next few years. But when Enver Hoxha's Stalinist regime in Albania severed relations with Yugoslavia, their contacts ceased, not to be resumed again until 1993, when Salillari met the Hajons in a reunion in Israel.

In retrospect, Admir mused, his father put his life on the line to help the Hajons because he was true to Albania's code of honour.

"My father did what any self-respecting Albanian would do," said Admir. "He offered them *besa*."

Besa entered into the equation, too, when Viktor Batino's family was in danger.

In 1943, when Albania was occupied by Germany, Batino's grandfather, Haim, originally from the Greek city of Ioannina, was working as a merchant in the central Albanian town of Durres.

Much to his fortune, he made the acquaintance of Hasan Mesa, an Albanian Muslim from Kruje, a remote town in the mountains.

Mesa agreed to conceal Haim, his brothers, their wives and their children in his house. Batino's father, Moshe, Haim's son, was one of the hidden Jews. Mesa sheltered them for five months, from June to November 1944.

Mesa did not demand payment for his humanitarian services. "He did it for nothing, to help people," said Batino, who was born in Tirana in 1963 and is now a property manager in Toronto.

With the collapse of communism, Haim and his family, like most Jews in Albania, went to Israel. Life in Albania had become chaotic and uncertain under the fledgling democratic system.

The Batinos immigrated to Israel in 1991, living in Ashdod and Jaffa. Haim passed away in 1995, but before he died, he told Batino, his grandson, about the war years in Albania.

To Lolja, the rescue of Jews in Albania is a tale of goodness and generosity in the face of evil. Albanians, unlike many of their fellow Europeans, rose to the occasion during the Holocaust. As he said, "The Albanian example shows what society can be at its best."

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New Or Hadash rabbi excited to serve community

By SHERI SHEFA
Staff Reporter

Or Hadash Synagogue's newly appointed spiritual leader, Rabbi Michal Shekel, is optimistic about building a relationship with her Newmarket congregants and serving their needs.

"These are congregants that form a strong community and people roll up their sleeves and do things," she said.

Rabbi Michal Shekel

"I'm very excited about working with this congregation. I think it's got tremendous potential, a lot of energy, a lot of good people."

Rabbi Shekel, 54, who was ordained by Hebrew Union College (HUC) in 1990 and serves as the Toronto Board of Rabbis' executive director – a position she'll continue to hold while also serving Or Hadash – said the Reform, egalitarian synagogue, which has about 50 member families, has committed lay leaders who are involved in all aspects of the congregation.

While she hopes her presence as the rabbi will bring more experience, expertise and new ideas into the mix, she stressed that she doesn't want members to mistake her for someone who wants to take over.

"It really isn't a matter of me telling them what we have to do. It's a matter of getting to know each other some more and seeing also what is important for them. It's a relationship," Rabbi Shekel said.

"Right now they need someone to come in, work with them and do some short-range and long-term planning that should help them expand the educational offerings, to help bring more to the services that they do."

Rabbi Shekel, a member of the first class of women accepted to the Conservative movement's flagship Jewish Theological Seminary of America (she later transferred to HUC), said that Jewish communities have become more accepting of female rabbis since she began her studies in 1984, and she feels her positive contributions to Jewish communities have more to with who she is a person rather than her gender.

"Men and women probably bring different things to the rabbinate based on gender, but certainly we all bring different things to the rabbinate based on personality and our own interests and strengths… The fact that you have both men and women participating now, I really think it strengthens Judaism and opens things up," she said.

"I think what I can bring to [Or Hadash] is my experience, knowledge, my passion for Judaism, and my love of learning. I love to teach, I love Torah and I love to help people grow in their Judaism in whatever way it is," said Rabbi Shekel, who also teaches adult classes on Jewish topics at Kolel – the Adult Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning.

"There is a lot that can be done in the community in terms of social action. I think outreach and creating interfaith ties – there is so much that can be done."

Or Hadash was founded in 1991 and officially joined the Union for Reform Judaism in 1993. In July, the congregation moved from its former Leslie Street location to downtown Newmarket on Botsford Street.

Rabbi Shekel, formerly an assistant rabbi at Toronto's Temple Har Zion who has also served shuls in London, Ont., Waterloo, Ont., Kingston, Ont., New York, New Jersey and Boston, said that while Newmarket's Jewish community is small compared to congregations in Toronto, Or Hadash plays a very important role in keeping its Jews connected.

She said congregations in smaller towns are more important than larger ones "because a place like Toronto is so Jewish. You've got Jewish stores, you've got kosher restaurants. It's kind of everywhere, whereas if you go out to a smaller community, you might have a child who is the only Jewish child in his or her class or grade level. So the congregation becomes much more important as a home."

Rabbi Shekel said that as a Jewish leader, she realizes that people relate to their Jewish roots in different ways, but she'd like more people to understand the benefits of being spiritually connected.

"You can go through life and be a good person and not be religious and not set foot in a synagogue, but there is an inexplicable richness that is brought to us [by observing Judaism], and it just opens up all sorts of avenues in terms of who you are, how you view the world and how you interact with others. It just takes things to another level that is really hard to put into words."

Rabbi Shekel said she is excited to build on her relationship with Or Hadash members.

"We have people there who are really eager to do things, eager to learn, eager to participate and eager to take part within the Jewish community and the greater community," she said.

"It's a very warm and welcoming environment and I hope that we continue to build up on all the marvellous qualities that it has already."

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The Beach Hebrew Institute has been an active part of the local community for 90 years.

Beach shul celebrates 90th anniversary

By LAURA STRICKER
Staff Reporter

After 90 years, Toronto's Beach Hebrew Institute is ready to celebrate.

"It feels splendid to be celebrating 90 years of a continuous Jewish presence in the Beach area," said Rosalee Monk, president of the shul. "The synagogue has become very much part of the community."

To mark the occasion, the shul, which counts 140 households as members, is hosting two free lectures that are open to the general public. A gala concert and dinner is also being planned for the summer.

On Jan. 23 at 3 p.m., Ellen Scheinberg, director of the Ontario Jewish Archives, speaks on "The Toronto Jewish Community in 1920," highlighting the homes, synagogues, cemeteries, traditions and special events for some of the 30,000 Jewish people that were living in Toronto at the time.

On Feb. 20, also at 3 p.m., the shul will host Gene Domagala, a local historian, as he speaks about "The Jewish Presence in the Beach."

What has kept the shul going for so many years, Monk said, is the strong sense of community that exists between the members.

"There is a great sense of community within the synagogue. In fact, for many of us, we think of it as our second family and a place to share both triumphs and sorrows.

"For many years, the synagogue had no paid staff. Everything, including religious services, was led and accomplished by dedicated members of the congregation."

The values that the congregation holds, she continued, come from two men who were very involved in the shul over the years.

"The virtues of tolerance and inclusivity on which the membership prides itself are the legacy of two men: Arie Nerman, who was president for more than 30 years and is chairman of the 90th anniversary committee, and Sam Tanenbaum, who was ritual leader and spiritual guide of the congregation for over 40 years.

"Sam and his wife, Rivka, were Holocaust survivors from Slovakia and their influence still looms large in the sanctuary."

The shul is also very involved in Beach community life.

"We have been participating in the local drop-in lunch program since its inauguration," Monk said. "Our president emeritus represents the Jewish community on Memorial Day and other municipal holidays. Two of our members have been named Beach Citizen of the Year... We have been included in Doors Open Toronto more than once and we will be lending our premises to the Beach Business Improvement Association's Family Day activities next month."

For more information on the shul's history and its 90th anniversary celebrations, visit www.beachhebrewinstitute.ca.

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Zareinu learnathon set for March

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Volunteers for Zareinu Educational Centre hope to raise $20,000 for the school at a Torah learnathon in early March.

"This is one organization that can't be let down," said Jason Lapidus, a Toronto investment adviser and First Zareinu Learnathon volunteer.

There is no alternative to it in Toronto's Jewish school system, he added.

Zareinu serves children with special needs including cerebral palsy, Down syndrome and autism spectrum disorder.

Annual tuition (if not subsidized) exceeds $45,000 per student and includes the cost of individualized therapy and special education. About 70 per cent of the school's annual $4-million budget is derived from fundraising, according to Zareinu's executive director, Randy Spiegel.

The learnathon is scheduled for Saturday, March 5, at 9 p.m. As of last Thursday, a dozen locations had been confirmed. At least one of them, however (Shaarei Tefillah Congregation), will hold the event the following morning.

Other locations include:

- Ahavas Yisrael Women's Groups (various locations)
- Ateres Mordechai, 230 Arnold Ave., Thornhill
- Chabad @ Flamingo
- Chabad Lubavitch of Markham
- Chabad Lubavitch of Toronto, 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill
- Kollel Ohr Yosef, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill
- Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla Congregation
- Thornhill Community Shul, 949 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill
- Thornhill Woods Shul
- The Village Shul
- Westmount Shul & Learning Centre, 10 Disera Drive, Suite 250, Thornhill

People who want to take part in the event are also invited to register their own locations, possibly in their homes.

All the money raised will go to Zareinu for operating expenses, Lapidus said. There is no overhead, he added.

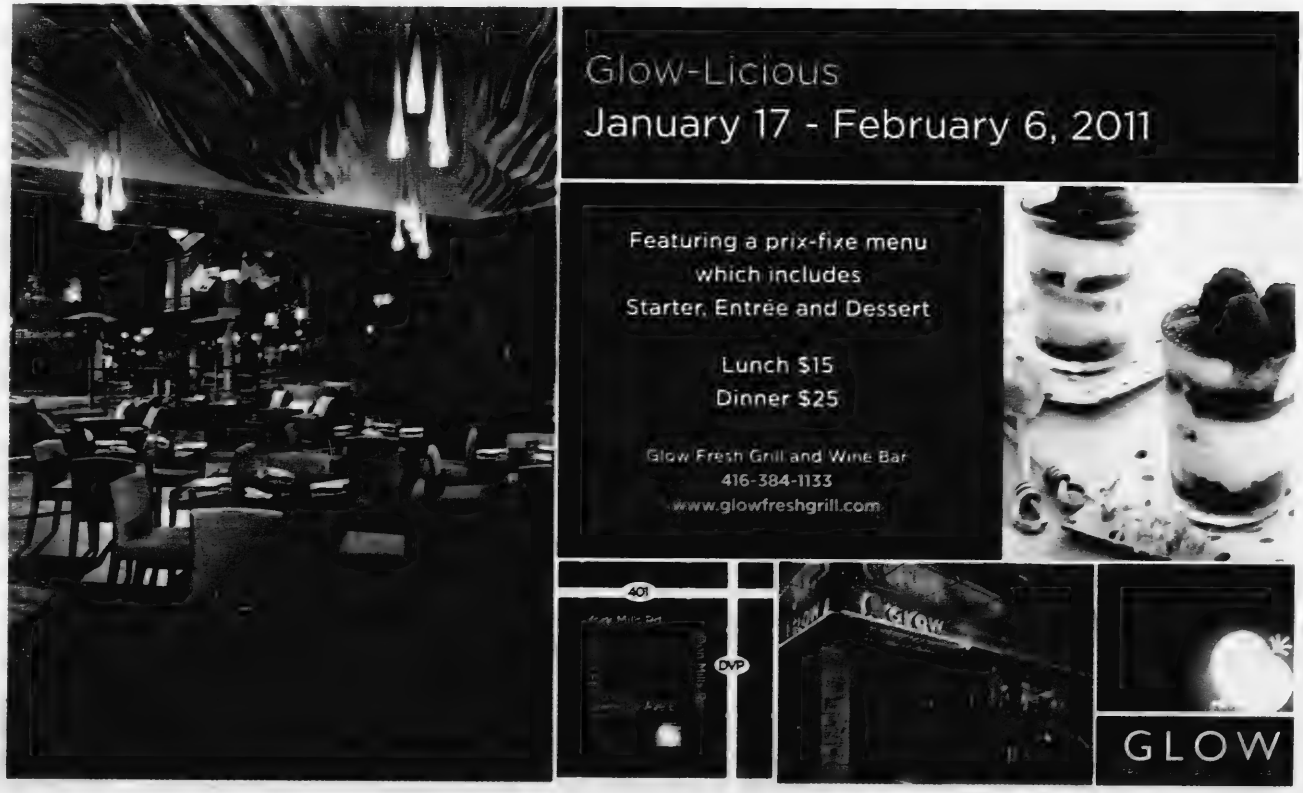
The event is intended not only to raise money for the school, but also to promote Jewish unity, Lapidus said. All participants, regardless of Jewish cultural background or level of observance, will learn Torah. "Torah is Torah. That's what unites us."

Organizers hope the learnathon will become an annual event.

For details or to register, go to zareinu-learnathon.com.

EXPLORING PRAYER

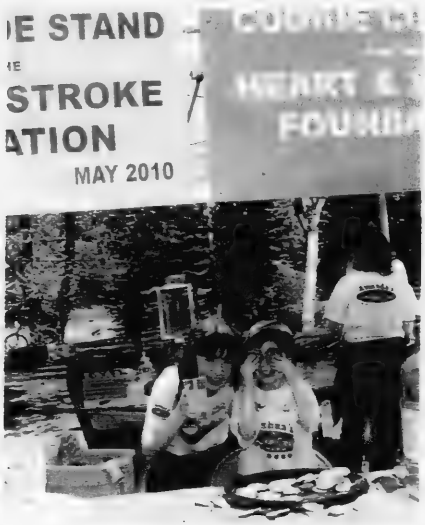
Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School Grade 4 students Chloe Prezes, right, and Ethan Wilder paint personal siddur covers as part of a yearlong exploration of prayer. The siddurim will be used at a family education siddur ceremony in the spring.



Kids conference focuses on entrepreneurial skills

By LAURA STRICKER
Staff Reporter

After raising more than $151,000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation in 12 years, 13-year-old Amanda Belzowski is hosting a conference to teach other kids about being an entrepreneur.



Amanda and Joshua Belzowski are seen at the 2010 Amanda's Lemonade Stand, which raises funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

The Nothing's Impossible Young Entrepreneurs Conference is on Jan. 30 at the Lipa Green Centre. For kids aged 9 to 14, Amanda said, the conference will cover "my five areas of making a difference... through fun activities for each subject and games and some brainstorming sessions."

Since she was a baby – with the help of her family – Amanda has raised money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation through Amanda's Lemonade Stand, which she has run once a year. This year, her four-year-old brother, Joshua, is in charge of the event, something he is very excited about.

"I'm taking over the lemonade stand!" he cried when asked about his involvement.

It's because of this that Amanda is taking on new projects, including the conference and a concert, Lemonstock, that will take place this June.

"Over the years, people have come up to ask me how I started my lemonade stand, how can [they] do it too," she said, explaining the motivation behind the conference. "I created this course because every child has the ability to make a change in the world. This course will [give] them the tools."

The cost for the course is $50 for one person or $80 for two, and it's not too late to sign up – there's still space. It includes a hot, kosher, catered lunch, and everyone who registers by Jan. 24 has the chance to win a Canon Powershot digital camera. A portion of the proceeds from the conference will be donated to Heart and Stroke.

"I want to teach every single kid that I possibly can how to make a difference so our generation will be leaders of positive social change in our communities and really know how to be a generation that gives back to our communities, a generation that knows how to change our world and a generation that cares about our world."

Her second project for 2011, Lemonstock, will feature a popular band still to be chosen, a battle of the bands, and talent and glee group competition. It is being held in June at 99 Sudbury, an event venue in downtown Toronto.

In addition to supporting Heart and Stroke, Amanda plans to use Lemonstock to raise money and collect shoes for Soles4Souls, an organization that provides shoes for people in need.

"By giving [people] shoes we're giving them the power to stand up for what they believe in," she said. "We're going to empower them to make a difference in their own lives.

"It's going to be a really great event, and we want everybody to stay tuned for more information on this exciting event for teenagers."

For more information and to sign up for the Nothing's Impossible conference, visit www.lemonade4heart.org.

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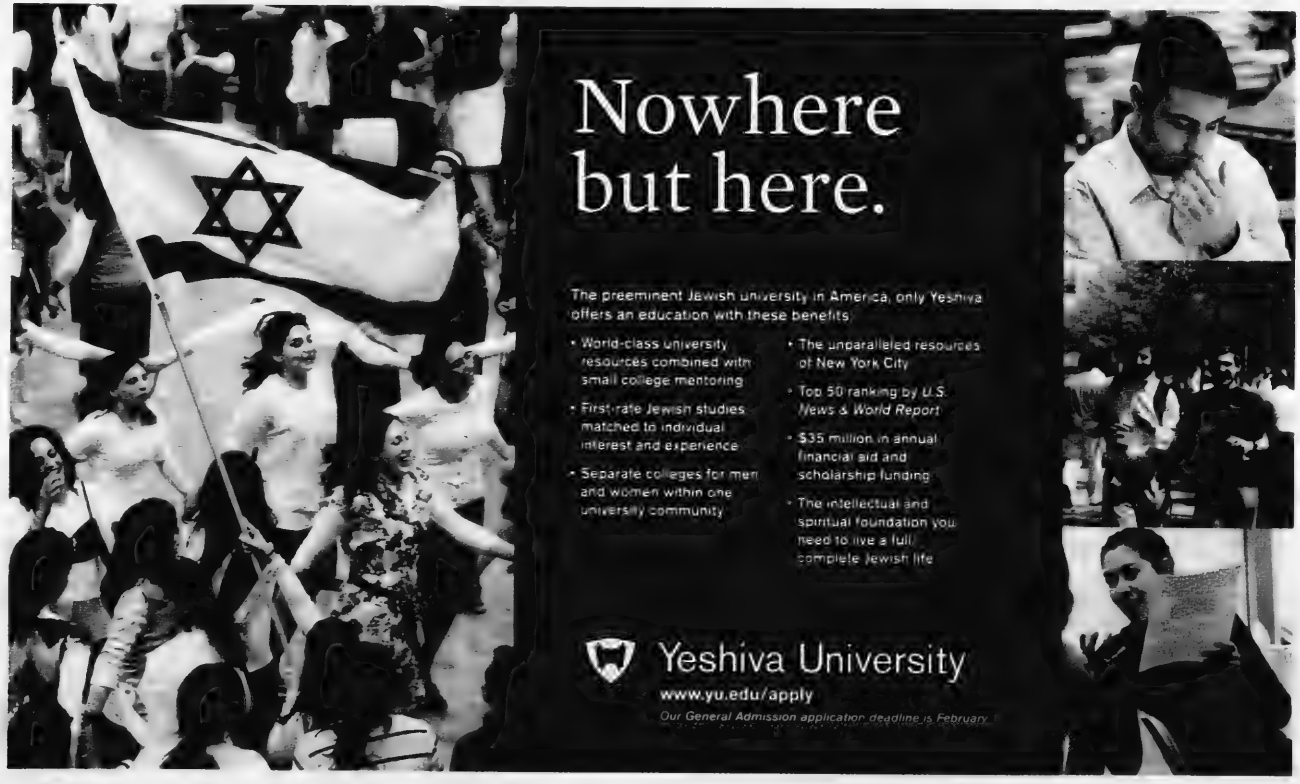
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Canadian pilot witnessed horrors of Bergen-Belsen

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

"I was completely shocked," said Brian MacConnell. "I had no idea such places existed."

MacConnell, an 88-year-old veteran of the Royal Canadian Air Force and a resident of Toronto, was talking about his brief visit to the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp only days after it was liberated by British troops on April 15, 1945.

Brian MacConnell in his wartime RCAF uniform.

To this day, Bergen-Belsen, a place of infamy in the annals of the Holocaust, remains an endearing and searing symbol of Nazi crimes.

As many as 50,000 Russian prisoners of war and 50,000 civilians, mostly Jews, died in this camp in northwestern Germany.

MacConnell, a combat pilot who flew Spitfires during World War II, saw Bergen-Belsen when the stench of death still lingered in the air.

"My whole squadron was taken to Bergen-Belsen," he said in an interview last week. "I'm pretty sure we were taken there to tell people what we had seen."

MacConnell's son, Mike, a Toronto high school teacher and convert to Judaism, said his father's visit was arranged to ensure there would be "objective witnesses to the atrocity."

Nearly 66 years on, MacConnell, a retired mining engineer, remembers the visit as if it happened almost yesterday.

He told his story on the eve of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, which has been observed on Jan. 27 since 2005, when the United Nations designated it a special memorial day under Resolution 60/7.

On Jan. 27, 1945, the Red Army liberated Auschwitz-Birkenau, the notorious death camp in Poland where some one million people, many of them Jews, were murdered.

MacConnell visited Bergen-Belsen, originally a prisoner of war camp, shortly after his 402 Spitfire Squadron was moved to an airfield nearby.

Two or three days after the British 11th Armoured Division rolled into Bergen-Belsen, finding thousands of decaying corpses on the grounds, MacConnell and 24 other members of his squadron were bused to the camp in Lower Saxony.

"The survivors had been removed, but dead bodies, 70 to 100, were piled up near the fence," he recalled. "They were all so emaciated, like skeletons."

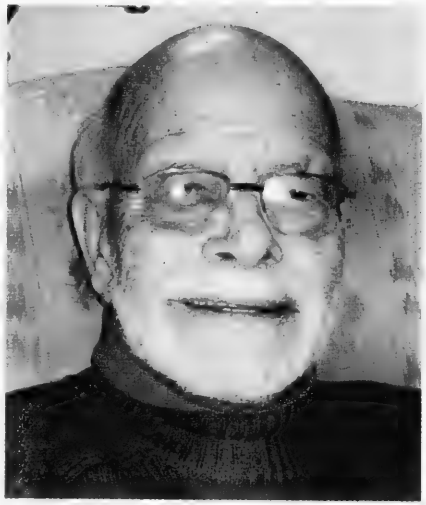
The Canadians were taken on a one-hour tour. "We were shown from the outside barracks, gas chambers and ovens," he said.

The British army officer who acted as their guide said, 'You fellows probably didn't realize there were such things."

He was right.

"We had heard that the Germans were mistreating Jews, but we didn't know they were being killed. We thought Jews had been shipped to work camps."

"We were in complete shock," he added. "I couldn't believe a civilized country like Germany could do such a thing. I couldn't understand man's inhumanity to man. We were glad the war was almost over."



Brian MacConnell today ***[Sheldon Kirshner photo]***

When the tour was finished, the Canadians were deloused, and MacConnell never saw Bergen-Belsen again.

Born in Toronto and educated in Lindsay, Ont., he joined the RCAF in 1942. After months of training in Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia, he received his wings.

He was posted to Britain in June 1944, just days before D-Day, and joined his squadron in Belgium.

A flying officer, MacConnell flew 25 combat missions over Holland and Germany, bombing railway lines and stations and vehicles as well.

"We tried to disrupt the movement of German equipment," he explained.

Although he had trained on Hurricanes, he flew Spitfires.

Only once did he shoot down an enemy aircraft. "We were flying at about 5,000 feet in battle formation over Germany when I saw a single plane well below us. I pulled out and dove, opening fire on a German plane."

MacConnell derived satisfaction from downing it. "We all wanted to shoot down German planes. That's what we were there for."

With Germany having surrendered to Allied forces, he was demobilized and sent back home. He returned to Canada on Sept. 12, 1945 and married his sweetheart, Emily Barron, whom he had met at basic training, five days later. They were married for 63 years and had five children.

After studying mining engineering at the University of Toronto, he worked in British Guyana and Asbestos, Quebec, before starting a company that manufactured hydraulic equipment. Prior to his retirement in 1987, the government of Ontario employed him as a consultant.

For the past few years, MacConnell has given talks to high school students about his war experiences.

Bergen-Belsen always comes up in the discussions.

"I tell them I saw it. A Holocaust denier wouldn't get anywhere with me."

To MacConnell, Holocaust deniers do not acknowledge reality.

"I put them down as being nuts and unbalanced. I don't know whether they're fascists or not. They could very well be antisemites. There's so much evidence that the Holocaust happened. Survivors have told their stories. There was a Holocaust."

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Kids concert planned for Save a Child's Heart

By LAURA STRICKER
Staff Reporter

Two Toronto women are holding a children's concert to raise money for Save a Child's Heart.

For the second year in a row, Sari Goldman, along with event co-chair Michelle Weinberg, is organizing Sing Your Heart Out, with all the proceeds going to the Israeli charity.

Save a Child's Heart, Weinberg says, "provides lifesaving cardiac surgery for infants and children from underprivileged areas. It's based out of a hospital in Israel."

Last year nearly $20,000 was raised from the concert and five children were helped, Goldman, who sits on the Save a Child's Heart board, says.

"Last year was so successful. We had a goal of raising $10,000 – it costs $10,000 to save one life – but really our goal was to have a great concert, raise awareness and have a good community outcome.

"We surpassed our goal... we were actually able to save five kids' lives. At the time there were five kids that needed little parts of the whole package. One kid just needed transportation, one just needed the post-operative costs."

Performing at the concert this year are Juno Award-winning children's singer Jen Gould and Marky Weinstock.

Goldman came up with the idea for Sing Your Heart Out because she found Save a Child's Heart did not run many events targeting the 30-something crowd.

"I was a new mom at the time, and it's this target audience of 30-somethings with young kids who were not necessarily being included in the different events that Save a Child's Heart was doing," she says. "Families with kids the same age as those being operated on were being passed over.

"Everyone wants something fun to do with their kids, and a kids concert is a great way to get everyone out and have a fun morning."

"I think it's going to be a really great fun event," Weinberg says. "Last year was a great feeling of [the] community coming together to help kids in need all over the world, and hopefully it'll be a great event again this year."

Sing Your Heart Out is on Jan. 30 at Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. For more information and to purchase tickets ($20 each or $65 for four), visit www.saveachildsheart.ca.

Marky Weinstock *[Lauren Weinstock photo]*

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"אדה"ב היא המעוז האחרון של התרבות המערבית, סוף אירופה מוסלמית"....."בכל רחבי אירופה קמה ועלה מציאות חדשה: שכונות מוסלמיות, שברן בקושי נראים הילידים המקומיים...אלה הם גיטאות מוסלמיים הנשלטים ע"י קנאים דתיים. כיום יש אלפי מסגדים באירופה. בתי ספר מסלבתיים רבים בבלגיה דנמרק מנישים רק מזון "חלאל" (הכשר מוסלמי) לכל התלמידים. בעבר, אמסטרדם היתה מאד סובלנית להומואים ולסביות. כיום הם מוכים באופן כמעט שיטתי על ידי מוסלמים. נשים לא מוסלמיות התרגלו לשמוע שקוראים להן "זונה"..... "היהודים נמלטים מצרפת במספרי שיא, במגמה מהגל הגרוע ביותר של אנטישמיות מאז השלחמה..."יש כיום באירופה 45 מיליון מוסלמים. המספרים לא היו מאיימים אם למהגרים האלה היה רצון להיטמע בתרבה שלנו. המציאות היא אחרת- שליש מהמוסלמים בצרפת לא מתנדב לפינוי האשפה. בבריטניה דווח כי שליש מהמשתנסים המוסלמים מצדדים בשלטון ה'שריעה'....."

"הציבור באירופה קיבל את הנירמה הפלשתינאית ורואה את ישראל כתוקפן. הייתי בישראל פעמים רבות. פדינה יצירה זו מסוקפת על קו השבר של הנ"יהאד, ומסכלת את ההתקדמות הסדיסוראלית של האיסלם. מדינת ישראל הקטנה פשוט סופגת את המכות שניעדו לנו...אם ישראל לא היתה שם, האימפריאליזם המוסלמי היה מחפש ומוצא מקומות אחרים כדי לשחרר את האנרגיות שלו...."

על האיסלם חלק בית

באמריסטן המוסלמית יש רוב גדול לחוק התובה להורג לכל מי שיגו לדבר סדה במוחמד. אחד הלוחמים הגדולים נגד החוק הזה היה מוהל פונ'אב, סאלמן טאסיר. מר טאסיר נרצח לפני מספר שבועות מפסח ירוית של שומר הראש שלו. בתגובה למותו יצא קול קורא של 500 אנשי דת ומלומדים שהחדישו לציבור שכל מי שיתגבר או יתמלל לנשמתו של המוהל שנרצח- נורלו יהיה דומה. האיסלאם בסמל לאהבת האדם, אבל שישאר בינינו.

על אישלם חלק נימל

אוקיי קורן, הבינונו את הנקדה, ונם לא חידשת לנו משהו שלא ידענו – אז למה לבזבז כל כך הדבה דיו ואויר!

לדעתי זה צריך להיות ציר ההסברה המרכזי של מדינת ישראל. מאז ספטמבר 2001 פוחדים אנשי צפון אמריקה מהאיסלם פחד קיצוני. צריך כל אדם בעולם החופשי לדעת שישראל היא קו החזית הראשון של הדמוקרטיות נגד האיסלם. איכשהו הנקודה הזאת לא עוברת את הרף, ועל זה חייבים לעבוד בכל האמצעים, בכל היו טיובים והרשתות החברתיות.

אבל שישאר בינינו.

השכן והמזוזה

ליהודי סודונטאי היה שכן נוי שנים רבות. יום אחד אמר לו השכן:

"יעקב, אני צריך עצה ממך- פרצו לי השנה לבית כבר שמונה פעמים. האם נם אליך פרצו!" השיב לו יעקב בשלילה.

"יגוץ', יעקב, המכשיר הזה שיש לך על משקוף הדלת- האם הוא חלק ממערכת הבטחת הבית?!"

מצטחק יעקב:"אפשר להגיד שכן...וזהי מזוזה, ובתוכה יש נם תפילת לשלום הבית".

"אתה חושב שתוכל לתת לי מזוזה כזאת!" שאל השכן. שמח יעקב לעזור לשכנו וקנה לו מזוזה.

מקץ חצי שנה בא היגוי, המזוזה בידו, וביקש להחזיר אותה ליעקב.

"מה קרה, דאג יעקב, הפריצות לבתך נפשכו!".

"לא, נאנח היגוי, אין פריצות בכלל, אבל כל היום באים אנשים לבקש תרומות".....

Solving Israel's water crisis, Pt. 2

As Israel looks to the skies for rain, we conclude our look at how the country is trying to make each drop last. Unfortunately, there are no easy solutions.

Public awareness: If you need want to be more water savvy, read the water tips from Israel's Ministry of Environmental Protection including the Ten Commandments for Water Saving in the Garden. They make sense even if you don't live in a desert. **[http://bit.ly/isrwat28]**

Drip irrigation: Visitors to Israel will be familiar with the plastic tubing that snakes its way through city parks and kibbutzim. The slow drop-by-drop method of watering deposits just enough water above or below surface. Thanks mostly to drip irrigation, Israel's water requirements for apples, bananas and potatoes declined by more than half after its introduction. **[http://bit.ly/isrwat30]**

In the video *Last Oasis*, Prof. Amos Banin of Hebrew University of Jerusalem has an unsettling warning. He compares this technology to the life of a married couple. "There is the honeymoon between the irrigator and the land... [but] after some decades, there is an increasing deterioration of the land as a result of irrigation." Throughout the world, artificial irrigation is taking its toll on the land. **[http://bit.ly/isrwat31]**

Reservoirs and aquifers: The Jewish National Fund is tapping into underground reserves that have never been used before. A large aquifer at Kibbutz Shamir in the northern Galilee could provide 6.6 billion gallons of potable fossilized water each year from one mile below the earth's surface. The water will be piped into the Kinneret and provide the equivalent of six to seven inches to the lake's water level annually. **[http://bit.ly/isrwat33]**

Rainfall enhancement: Cloud seeding is performed annually between November and April over the Lake Kinneret basin using seeding planes and ground

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By Mark Mietkiewicz

burners to seed clouds with silver iodide. Rain enhancement has been credited with increasing rain in northern Israel by an average of 13 per cent annually. **[http://bit.ly/isrwat34]**

Or maybe not. A recent study has poured cold water on cloud seeding initiatives. Professors from Tel Aviv University's department of geophysics and planetary sciences examined more than 50 years of data on cloud seeding in northern Israel and have credited apparent increases in rainfall to changing weather patterns. **[http://bit.ly/isrwat35]**

Red-Dead: One of the older proposals for restoring the Dead Sea to its traditional level is through digging a canal linking it to the Mediterranean Sea. More recently, attention has turned to a similar project, the Red-Dead Canal, which would start in the Red Sea and travel north, downward through the Arava Valley shared by Jordan and Israel until it reaches the Dead Sea. **[http://bit.ly/isrwat36]**

The Friends of the Earth Middle East has raised several concerns about the project, including a fear that the "unique Dead Sea mineral composition will certainly be altered by the release of waters" from the Red Sea. **[http://bit.ly/isrwat37]**

Several years ago, Shimon Peres, Israel's foreign minister at the time, referred to this canal as a "peace conduit" that would be become a great unifying project for the Israel and Jordan. "Water," Peres said, "knows nothing of politics. It flows for all." **[http://bit.ly/isrwat38]**

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Don't forget Jewish day camps

I spent four summers as a camper at overnight camp. While this pales in comparison to friends who returned year after year over a decade, those four summers helped me develop a sense of independence and an understanding of my Jewish self.

Aided by recent investments, overnight camps are growing by leaps and bounds. Federations now offer scholarships for first-time campers, the Foundation for Jewish Camp recently launched six new specialty camps, and an emphasis on training high quality staff has driven a rejuvenation of overnight camping.

The intense, immersive experience of overnight camp builds lasting friendships and creates a safe space in which campers can experiment with new activities at the waterfront or in the synagogue. Camp is not only about baseball or water-skiing. It's also about singing Shabbat songs in the dining hall, learning new Hebrew words, and swaying in a circle around the havdalah candle. For many, overnight camp is the most intense Jewish experience of their childhood.

While overnight camps have garnered much excitement, day camps don't elicit the same enthusiasm.

The impact of Jewish day camp can be just as strong, and in some ways broader reaching, than their residential counterparts. While overnight camps struggle to connect the intense Jewish experience at camp with life at home, day camps have the potential to bridge the two, empowering parents as educators and buttressing the home as a forum for year-round Jewish living. I have visited camps that

Class Act

By Daniel Held

send challot home on Fridays along with the blessings for *Kiddush*, and others that run family days during the summer and throughout the year.

Jewish day camps form networks of parents. While waiting for the bus in the morning or picking their children up in the afternoon, parents share notes on Hebrew schools, extra-curricular activities and holiday recipes. They organize play dates for their children and further build their Jewish circles.

Day camps are an affordable alternative to overnight camps, engaging audiences who could not otherwise participate in Jewish camping. Especially in the current economic climate, they offer value for dollars spent on Jewish experience.

Too often day camps are seen as the little brother of overnight camps, serving children who are too young or intimidated by a summer away. This perception belittles their educational potential and erodes their ability to reach a broader audience with stronger programs.

In addition to my four summers at Jewish overnight camp, I spent nearly a decade fluttering from day camp to day camp. I went to sports and rocket building camps, camps at municipal community centres and at universities. While these were powerful educational experiences, my family never saw day camp through the Jewish lens reserved for overnight camp. In this sense, we lost out.

As we seek to increase enrolment and fortify Jewish programming at overnight camps, we must share the spotlight with day camps. We must challenge these camps to compete in the broad market of summer experiences and support them to reach their potential as vehicles for engaging underserved communities and fortifying the Jewish identities of both campers and their families.

Ontario students get swabbed

With the growing need for bone marrow transplants, many people have taken up the challenge to help the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation find possible donors.

Last summer, I wrote about Jeremy Braverman, a York University graduate who donated his bone marrow after he was told he was a match for a 15-year-old girl with leukemia. The call came from Gift of Life, and Jeremy was glad to hear the good news.

"Registering to donate bone marrow is like entering the lottery," Braverman said. "The odds are one in a million that you'll win, but if you do win, your prize is you get the opportunity to actually save someone's life."

With the astronomical odds of finding a match, it is very important to build the registry. Braverman registered with a Gift of Life booth on the York University campus. The booth was put up by the York U chapter of the Jewish fraternity Alpha Epsilon Pi and AEPi, which is continuing to work to build the bone marrow registry.

Dustin Shulman, a senior at McMaster University, decided that with the growing need for donors, it would be a worthwhile to help get names for the registry, and that's how Get Swabbed university challenge was born.

Get Swabbed was initially held at McMaster U, where Shulman and his chapter of AEPi collected swab samples from the inside of the cheeks of willing participants. Samples were kept on file, and if a match is found – and as already mentioned, it is not common for swabs to match – the potential donor is contacted. Then the individual must decide if he

On Campus

By Justin Dahan

or she wants to go through with the procedure.

"It's amazing that as a student with nothing much to give, you can join the OneMatch Stem Cell and Marrow Network [which is managed by Canadian Blood Services] and potentially save a life," Shulman said.

Last year, he decided to expand Get Swabbed to 15 campuses, including McMaster University, Carleton University, Ottawa University, Queen's University, University of Guelph, University of Toronto-Mississauga, U of T-Scarborough, U of T-St. George, University of Western Ontario, University of Windsor, Waterloo University, Wilfred Laurier University, Algoma University, University of Alberta, and Memorial University.

Events at these universities took place in early to mid-November and hundreds of names were added to the bone marrow registry. Only time will tell how many donors are found.

Ilan Orzy, a member of both the Israel Advocacy Committee and AEPi in Ottawa, was in charge of Get Swabbed for two campuses, Carleton University, where he is a student, and the University of Ottawa.

"When Dustin contacted me and asked if I wanted to get involved, I decided this would be a great idea for AEPi," Orzy said. "I thought it was a great idea to get many organizations involved, especially those which show interest in Jewish life, or even medicine. It could not have been as big and as worthwhile without those organizations."

He added that "next year we want to take it even further, and bring it to Algonquin College."

Appreciating God's Creation on Tu b'Shvat

Tu b'Shvat appears in a Mishnah in Tractate Rosh Hashanah as one of the four new years in the Jewish calendar. Over the centuries, this holiday has engendered many customs and traditions.

In the 17th century, Rabbi Yitzchak Luria (1534-1572) of Safed and his disciples created a Tu b'Shvat seder that celebrated the Tree of Life.

The earliest published version of this seder is the Pri Eitz Hadar, meaning "The Fruit of the Beautiful Tree." The seder evokes kabbalistic themes of restoring cosmic blessings by repairing and strengthening the Tree of Life and elucidates metaphorically the Four Worlds of Emanation as a tree with roots, trunk, branches and leaves.

During the seder, many Sephardim eat etrogim, since many commentators say that the Tree of Life was an etrog. The traditional Tu b'Shvat seder ended with a prayer that states, in part, "May all the sparks, scattered by our hands, or by the hands of our ancestors, or by the sin of the first human regarding the fruit of the tree, be returned and included in the majestic might of the Tree of Life." While the kabbalistic interpretation of this tree is thus quite specific, the image of the Tree of Life has proven amenable to new interpretation.

Kabbalah teaches us that the fruits one eats can be divided, progressively, from lower to higher, that is, from material to spiritual. Fruits and nuts with inedible exteriors and edible insides, such as bananas, walnuts, and pistachios; fruits and nuts with edible exteriors but with

Sephardi Window

By Rabbi Ilan Acoca

a pit inside, such as dates, apricots, and olives; and fruits that are eaten whole, such as figs and berries.

Kabbalistic tradition teaches that eating fruits in this order creates a connection with the Tree of Life that God placed in the Garden of Eden. In effect, one is travelling from the most external, manifest dimension of reality, symbolized by the fruits with shells, to the most inner, spiritual dimension, symbolized by even more than the completely edible fruits, that is, by a fourth level which may be likened to smell.

Considering the deliberate journey that the seder represents, we come to understand that through the seder we are not just fortifying our physical bodies, but rather we are transforming our material beings into spiritual ones in the service of God.

Thinking about these concepts brings to mind a story of the first Karliner Rebbe (1736-1772) and a Chassid. The Chassid asked the Rebbe, "You have an apple, and I have an apple. You make a brachah and eat a slice, and I make a brachah and eat a slice. After you eat a bit, your Chassidim come running to eat the remains of your apple [a chassidic custom known as *shirayim*], but no one is interested in the remnants of my apple! What's the difference?"

The Rebbe smiled warmly and replied, "You make a brachah in order to eat, whereas I eat in order to make a brachah!"

As we celebrate Tu b'Shvat, a time of special energy in our calendar year, let us resolve to take this opportunity to cultivate within ourselves a greater appreciation of, and our responsibilities for the wondrous world that God created.

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Misinformation causes negative reaction

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It was this lack of an initial coherent answer from HBC that caused the rumour to grow virally within the Jewish community via e-mail and social networking sites such as Facebook.

At the same time, a pro-Palestinian coalition called Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East (CJPME) was in the midst of targeting HBC and Sears in alerts to its members, asking them to send e-mails to store executives calling on them to boycott Ahava products. (Sears didn't pull the brand from its shelves.)

The resulting rumour and misinformation caused an initial surge of negative reaction in the Jewish community and by community organizations such as B'nai Brith and Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center and the pro-Israel Buycott Israel campaign – run under the auspices of the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) by Sara Saber-Freedman, its executive vice-president – all of whom urged HBC to clarify its position regarding CJPME's campaign.

An HBC spokesperson initially told *The CJN* on Jan. 12 that the company had removed Ahava products purely as a business decision, saying the line was underperforming in sales and would be replaced by another, more profitable product.

"The Bay, as with all retailers, edit their assortments multiple times a year. Ahava is on consignment and from a business perspective has not been meeting expectations. As such the decision was made to de-list it in stores," the spokesperson said

However, on Jan. 13, in reaction to Jewish community outcry over what was reported to be the Bay's boycott of Ahava products, and to clarify its position, the company's CEO, Bonnie Brooks, issued a joint statement with CIC national chair Moshe Ronen and UJA Federation of Greater Toronto saying that HBC would never succumb to political pressure regarding any of its products.

"HBC has made it clear that it has not 'bowed to political pressure' in the past, has not done so now and will not do so in the future. HBC neither subscribes to nor endorses politically motivated boycotts

of merchandise from countries with which Canada has open and established trading relationships, including Israel," the company said.

Additionally, HBC said that it intends to re-stock Ahava in the spring, when the brand relaunches with a new look.

"In rejecting the premise of boycott and revealing that it will continue to sell Ahava products when the line is relaunched this spring, the Bay has completely discredited baseless claims" by anti-Israel activists who had, early last week, heralded a victory over HBC to boycott Ahava, Ronen said.

A statement last week by Ahava's North American CEO, Yacov Ellis, confirmed his company was indeed in the process of rebranding its product lines for the North American market, its largest outside Israel.

Representatives from UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, CIC and other community groups held numerous talks with HBC senior management last week and were satisfied the company understood the sensitive nature of the issue, Saber-Freedman said.

"Because of the extraordinary outpouring of concern by the pro-Israel community, the Bay has done something, to my knowledge, no other Canadian retailer has done: take a public, principled position in which it rejects political boycott of Israel or any other country with which Canada has open trading agreements," Saber-Freedman said.

"The Bay's reaction is a significant defeat for Israel's enemies."

Stephen Cummings, chair of the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA) added: "For Canada's flagship retailer to publicly dismiss the boycott serves as an important benchmark for responsible corporate practice. For those organizations engaged in an obsessive campaign to isolate Israel, it represents a resounding – indeed embarrassing – defeat."

The international boycott, divestment and sanctions campaign against Israel claimed victory in Britain this week when leading British retailer John Lewis announced it would no longer sell Ahava products.

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Prosserman Jewish Community Centre names new executive director

Andrew Levy takes the reins as JCC continues to flourish

By Daniel Horowitz

With every New Year comes change and a new start, so it's no coincidence that as of January 1, 2011, the Prosserman Jewish Community Centre has a new executive director in place to guide the Prosserman as it continues to evolve into one of the GTA's preeminent centres of Jewish life.

For the past two decades, the newly named executive director, Andrew Levy, has been part of the JCC movement; demonstrating exceptional leadership, passion and commitment. As the director of the Prosserman JCC's popular Centre Camp for the past decade, Levy has led the camp in its transition to its present location at Avenue Road and Lawrence while maintaining the quality and spirit of the program that the community has grown to love.

"Being involved in the JCC on a part time and full time basis for over 20 years, I understand – and have witnessed firsthand – the crucial role it plays in the lives of its members," said the 35-year old Montreal native who credits the JCC with making him feel at home when he first arrived in Toronto as a teenager. "I met my wife, Ilana Heimlich-Levy, at Centre Camp; my kids Ethan and Maya attend Centre Camp and are both in the Prosserman JCC Daycare and Preschool. So, not only am I professionally committed to making this facility the preeminent Jewish Community Centre in the GTA, but on a personal basis as well. It has always meant so much to me and to my family."

The new executive director of the Prosserman JCC, Andrew Levy

As the Prosserman JCC enters its second year, Levy is taking the reins at a time when there are many reasons for optimism, among them:

- Enrollment in Prosserman's JCC is up from last year.
- The Prosserman remains the largest Jewish daycare in the city with a 10% increase in enrollment.
- The Goldie Fitness Centre continues to improve the lives of its members on a daily basis.

While Levy is excited and optimistic about his role at the Prosserman JCC, he is particularly excited about some specific recent developments.

"We have just installed an outdoor skating rink, and we invite the community to join us for family skating throughout the winter," said Levy. "Also, I'm excited that BBYO will be moving into the Prosserman in the summer, which will bring an infusion of youth. JCC Chai Sports continues to grow by leaps and bounds, and we currently offer soccer, baseball, hockey, basketball and football youth sports leagues and adult floor hockey and basketball. And, of course, the Prosserman continues to provide families across the GTA with a place to celebrate Jewish holidays. We collaborated with the Miles Nadal JCC and Vaughan's Schwartz/Reisman Centre on a tremendous tri-campus Chanukah event. That success is a model that we will look to continue in the future for other holidays."

Levy is confident that, despite the challenges that face all growing organizations, the Prosserman JCC will continue to flourish.

"The foundation of the Prosserman JCC rests upon its ability to develop, grow and sustain new and innovative programs to compliment our current signature programs and strategic partnerships," explained Levy. "Coupled with life-changing summers at Centre Camp, a significant school and daycare experience and a commitment to healthy lifestyles, the Prosserman JCC can lead the way to a vibrant future which supports Jewish culture through the Koffler Centre of the Arts, community, and education while encouraging and enabling Jews of all ages and backgrounds to engage in the joys of Jewish living."

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By Barbra Green

A special group of Jewish community professionals recently came together on behalf of UJA Federation's Tomorrow Campaign. Taking a break from morning meetings and calls, the 19 staff members, many joined by spouses, gathered at the Lipa Green Centre and raised a glass to a unique collective of donors – each other.

From all facets of UJA Federation and from a number of Jewish agencies, they pooled their resources ($10,000 each) – and passion for this community – to name the Professional Leadership Meeting Room in the beautiful new conference centre of the Lipa Green Centre.

"The professional team is leading by example. You should be exceptionally proud," said Leslie Gales, chair of the Tomorrow Leadership Cabinet. "In my mind, this is the most important gift our community has ever received."

UJA Federation's Tomorrow Campaign is raising $400 million to build and revitalize three incredible centres of Jewish life across the GTA: the Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Jewish Community Campus in Vaughan, Sherman Campus at Bathurst and Sheppard, and the Miles Nadal JCC and The Wolfond Centre for Jewish Campus Life in Toronto's downtown district.

"It is not easy to make this kind of commitment," said Elizabeth Wolfe, Chair of the Board of UJA Federation. "It is a statement of collective responsibility and leadership to the entire community," she said, adding that the Professional Leadership Meeting Room demonstrates that the Tomorrow Campaign is not just about multi-million dollar gifts.

"This is a campaign where the entire community can participate," she said.

Lisa Morrison, Chief, Annual Development for UJA Federation, was one of the driving forces behind the recruitment of donors for the gift. While the conference centre was under construction, she participated in a hard hat tour and "fell in love with the southeast corner." Today, the room is alive with activity, home to many of the more than 3,000 meetings that take place in the centre every year.

"This gift is a real statement of pride we feel in this community and in this Federation," said Morrison.

It is hoped that this gift will inspire others to join forces – and finances – to help build a better, stronger Jewish Toronto.

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From left, MPs Andrew Kania, Rob Oliphant and Bonnie Crombie, and Multi-Faith Centre interns Tal Shachar and Desmond Watts came together to raise awareness about the UN Millennium Development Goals.

MPs challenged on development goals

By SHERI SHEFA
Staff Reporter

Jewish, Muslim and Christian students came together last week to challenge members of Parliament to advocate for the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

On Jan. 11, students from various religious backgrounds at the University of Toronto organized a dinner at the school's downtown Multi-Faith Centre to raise awareness about world development goals that include eradicating poverty and hunger, creating peaceful partnerships, and ensuring environmental sustainability.

Liberal MPs Bonnie Crombie, Andrew Kania, and Rob Oliphant heard presentations from students and community leaders that showcased their collaborative work in advancing the eight United Nations millennium development goals that the world's leading development institutions have agreed to address by 2015.

Tal Shachar, an 18-year-old political science student, who also interns at the Multi-Faith Centre and volunteers with Hillel of Greater Toronto, said that about 80 students, faculty and religious community leaders attended the event.

"The topics which were touched upon were peace, poverty and the environment, and in terms of poverty, the Hon. Bonnie Crombie spoke about affordable housing. That was an issue that hit home for me, because when I was on my way home, I saw a homeless man sleeping... outside and it was freezing. It was just a sign of how important the work we're trying to do really is," said Shachar, who often works with student groups such as the Muslim Student Association and Campus for Christ.

In addition to the speeches, students presented the MPs with a video that showcased the work that Multi-Faith Centre interns have done recently.

For example, last semester, they organized an information booth about the effect of plastic water bottles on the environment, and another event saw volunteers serving meals to the needy.

"All these local events were designed to draw awareness to the members of Parliament about what faith communities are doing internationally to address the UN millennium development goals and challenge Parliament to continue to work towards the goals as well," said Richard Chambers, the Multi-Faith Centre's director.

Shachar said dinner guests were encouraged to sit at tables with people they didn't know and talk about interfaith initiatives and how different faith traditions inspire them to work together.

"The concept of tikkun olam is what motivates me to work with other faith groups. To hear what they have to say is very inspiring," Shachar said.

She added that this event was not the first time she donated her time to a multi-faith event. Last October, Shachar was selected to represent U of T at a conference at the White House organized by the Interfaith Youth Core, a movement that promotes religious pluralism.

"Students from all over the world were there, and we got training on how to engage different faith groups on campus and how to facilitate community service initiatives... Through that conference, I was inspired to get even more involved."

Shachar said she was pleased that the dinner was such a success, but she is always pushing herself to do better.

"It was a successful evening in that we came together to brainstorm ideas, engage each other in conversation and talk about the long term, but we can always focus on the short term as well."

She added that she made connections with the MPs and hopes to work with them on future initiatives.

Shachar also sees her work with other religious groups as a way to open people up to other points of view.

"I'm a Zionist. I can have political views, but I can still engage with people who disagree with me. But we do so in a way that is respectful," she said.

"You always hear about people who don't want to talk to each other on campus, but with the interfaith movement, you do talk about difficult issues, but you're able to do so in a way that I feel comfortable.

"People always ask, 'How can you be a Zionist and be involved in this type of work?' But I am."

FEEDING THE HUNGRY: Netivot HaTorah Day School students made 460 sandwiches in the preparation of 230 lunches for the homeless. Each lunch contained two sandwiches, a bag of carrots, an orange and a juice box. Pictured in the background are, from left, Leeora, Tohar, Hannah, Joelle, Adina and Leora, and in the foreground, from left, Maya, Erin, Layla, Jordana and Miriam.

[Rebecca Ansel photo]

PLAYGROUND LEADERS: Grade 5 students at Robbins Hebrew Academy's (RHA) Beth Tzedec campus are assuming a leadership role in the playground as "Peacemakers." The Peacemaker program aims to further one of RHA's educational goals of teaching menschlichkeit. Pictured, from left, are Seth Damiani, Oren Katz, Ben Levitt, Danielle Wohl and Talia Levitt.

VISITING ISRAEL: Senior kindergarten students at Bialik Hebrew Day School took a simulated trip to Israel in the school's Israel Interactive Centre. They skied on Mount Hermon, swam in the Dead Sea and visited Jerusalem. Pictured are Emily Robinson, left, and Samantha Bard putting notes in the Kotel.

FAMILY MOMENTS

Mazel Tov

The Canadian Jewish news

Happy 85th birthday to Herman Rapaport, a World War II veteran.

Debra & Allan Aginsky, Toronto, and Pearl & David Hazan, Montreal, are thrilled to announce the marriage of their children Danielle & Michael.

Barbara & Shawn Mirsky and Claudia Voloshin announce the engagement of Stacy Lee Mirsky to Yair Rabinovich. Proud grandparents are Jack Mirsky and Malka Suhalith.

Roni & Syndie Gordon welcome Talia. Grandparents, Barb & Michael Nudelman, David Singer & Carol Kingdon, Gloria & Yacov Gordon. Great-grandmothers, Ethel & Minna.

A joyful mazel tov to Paul Coles & Jessica Pezim on their recent engagement.

Mazel tov to Googie (Gert) Stein celebrating her 80th birthday on Jan 20. Love, Garry, Phyllis, Marilyn and families, her extended family and friends.

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Thursday, Jan. 20

RIVERDANCE

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Friday, Jan. 21

TU B'SHVAT DINNER

Beth Isaiah Congregation in Guelph hosts a Tu b'Shvat seder, Shabbat dinner. Learn about Judaism's views on ecology. 5 p.m. Phone 519-265-1591, e-mail www.guelphsynagogue.ca.

Saturday, Jan. 22

SERMON IN SONG

Jewish musician **Dan Nichols** leads Shabbat morning services, 10:30 a.m. at Temple Emanu-El. 7 p.m. *Havdalah* service and concert. 416-449-3880.

Sunday, Jan. 23

JUDAISM AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Panel discussion at First Narayever Congregation asks if being Jewish encourages us to pursue social justice work. Panelists **Marcia Beck**, social worker, psychotherapist and singer-songwriter; **Ben Carniol**, social worker and author; and **Andy Simor**, physician, leader in infection prevention and control and regular volunteer at a rural hospital in Zimbabwe. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., light refreshments.

RESPONSE TO ANTISEMITISM

Bernie Farber, Canadian Jewish Congress CEO, presents "Jewish honour in the face of 21st-century antisemitism." Temple Kol Ami, Room 111-112, 9-11 a.m. No charge. RSVP **Karen Hecker**, TheSherman5@rogers.com.

JEWISH DIVORCE

Temple Sinai Jewish divorce and separation series. Part 1, "The Jewish Get," led by **Rabbi Michal Shekel**. Includes background, arrangements and importance. Part 2, Jan. 30, is on dealing with divorce and separation, led by **Janice Shaw**, co-ordinator of The Changing Family Program at Jewish Family & Child. Both at 10:15 a.m. Light breakfast. Suggested donation $2. 416-487-3281, or education@templesinai.net.

WIVES OF KING DAVID

Text study with **Deena Rabinovich**, director, Legacy Heritage Foundation Program, Stern College. Ulpanat Orot, 9:30-11:45 a.m. Hebrew-English texts. $10. Students free. 416-877-2050.

Monday, Jan. 24

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?

Holy Blossom Temple's social action committee's Humanitarian Lecture Series. **Avrum Rosensweig**, president of Ve'ahavta, says "I Am My Brother's Keeper." 7:30 p.m.

TRENDS IN JEWRY

Kehillat Shaarei Torah Synagogue presents York University **Prof. Leo Davids**, speaking on "Demographic Trends in Canadian and World Jewry." 7:30 p.m. No charge. 416-229-2600, ext. 3.

JEWISH STATE DEMOCRACY

ARZA Canada and Temple Har Zion present **Rabbi Marc Rosenstein**, director, Galilee Foundation for Value Education, speaking on the challenges of being a democratic Jewish state. Temple members, $3, non-members, $5. 8:15 p.m. Temple Har Zion. 905-889-2252.

MITZVAH KNITTERS

Learn new skills and improve old ones. Monday evenings, Shaar Shalom Synagogue, 7:15 p.m. Hand-crafted blankets and shawls donated to hospitals, women's shelters and others. No cost.

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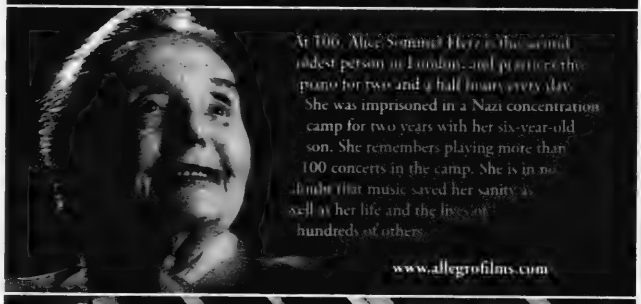

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Panel discussion featuring Israeli and Canadian IDF veterans and our pre-army Young Israeli Emissaries follows Sgt. Anthony's presentation.

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Tuesday, Jan. 25

TU B'SHVAT SEDER

Join Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood for a potluck Tu b'Shvat seder. 6:30 p.m., Max Enkin Boardroom. Call **Elana**, 416-789-3291, ext. 221, or voice mail 532.

FILM SERIES

Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Tuesdays with Larry movie series. *Broken Wings* (Hebrew with English subtitles). 2 p.m. $5 at the door.

Wednesday, Jan. 26

THE REAL MESSIAH

Part 2 of 6-part lecture series of The Jews for Judaism Counter-Missionary Survival Seminar. "Arriving at an understanding of the biblical concept of the Jewish Messiah." 8 p.m., Lipa Green Centre, Room 3. No charge. Register, 416-789-0020.

Other News

MEKOROT INSTITUTE

Mekorot Institute of Torah Study for Women presents **Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner**, Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m., discussing the prophet Jonah. Shaarei Shomayim. $20. Men and women welcome. Co-sponsored by Zichron Dov: Yeshiva University Torah Mitzion Kollel and Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. 416-877-2050.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

Amanda's Lemonade Stand – New Course for Youth 9-15, Jan. 30. Lipa Green, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. **Amanda Belzowski** has run a lemonade stand for 12 years, raising over $151,000. This course helps kids 9-14 become young entrepreneurs who will make a difference in their world. Games, discussions, presentations, hot lunch and snacks. Register on Amanda's website www.lemonade4heart.org or at 416-898-4556.

DRIVERS WANTED

Circle of Care is looking for volunteer drivers to deliver kosher Meals on Wheels. **Lysa Springer**, 416-635-2860 or lspringer@circleofcare.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Baycrest's volunteer services department is looking for a men's group leader to facilitate conversation with the men who attend the Senior Men's Group.

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FOR SENIORS

Active Seniors Miles Nadal JCC 416-924-6211, ext. 155. **Prof. Harold Troper** speaks about "Jewish Toronto: One Community or Many – Return to Downtown: Revitalizing of the Jewish Inner City." Jan. 27, 1:30 p.m.

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday social afternoons. Bridge, mah-jong, Rummikub. Refreshments $2. Call **Pearl**, 416-635-6317, or **Sheila**, 416-665-3333.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. Call **Valerie,** 416-395-7881. Friendly atmosphere in beautiful surroundings. Casino Rama, Feb. 16, departs 10 a.m. Thursdays, line dancing, 10 a.m. Canasta, Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon. Art classes, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Social bridge, Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. Seniors woodworking, skilled craftsmen, repairs, etc. Call 416-630-6487 for more information. Sunday evening dances resume Mar. 27, 7-9 p.m.

Bernard Betel Centre. 416-225-2112. Tuesday, Jan. 25, lecture – "The French Revolution and its Meaning - Part IV," **Barry Fluxgold**, 10-11:30 a.m. $3 members, $6 non-members. Wednesday, Jan. 26, Pet Day, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free. Thursday, Jan. 27. Wellness Lecture – "The Power of Positive Thinking," **Judy Weiss,** personal growth coach. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free.

PROSSERMAN JCC

Sherman Campus, 4588 Bathurst St., www.prossermanjcc.com. 416-638-1881.

Outdoor ice rink now open. See website for skating schedule.

Classes begin in February including Advanced Hebrew, Jewish Cooking, Daytime Hebrew, Mussar, Israel Reflections.

Winter family programs have started. Limited space available in the Lego Brand Brick Club, Deborah's sing-along classes 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. and the Shabbat party class, with Shabbat songs, crafts, and share challah. **Monique Shapiro**, ext. 4012.

Prenatal classes, led by a certified nurse from Mt. Sinai Hospital Feb. 20 and 27. Register now. Classes capped at 12 couples. More information on website, or **Monique Shapiro**, ext. 4012.

Movie Mondays with **Larry Anklewicz**. Jan. 31, *Triumph of the Spirit*, Room 205, 1:30 p.m. Doors open 1 p.m. $5 at the door.

POG – dinner and movie for 50-somethings. Jan. 29. www.meetup.com/Plenty-o-Gefiltefish.

PRO – Professional Retirees Organization. Jan. 25, 1-2:30 p.m. Room 211. RSVP, ext. 4259.

MILES NADAL JCC

750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211. www.mnjcc.org.

Toronto Jewish Film Society subscription season presents 8 film events on selected Sundays at the Al Green Theatre. Jan. 23, *Unstrung Heroes*, starring **Andie MacDowell** and **John Turturro**. Dedicated to the memory of the late actor **Maury Chaykin**. Guest speaker **Kevin Courrier**.

"The History of Jewish Publishing: industrial espionage, forgeries, church censorship!" with **Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner**. Mondays, 6-7 p.m., Jan. 24-Feb. 14 (skip Jan. 31.) Series $20, or $5/lecture. E-mail sharonis@mnjcc.org or ext. 154.

Eye magazine's film critic **Adam Nayman** examines recent art-house films. Jan. 24, 7-9 p.m. $12/lecture, $6 students with valid ID. Call ext. 606, or e-mail esthera@mnjcc.org.

Winter session of Shabbat Club for 3-6-year olds, led by **Sarah Brodbar-Nemzer**. Games, songs, candles, crafts. Ext. 277, sarahbn@mnjcc.org.

Play klezmer in a real ensemble. Led by **Eric Stein** of Beyond the Pale. Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. music@mnjcc.org.

Vital Theatre presents *Angelina Ballerina: The Musical*. Includes hip-hop, modern dance, Irish jig, ballet. Al Green Theatre, Jan. 22-Mar. 19. Fridays, 4:30 p.m., some weekends 1 p.m. $29.50, or premium tickets $49.50. Info or tickets at 416-642-8973.

Sundays on Bloor. Jan. 30, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. "Jews on Contemporary TV." Lecture and TV clips. **Mark Clamen**. $9 drop-in. Includes light refreshments. Ext. 606 or film@mnjcc.org.

Israel's Save a Child's Heart Foundation presents fundraising event Sing Your Heart Out. Jan. 30, 9:30 a.m. Al Green theatre. $20 or $65 for family of four. Tickets 416-324-9113.

Jacobs Lounge Visual Arts Space – From Art to Heart: Israel's Save a Child's Heart project. Photos curated by **Eli Gross**. Until Jan. 30.

Koffler Centre of the Arts. 4588 Bathurst St., 416-638-1881, www.kofflerarts.org.

Winter Classes – Fundamentals: Colour, Mondays, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Feb. 14-March 14. $140. Life Drawing, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., to March 10. $330. Writing the Short Story. **Allyson Latta**. Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m. Feb. 15-Apr. 5. $250. Also pottery classes for adults and children.

What's New is now online. You can find it at cjnews.com

WOMEN AND WISDOM: Some 54 women had a bat mitzvah ceremony after completing Chabad Lubavitch of Markham's Women and Wisdom/Bat Mitzvah course this year. From left are Heather Super, Chips Klein, Rebbetzin Goldie Plotkin and Talia Klein.

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Shimkofsky, Ruth	Dec. 28/10	1085 Steeles Ave. W.
Finn, Sidney Frank	Dec. 28/10	49 Green Lane
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Letovsky, Beatrice	Dec. 28/10	569 Sheppard Ave
Lichtenberg, Edith	Dec. 28/10	541 Finch Ave. W.
Egnal, Hannah	Dec. 28/10	7440 Bathurst St.
Wellman, Dean(Adin)	Dec. 30/10	122 Almore Ave.
Wise, Gail	Dec. 30/10	Private
Shyndel, Revekka	Dec. 30/10	6250 Bathurst St.
Frisch, Jonas	Dec. 30/10	Private
Shain, Samuel	Jan. 1/11	7420 Bathurst St.
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Ivanov, Simon	Jan. 2/11	10 San Romanoway
Frank Grossman, Lili	Jan. 2/11	135 Antibes Dr.
Katz, Sidney	Jan. 3/11	18 Owen Ave.
Kerbel, Dr. Norman Jack	Jan. 3/11	216 Dufferin St
Feldberg, Jacob Jack	Jan. 4/11	2 Silverton Ave
Rethazy, Elizabeth	Jan. 4/11	5460 Bathurst St
Snitman, Max	Jan. 5/11	Private
Klein, Madge	Jan. 5/11	7460 Bathurst St
Grobman, Tatiana	Jan. 5/11	Private
Friedman, Isabella	Jan. 7/11	100 Canyon Ave
Cohen, Milton	Jan. 8/11	215 Acton Ave
Berger, Esther	Jan. 8/11	55 Ameer Ave
Budin, Yeshayahu (Sam)	Jan. 7/11	65 Millcreek Cres
Benchimol, Elias	Jan. 9/11	80 Antibes Dr
Slippoy, Joseph	Jan. 9/11	6200 Bathurst St
Grevler, Sheba (Sybil)	Jan. 7/11	24 Cummings Crt
Shilensky, Zhana	Jan. 10/11	110 Promenade Circle
Shimova, Maakha	Jan. 10/11	42 Rustwood Rd
Sverdlov, Yuri	Jan. 10/11	Private
Schaffel, Candy	Jan. 10/11	27 Brockington Cres
Laufer, (Birnbaum), Dora	Jan. 10/11	170 Red Maple Rd
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Dr. Morris Erenberg ז"ל
September 25, 1923 – December 21, 2010

From the eyes and hearts of his adoring wife and children:

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Morris Erenberg on December 21, 2010 at the age of 87, at the Deer Lodge Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba, with his family by his side.

Our father was the beloved husband of 58 years to our mother, Miriam Erenberg, and the loving father of Yale (Ellen), Galla (Allan), David (Ronda), Reuven (Elaine) and Noah (Cheryl). He was the devoted zaida (grandfather) of Tyler, Max, Jona, Daniel, Sarah, Leah, Micah and Brina. He was the cherished brother of Joe (Anne) Erenberg and Musi (Sam) Singer, and the adored uncle to Marlene, Barry, Shari, Bonnie and Gayle.

He was predeceased by his father, Max, by his mother, Sarah Leah, and by his daughter, Esther Brina.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, December 23, 2010 at the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue in Winnipeg, Canada. Pallbearers were Dr. Yale Erenberg, David Erenberg, Reuven Erenberg, Noah Erenberg, Daniel Erenberg, Micah Erenberg and Max Erenberg. Honourary pallbearers were Joe Erenberg, Barry Erenberg, Dr. Allan Horenfeldt and Dr. Aubie Diamond.

Dad was born in Mariupol, Ukraine. He emigrated with his family to Winnipeg when he was just 11 months of age, and like the majority of Eastern European Jewish immigrants, home became Winnipeg's north end.

He attended St. John's High School, but fulfilled his dream of higher parochial education after graduating high school by attending the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary at Yeshiva University in New York, NY. Dad not only acquired two Bachelor Degrees within a 3 year span, but did so with Cum Laude distinction for his Bachelor of Arts, and Magna Cum Laude for his Hebrew Teachers Degree in 1945.

He then returned to Winnipeg where he attended Medical School at the University of Manitoba from which he graduated in 1951, subsequently pursuing a speciality in Anesthesia. He was the Chief Anesthetist at the Concordia Hospital in Winnipeg for 21 years. He then went on to become a Family Physician in the Winnipeg suburb of Transcona for 23 years, retiring from the practice of Medicine in 1995 at the age of 72.

He treated each patient as if they were his only one of the day, making appointments with specialists for his patients while they were sitting in front of him in the examination room, but still able to keep waiting room times to a minimum. Dad was humbly proud of being able to combine the art of humanities and communication, with the science of Medicine, in order to deliver the best care he felt his patients so rightly deserved. His caring attention to all who were his patients was emblematic early in his profession when he utilized his prowess in several languages to provide medical care to many war camp survivors who were unable to communicate in English.

In addition to his successful career in Medicine, Dad had an enduring, lifelong passion for learning, teaching, and counselling, with a particular love for the study and practice of Judaism which manifested itself in his insatiable pursuit of Jewish philosophy and education, serving on numerous charitable boards, in his conducting of the daily synagogue services, and in his renowned talent for Cantorial music.

In all facets of his life, Dad practiced what he preached. And what he preached more than anything was the inviolable Judaic tenet that each human life must ascend one rung higher on the ladder of moral perfection than that ascended by his predecessor, and not merely emulate it. Dad would often be heard telling all of us on many occasions that we were his dividends in his pursuit of perpetuating the Judaic concept of "Tikun Olam" – Making the world a better place.

Dad sought with much zeal to sow within his children and grandchildren the importance of learning and literacy, with frequent reminders as to the difference an education can make not only in the lives of his offspring, but the purposeful difference such education would permit us to make in the lives of those we might have the responsibility of influencing. Indeed, his immutable commitment to learning was evident by the scholarly uniqueness of his many authorships and oratory engagements.

Dad will always be remembered, and forever be revered, for his compassion for people, his brilliance as a scholar, and his righteous dedication to his family, his culture, and his community.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to The Dr. Morris Erenberg Memorial Fund, c/o Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, 561 Wellington Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, R3M 0A6, Telephone (204) 452-3711.

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers
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IDF soldiers fighting in Lebanon in 2006

Crisis in Lebanon underlines outsiders' roles

The Jan. 12 collapse of Lebanon's year-old national unity government following the decision of Hezbollah and its allies to bolt the coalition captured media attention around the globe.

The government had been virtually paralyzed for months ever since Hezbollah issued threats against anyone supporting a United Nations tribunal investigating the 2005 assassination of former prime minister Rafik Hariri. The person most immediately threatened is Rafik's son, Saad, the current prime minister. According to an in-depth CBC investigative report last fall, Hezbollah is likely to stand accused of being behind the assassination – a verdict that is expected to be issued very soon.

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

These developments – the government's collapse and Hezbollah's threats – were widely described as the most serious crisis facing the country since the murder of Hariri, and risks throwing Lebanon back into sectarian strife.

Hezbollah has charged that the UN tribunal is a U.S.-Israeli plot, thereby also implying that the western-backed Saad Hariri (who supports the UN inquiry) is acting in their interests.

AFP reported on Jan. 12 that according to Mustapha Alloush, a senior member of Hariri's Future Movement, Hezbollah timed the collapse of the government to coincide with Saad's meeting in Washington with U.S. President Barak Obama in order "to deal a moral blow the United States."

In a statement following their meeting, Obama and Hariri declared that the UN tribunal must proceed "as a means to help end the era of political assassinations with impunity in Lebanon."

According to Bloomberg News, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton who was in Doha at the time "pointed a finger at Hezbollah and its sponsors, Syria and Iran" and quoted her: "We view what happened today as a transparent effort by those forces inside Lebanon as well as interests outside Lebanon to subvert justice and undermine Lebanon's stability and progress."

Bloomberg pointed out that many in Lebanon still blame Syria, which along with Iran supports Hezbollah, for Hariri's death.

This is where Mideast politics, always complex, gets downright byzantine. After all, Saudi Arabia, which fears Iran's reach into the region, joined forces with Syria, which strongly opposes the UN tribunal, to try to broker a deal between Saad Hariri and Hezbollah. While details of the plan remain murky, what is clear is that it has failed, at least for now.

Some Mideast analysts speculated that the Saudis, with the backing of the Americans, were counting on coaxing Syria from Iran's orbit, while others thought this idea naive and doomed to failure from the start. And this occurred while Obama assigned Robert Ford to Damascus as America's new ambassador – the previous one having been withdrawn in 2005 during the "Cedar Revolution" in Lebanon when, in the aftermath of Hariri's assassination, Syria's military was forced to end its occupation of the country it has long coveted.

Obama apparently believes that Ford can play a constructive role in moving Syria away from Tehran. But not according to Michael Young, the opinion editor of the *Daily Star* newspaper in Beirut. In the Dec. 30 edition of the online news site nowlebanon, Young called the appointment "remarkably foolish."

He drew upon a Wikileaks-released cable in which a former French ambassador to Lebanon warned an American diplomat in Paris in February of 2009 that since the Syrians are masters of manipulating foreign officials without giving any real concessions, the United States should first get something concrete from Damascus before making any formal approaches to the regime. The French diplomat further warned that the United States should be under no illusion that it will move Syria away from supporting Hamas and Hezbollah (and thus, by extension, Iran).

Young agrees, noting that there "is a structural difficulty hindering better American-Syrian relations: Washington wants to engage Syria so that it will give up on alliances that the Syrians will never willingly surrender, because doing so would so weaken Damascus politically that it would defeat the very purpose of engagement."

Paul Michaels is communications director for the Canada-Israel Committee.

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by
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Question: My husband and I are separating after six years. We both do not want to go though a lawyer but want everything to be legal. Our house is under my name. I understand that even though my husband is not the registered owner we need to divide the equity 50/50. Therefore, I am going to buy out his interest and give him half of the net equity. We plan to sign separation papers and file them with the local court ourselves, but we want everything to be legal. What are the appropriate procedures?

Answer: The law and procedures are so complex that you both need lawyers (independent legal advice) for such an agreement to be "legal" or legally enforceable. Anyone suggesting otherwise is mistaken. Moreover, asking me to give you "shortcuts" is no different then asking a surgeon to instruct a patient with a gallbladder stone on how to use a surgical knife after pointing out a few diagrams of the lower belly. For instance, some of the many issues a competent family law lawyer will resolve include the following:

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2. If you buy out his interest in the home and he has cosigned on the mortgage then he will want the bank to release him from any continuing obligation. At the very least he will want a written indemnity from you to indemnity him from any lawsuit by the bank if you can't or don't pay as the bank loan becomes due.

3. These agreements are not filed with the court unless one of you receives child or spousal support and wants the payments to go through the Family Responsibility Office;

4. To be legal, you also need to formally exchange current income, asset and liability statements about each other in writing and be able to provide evidence that this has been done.

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Acceptance of brain death urged for organ donation

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Six Orthodox rabbis in Montreal, and one in Toronto, have affirmed their belief that cessation of activity in the brain stem is an acceptable definition of death under Jewish law.

They made their position public as the long debate within mainstream Orthodoxy over organ donation took a contentious turn once again. Authorities within this branch of Judaism remain divided over whether a person has died when the brain stem stops functioning or when the heart has stopped as well.

Along with nearly 100 Orthodox rabbis mainly from the United States and Israel, the seven rabbis have signed a "statement of principles" endorsing brain stem death as "a halachically operational definition of death. As such, organs may be removed for transplantation under strict halachic supervision and guidance."

Furthermore, they state that it is "both halachically permissible and desirable and ethically mandated for every Jew to be an organ donor consistent with his or her definition of halachic death." While pressing for the brain stem determination, the rabbis allow that the cardiac definition is also halachically supportable.

The Montreal signatories are rabbis Michael Whitman of Congregation Adath Israel, Chaim Steinmetz of Congregation Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem, Adam Scheier and Yonah Berman of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, Reuben Poupko of Congregation Beth Israel Beth Aaron, and Howard Joseph, retired from the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue and a member of the executive of the Rabbinical Council of America (RCA). Rabbi Whitman said the Montrealers signed on individually and not in coalition.

The other Canadian signatory is Rabbi Aaron Levy, who heads Makom, a self-described grassroots Jewish group in downtown Toronto. Their statement follows a Jan. 7 statement from RCA, with which all but Rabbi Levy are affiliated, intended to clarify that organization's position on the issue. The RCA, which has close to 1,000 member rabbis worldwide, stated essentially that it has no official position and is leaving it up to individual rabbis to decide what is right.

The author of the statement on brain death – Rabbi Dov Linzer, rosh yeshiva and dean of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School in Riverdale, N.Y – said he wrote the statement because he felt the acceptability of brain death was under attack and that the position was going to be "completely marginalized."

Waiting for a person's heart to stop beating, once they are brain dead, can result in organs that are not usable for donation, Rabbi Linzer said.

There are close to 2,000 people on Canada's waiting list for organ donations, and every three days, one person on the list is going to die, said Rabbi Reuven Bulka, spiritual leader of Ottawa's Congregation Machzikei Hadas.

Rabbi Bulka, a prominent proponent of organ donation in the Orthodox community and chair of the Trillium Gift of Life Network, said he wasn't asked to sign the petition, but he told *The CJN* that brain stem death has been accepted as a halachic criterion of death by "people I highly respect, who have both halachic and scientific knowledge."

Rabbi Michael Whitman

At the same time, he added, he also respects those who have come to the opposite conclusion, but he expressed concern the issue may be a smokescreen for whether organ donation is acceptable within Judaism. "It's lifesaving of the highest order," he said. "This is really a transcending mitzvah."

Rabbi Whitman, a member of the RCA executive committee who has been closely involved with the issue for 20 years, said the RCA statement is "a bit of a cop-out." He noted that it was drawn up by RCA officers without the executive. He said he feels the RCA leadership isn't acknowledging that the renewed divisiveness stems from a "biased" study paper produced by the RCA's halachah committee on how death should be determined. The 110-page document, released last June, was intended for the membership, but was obtained by certain Jewish media.

The paper provoked a strong reaction, including among the medical profession, because it appeared the RCA was moving toward a restrictive stance on organ donation.

Rabbi Whitman calls the paper "biased" in favour of the cardiac death definition, based on some faulty science.

"They worked on this paper for many years, and while it does not argue for the adoption of a policy, it has two very serious flaws: it's inaccurate in the medical areas, and there's a clear bias against using brain stem death as the criterion.

The RCA maintains that the paper is meant as "an informational guide" only. It reaffirmed that almost all rabbinic authorities agree that live and post-mortem organ donation is permissible under Jewish law if it may save a life (or restore eyesight), and is, moreover, a mitzvah.

The rabbis' statement also emphasizes that it's a mitzvah for Jews to donate organs and that even those who believe in the halachic validity solely of cardiac death should offer to make the limited donation that stance allows.

All Jews, these rabbis say, should be encouraged to sign organ donor cards, in line with their halachic definition of death. Rabbi Whitman said the Halachic Organ Donor Society supplies cards that specify under which circumstances the holder wishes to make the donation. He has been a member since the U.S.-based society was founded almost 10 years ago.

The statement concludes that it would be morally and politically unwise for Jews to adopt a double standard on organ donation. "To adopt a restrictive position regarding donating organs and a permissive position regarding receiving organs is morally untenable. Such an approach is also highly damaging to the State of Israel, both internally and in regards to its relationship with the larger world, and to the Jewish people as a whole."

Within Israel, such a dichotomy could worsen tension between religious and secular people, he said.

The statement is signed by such prominent figures as rabbis Shlomo Riskin and Benny Lau of Israel, and U.S. rabbis Avi Weiss and Marc Angel.

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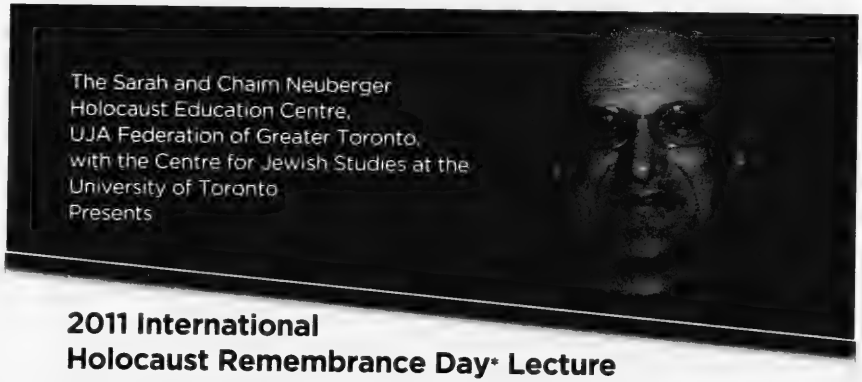
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Ukrainian groups oppose museum's Holocaust exhibit

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Prof. Lubomyr Luciuk says he's not an antisemite, despite a charge by Canadian Jewish Congress CEO Bernie Farber that Luciuk has been "a one-man wrecking crew driving a wedge between the Jewish and Ukrainian communities in Canada."

Bernie Farber

At issue is how the Holocaust will be presented in the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, a national museum now under construction in Winnipeg. Despite stating that he doesn't want the issue to degenerate into a fight between Canadian Jews and Ukrainians, Luciuk, as the current director of research and former chairman (2007-2010) of the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association (UCCLA), is leading the UCCLA's campaign against having a permanent Holocaust gallery in the museum.

"When I was growing up in Kingston, my father worked for a Jewish employer," said Luciuk, a political geography professor at the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston. "We always had a positive relationship with the Jewish community in Kingston. It's too bad that this issue has degenerated into nasty personal attacks."

The UCCLA and its sister group, the Ukrainian Canadian Committee (UCC), are upset that a report published in September by a 17-member museum-content advisory committee granted permanent gallery space to only the Holocaust and Canada's aboriginal peoples.

The Ukrainian groups' concern is shared by the German-Canadian Congress, which issued a statement last month noting its "alarm and concern about the museum's dedication of permanent galleries to Holocaust and Canadian aboriginal issues." Congress president Tony Bergmeier called on the museum to be "inclusive and equitable in its treatment... No suffering by one group can be more important than the suffering of others."

While this isn't the first time that the two communities have expressed reservations about a permanent Holocaust gallery in the museum, they have recently joined forces in a new lobbying campaign aimed at persuading Heritage Minister James Moore to set up a new advisory committee to determine the content of the museum.

The Ukrainian campaign features postcards showing Ukrainians behind a barbed-wire fence, highlighting the internment of 6,000 Ukrainians in Canada in World War I as enemy aliens. Supporters are asked to sign the back of the postcard, which calls for a content committee that is "truly representative of the Canadian population, inclusive, fair-minded and nonpartisan," and mail them to the Heritage Minister in Ottawa.

The Ukrainian organizations also want equal exhibition space in the museum for the Holodomor, the famine brought about by Stalinist policies in the early 1930s that has been blamed for the deaths of millions of Ukrainians.

"The response to our postcard campaign has been overwhelmingly positive," Luciuk said. "We have a great deal of support for our position that no one ethnic group's suffering should be elevated among others. That is not the Canadian way."

While Luciuk acknowledged that the museum "can't tell the whole story of every mass atrocity," he said the museum should consider thematic galleries.

"Why not have a gallery called 'Canadian Internment Operations' that deals with Ukrainians and others during the First World War, Germans, Italians and Japanese during the Second, the Québécois in 1970?" he asked.

Farber agreed that the Holodomor was "a terrible tragedy," but he said the Holocaust is on an entirely different level and has had "a profound impact" on Canadians and other peoples.

"The Holocaust redefined the limits of human depravity," he said. "It challenged the very foundation of our civilization. One in every three Jews in the world at that time was murdered, a slaughter from which we have not yet recovered.

"The Holocaust was also the foundation for our modern human rights legislation, and it makes perfect sense that the Holocaust should have a permanent place in the museum. It also makes sense that the plight of Canada's First Nations should also have a prominent place in the museum. What makes no sense is pitting one group of Canadians against another."

> *'No suffering by one group can be more important than the suffering of others'*

Angela Cassie, the museum's director of communications, agreed the Holocaust should receive a prominent place in the institution because of its historic role as a catalyst for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and human rights legislation that followed.

"Our goal isn't to compare the suffering of different groups," she said. "We will be using the Holocaust to show the fragility of human rights. It's also one of the most thoroughly researched areas of recent history. We envisage the Holocaust as the lens through which we teach visitors how to recognize signs of human rights violations and point to actions they can take to combat human rights abuses."

Cassie noted that the Holocaust also affected the Roma, homosexuals, the disabled and others.

"There is a misconception out there that there will only be two permanent zones," she said. "There will in fact be 12 permanent zones and the Holodomor will have a permanent display in the 'Mass Atrocity' zone, immediately adjacent to the Holocaust zone. This zone will feature detailed information on the Holodomor and many other mass atrocities that have taken place worldwide and will provide educational opportunities for visitors to learn more about these events."

Regarding the internment of Ukrainians and others, in a Jan. 6 statement, the museum noted that "the zone examining Canada's Human Rights Culture will look at human rights abuses in Canada's past, including internment operations."

Cassie added that the displays will be updated regularly as more information becomes available. They'll also be interactive and digitally accessible.

Luciuk said that on Dec. 18, representatives of the UCC, Luciuk's UCCLA and the Canadian Ethnocultural Council met in Toronto with five members of the museum, including president and CEO Stuart Murray. At the meeting, the museum reiterated its position that the advisory committee report, while important, is not definitive. And while the museum's content will be contained in 12 zones, including two dedicated to the Holocaust and aboriginal issues, the content of these exhibits hasn't been fixed.

A follow-up meeting involving Ukrainian Canadians and the museum was scheduled to be held in Winnipeg later this month.

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Broadcaster's call-in show helps addicts

By JENNIFER LIBMAN
Special to The CJN

Mark Elliot was destined for fame as a radio host from the young age of 15.

"I was kind of like Justin Bieber," joked Elliot, who's now in his late 50s. "I was great at what I did and all the girls loved me."

After finishing high school in Toronto, Elliot worked at several radio stations across Canada before landing a job on a top-rated radio show in Ottawa. "This was the peak of my career but also the start of my downfall. In Ottawa I discovered cocaine.

"No one sets out to become an addict," Elliot said. "We all think we're stronger than the drug – that we can stop when we want to. Of course, that's not true. I became addicted, and I had no idea how to deal with it."

By 1987, his addiction began taking over his life. "I was dying," he said. "I was 6-4 and I weighed 150 pounds. I was losing everything. I was a mess."

To most people, losing their job would not be a good thing, but for Elliot it was the first step of his recovery. "A woman I worked with at the station recognized what I was doing to myself and she reported me, and I lost my job," he said. "It was the kindest thing in the world."

Elliot then moved to Windsor, Ont., where he spent time at a treatment centre that he credits with saving his life.

After his treatment, Elliot stayed in Windsor and began working on a show called *People Helping People* for the radio station CKLW. Listeners could call in to get answers to their questions regarding their own, or their loved ones, addictions. Callers had complete anonymity – no record was kept of who was calling, and the telephone lines were not under surveillance. "This means that people not yet ready to speak to anyone else about their problems would feel safe and comfortable opening up," Elliot said.

> *'We all think we're stronger than the drug. Of course that's not true'*

"We would teach people how to stay sober, or tell them where to turn if they were ready to become sober. I used the same principles I learned during my own treatment. People would call in and thank us for helping them – our show was actually helping," Elliot said.

When *People Helping People* was picked up by Newstalk 1010 CFRB, a local talk radio station, Elliot moved back to Toronto. "The show was bigger then ever, and because of all the help I was giving people over the radio, they started to ask me if I could do interventions," Elliot said.

Three years ago, he decided to leave his full-time job in radio and founded Intervention Toronto. Now a certified addiction counsellor, Elliot organizes interventions and teaches people how to deal with their crises. "I get calls from a lot of families who think their situations are hopeless. They've tried everything and nothing has worked. I'm their last hope," Elliot said.

The first advice he offers to the families he works with is to love the person suffering from addiction and to "kill them with kindness." This does not mean supporting their habit, Elliot explained. "It just means they need to support them in every step of their recovery."

There are challenges to working in the field of addiction in multicultural city like Toronto. "Every culture handles problems differently," he said. "I need to learn the ins and outs of every ethnicity in order to know what I am dealing with."

However, Elliot recognizes that even though families deal with addictions differently, the end result is always the same – to save lives. "I always say that it doesn't matter what a person's background is – addiction is an equal opportunity destroyer," he said.

Elliot's interventions can be a one-time event or a series of events. He also offers group followup sessions to the clients he counsels for addiction, to help them with problems that develop as they go through the process of becoming sober. These group sessions also allow families of his clients to bond and share information about addiction treatment.

Elliot is proud of Intervention Toronto's success rate, which he says is approximately 80 per cent. "It is really due to the fact that the family is involved from the very first step. The addict never has to go through anything alone," he said.

Once a person suffering from addiction has recovered, he often plays the role of an advocate to help reintegrate them into society. "Every dollar invested into recovery comes back 100 times over," Elliot said. "We can bring these people back into society and help them be productive, tax-paying citizens. These people have put a lot of hard work into changing their life – we need to reduce the stigma associated with a recovered drug user."

Elliot has now been clean for 22 years and wakes up every morning proud of himself for changing his life. "I was able to become a son again," he said." I never thought I could be the man I've become."

People Helping People, hosted by Elliot, airs Saturday nights at 11 p.m. on Newstalk 1010 CFRB.

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Ehud Barak quits Labor to form new party

By JONATHAN LIS
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JERUSALEM — Defence Minister Ehud Barak announced Monday that he is stepping down as Labor party chairman to set up a new party, following months of turmoil within the weakened faction.

In the wake of waning support from his own ministers, Barak is forming a new party called Atzmaut (Independence). He will be joined by four Labor lawmakers – Deputy Defence Minister Matan Vilnai and three members of Knesset – Shalom Simhon, Einat Wilf and Ori Noked.

"We set out today toward independence," the 68-year-old Barak said in his official announcement at the Knesset. "We are creating a faction, a movement and eventually a party that will be centrist, Zionist and democratic.

"The top priority [of this movement] will be first and foremost the state, then the party, and only at the end, us," Barak told reporters.

"We invite anyone who believes in this path to join.

"The State of Israel is faced with tests that are not simple" with regard to policy, defence and society. "We are ready to confront these.

"We are leaving a party and a home that we love and respect its members," Barak added. "Many of those members experienced with us the daily difficulties of the party, and they fell victim to the endless fighting within it.

"We have reached the decision that this anomaly in political life, where they were in essence two Labor factions, had to stop," he said.

Ehud Barak

In a letter to Labor members prior to the formal announcement, Barak's deputy Vilnai wrote: "The Labor faction in Knesset has become an intolerable place, in which it was impossible to conduct a parliamentary life.

"At every meeting, you never knew who was with you and who was ready to quit and join a different party. In order to advance our own ideas, we have decided to separate and go on a new path," he wrote.

"The most difficult part is leaving those friends with whom we have been connected for so many years and who believe, like me, that we are a centrist and Zionist party."

Later, while sitting alongside Barak at the press conference, Vilnai declared: "We simply had no choice."

The decision throws Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition into turmoil, though the number of breakaways is not enough to rob him of his parliamentary majority.

Barak and the four other members of his new party are expected to remain in Netanyahu's coalition. It is not clear whether Labor's eight remaining lawmakers will support the government, in particular in light of recent threats to quit the coalition over the stalled Middle East peace process.

With peace talks in limbo for more than three months, an increasing number of Labor members had urged Barak to pull out of the government because of the impasse. Labor MK Daniel Ben-Simon quit the party last week to protest Barak's decision to remain in the government.

Monday's move by Barak is expected to bring to an end the months of internal strife that hindered Labor's political strength and sway in the government. In a separate statement, Vilnai said that leaving Labor would enable the new faction members to pursue peace "without a stopwatch."

Netanyahu lashed out at the Labor ministers at Sunday's cabinet meeting, saying that the Palestinians were refusing to return to negotiations with Israel because of the party's threats to leave the coalition.

The prime minister also said the Palestinians were hardening their positions because of certain remarks by Labor party ministers.

Splits within parties and the formation of new factions are not uncommon in Israeli politics. In 2005, then-prime minister Ariel Sharon announced that he was leaving Likud to form the Kadima party, along with members of his own party and some lawmakers from Labor. The party today is headed by opposition leader Tzipi Livni, and forms the largest single faction in the Knesset.

Barak, once seen as the heir to slain prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, entered politics in 1995, months after ending an illustrious 35-year military career, which culminated in him serving as head of the Israel Defence Forces.

He became prime minister in 1999, bringing Netanyahu's first term as premier to an end. Barak himself was beaten in a 2001 prime ministerial election by Sharon, which led to a four-year exile from politics. He returned to political life in 2005 in a failed bid to regain the Labor leadership, but became chairman once again in 2007.

Labor ministers bolt coalition

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JERUSALEM — With the Labor party reeling at the news of Ehud Barak's decision to quit as chairman and form a faction of his own, all of its remaining ministers decided Monday to exit the government.

Political sources believe that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been contemplating the dismissal of the Labor party ministers, paving the way for a coalition deal with Barak's new Atzmaut party.

The Labor ministers – Social Affairs Minister Isaac Herzog, Minority Affairs Minister Avishay Braverman and Trade, Industry and Labor Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer – had been seen as unlikely to sign up for a similar agreement and rushed to pre-empt the prime minister.

Herzog was the first to announce his resignation, with Braverman and Ben-Eliezer following suit just a few hours later.

"The time has come to stop lying to ourselves and leave the government which has brought us to a dead-end and forced upon us [Foreign Minister] Avigdor Lieberman and his party with its unacceptable racist discourse, which threatens our democracy," Herzog said in his announcement.

"I informed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of my resignation from the government. This is a personal move," he said, but added that he expected his fellow ministers to follow suit soon.

Braverman made his announcement about an hour later, telling reporters that Labor ministers had made clear to Barak in recent months that the party must not stay in the coalition so long as the impasse in Middle East talks continued.

"Barak forgets that he put the peace process at the top of his agenda progress," Braverman said. He said that Labor would remain intact and return to the strength that once defined it.

Within four hours of Barak's announcement, Ben-Eliezer called a press conference of his own and became the final Labor minister to resign from the coalition.

Ben-Eliezer vowed to help rebuild the party. "I have no doubt that the Labor party will return soon to the headlines."

He added that he was surprised by Barak's decision. "The truth is that I did not believe that Ehud Barak, who essentially fled the party once, would try to flee again. It's a pity that this is how he is ending his service in the Labor party," he said.

Ben-Eliezer also said that assassinated prime minister Yitzhak Rabin was "turning over in his grave" in light of the party's dissipation.

While it's not yet clear who will take over for Barak as party chairman, Ben-Eliezer made it clear that he had no plans to run for leadership of the party.

Barak's departure had initially been welcomed by some of his former colleagues as a long-awaited chance to rebuild the embattled Labor party, after months of squabbling within the once powerful party. Barak had faced challenges from some senior Labor members, and many supporters were unhappy over his close ties with Netanyahu.

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Netanyahu: Tunisia turmoil shows Mideast instability

By BARAK RAVID
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JERUSALEM — The civil unrest that resulted in the ousting of Tunisia's longtime president displays an instability prevalent in the entire Middle East, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday.

He added that the situation highlights the need for security assurances in a future Mideast peace deal.

Massive street protests over corruption and unemployment forced President Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali to flee the country Friday night after 23 years of iron-fisted rule.

Saudi King Abdullah's palace confirmed early Saturday that the ousted president and his family had landed in Saudi Arabia, saying the kingdom welcomed him with a wish for "peace and security to return to the people of Tunisia."

Speaking during the cabinet's weekly meeting in Jerusalem, Netanyahu said that recent turmoil in Tunisia was an example of "how unstable Israel's region is.

"There are several centres of instability in our region and we hope that peace and security return to the region," he said.

Netanyahu added that the Tunisian unrest also highlights an important issue regarding a possible Middle East peace treaty, saying there is doubt as to whether or not such an agreement would be followed by all sides in the long run, in view of the pervasive political instability in the region.

"We don't know if a peace agreement would be respected, and so any peace deal would have to include on-the-ground security arrangements," he said.

Unrest engulfed Tunisia on Saturday after a popular rebellion forced the president to flee. Dozens of inmates were killed in a prison fire, looters emptied shops and torched the main train station, and gunfire echoed through the capital.

Power changed hands for the second time in 24 hours in the North African country after the president fled the country Friday, with the head of the Constitutional Court declaring that Ben Ali had left office for good, not temporally, negating the prime minister's move to assume power.

Fouad Mebazaa, the former Parliament speaker, was sworn in as chief of state on Saturday. He said he has asked the premier to form a national unity government.

Mebazaa said in his first televised address that all political parties including the opposition will be consulted without exception or exclusion.

Anger over corruption and the lack of jobs ignited a month of protests, but Ben Ali's departure – a key demand of demonstrators – has not calmed the unrest. The protests were mostly peaceful, but after Ben Ali's departure, rioters burned the main train station in Tunis and looted shops.

A fire in a prison in the Mediterranean coastal resort of Monastir killed 42 people on Saturday. The cause of the fire was not immediately clear.

Sporadic gunfire was heard in the capital of Tunis on Saturday. Smoke billowed over a giant supermarket outside the capital as looters torched and emptied it. The army fired warning shots to scare them away, to little avail.

Israel to lease Cdn. firefighting airplanes

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JERUSALEM — Israel will lease firefighting airplanes from Canada as it waits to purchase six new ones from the country at a cost of $200 million.

The new firefighter airplanes under construction in Canada will be ready in about two years, CBC reported. The leased planes will be flown by Canadian pilots.

The $200-million deal, which includes the planes and other equipment, was agreed upon Jan. 10, between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Canadian Defence Minister Peter MacKay during the latter's visit to Israel.

The squadron reportedly will be named the Elad Squadron, in honour of Elad Riven, the 16-year-old fire brigade volunteer who was the youngest victim of the Carmel fire.

The Carmel fire broke out Dec. 2 and took four days to get under control. Forty-four people were killed in the blaze, which burned 12,000 acres of land, consumed five million trees, and destroyed or severely damaged 250 homes. At least a dozen countries in the Middle East and Europe, as well as the United States, sent fire equipment and volunteers to assist in putting out the blaze.

Israeli pilots will be trained on the use of the planes before delivery, according to reports.

MacKay also visited the Palestinian Authority and Jordan during his five-day trip last week.

While in Israel, MacKay met with Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak, and the two ministers signed a Canada-Israel Principal Memorandum of Understanding (PMOU) on defence co-operation, according to the Canadian Department of Defence.

MacKay also met with Tzipi Livni, leader of the main opposition party, Kadima.

In a statement after concluding his trip, MacKay said he was glad to have had "the opportunity to meet with key Israeli, Palestinian and Jordanian partners and to reiterate Canada's desire to assist their efforts in bringing stability, security and peace to the region."

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Chief rabbi recognizes military conversions

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JERUSALEM — Israel's Sephardi chief rabbi reportedly has ordered the recognition of all Israeli military conversions after Rabbi Ovadia Yosef said in a letter that the conversions were valid.

Rabbi Yosef, a former chief rabbi, spiritual head of the haredi Orthodox Shas party and president of the Torah Sages Council, on Jan. 14 issued a letter declaring conversions under the auspices of the Israel Defence Forces to be kosher.

"Concerning my knowledge of the IDF conversion process, the instructors teaching in it, the rabbinical judges and all those involved in this holy task, and after hearing the [three-man advisory committee], which was formed at my request, I have reached the conclusion that by Halachah, the IDF conversions are valid, according to our holy Torah. And the good recommendations of the rabbis, members of the committee, should be implemented," read the letter signed by RabbiYosef that was translated and printed in the *Jerusalem Post*.

The letter followed the recommendation of a three-member panel of senior rabbis appointed by Sephardi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Amar to investigate whether the halachic standards of military conversions were on a high enough level for him to endorse.

The advisory committee reportedly recommended that those being converted through the military study more Torah and Jewish law and that some of the rabbinical judges employed by the army be replaced.

By law, the chief rabbi's signature is required on all military conversions, which has been lacking since the institution began granting conversions.

Some 4,500 soldiers have undergone conversion under the auspices of the military.

A military conversion bill sponsored by the Israel Beiteinu party was scheduled to be voted on this week in the Knesset Law Committee. The bill would designate the IDF chief rabbi with signing off on IDF conversions, instead of the chief rabbinate.

David Rotem of the Israel Beiteinu party told the *Jerusalem Post* that the party would not withdraw the bill, despite Rabbi Amar's approval, since the haredi Lithuanian community has said it won't recognize the conversions.

Canada gets failing grade on Nazi criminals

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

At a time when other jurisdictions were ramping up efforts to bring Nazi war criminals to justice, Canada failed to launch a single case or deport any of the suspects whose citizenship has already been stripped. As a result, Canada earned a failing grade in the Simon Wiesenthal Center's annual survey of international investigations and prosecutions of Nazi war criminals, said Efraim Zuroff, the organization's chief Nazi hunter.

In a telephone interview from Israel, Zuroff asserted that "something is wrong in Canada." The United States, which pursues similar legal measures against Nazi suspects, has a much better record of finding them, removing their citizenship and throwing them out of the country, he said.

In part, they did so after streamlining their legal system and reducing the number of appeals from seven to three.

"That made a difference," he said. "Canada has not figured it out, and the results speak for themselves."

Zuroff's report, titled, *Worldwide Investigation and Prosecution of Nazi War Criminals (April 1, 2009-March 31, 2010)*, found that "the Canadian Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Section of the Ministry of Justice... failed to obtain any convictions or file any indictments... Thus during the past 16 years, since the switch was made from prosecution on criminal charges to the application of civil remedies, the Canadian authorities have initiated 21 cases and obtained eight denaturalizations against defendants residing in Canada, but not a single one of them has herefore been deported. In addition, two defendants voluntarily left the country and six died during the course of the proceedings against them. Three won their cases against the government."

Efraim Zuroff

In an e-mail response to a query from *The CJN*, government spokesperson Carole Saindon stated, "The government of Canada is committed to tackling crime in whatever form it may appear, and war crimes are no exception.

"Since 1987, the government of Canada has upheld its policy to ensure that this country does not become a safe haven for people involved in war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. Over this time, the War Crimes Program has taken action in 21 Second World War-related files.

"Canada's war crimes program remains relevant beyond the Second World War through the program's work of screening those entering Canada and investigating and initiating prosecutions and removal proceedings for modern-day war criminals from around the world.

"The government remains committed to identifying, preventing entry, locating, apprehending, prosecuting, detaining and removing those individuals who pose a safety and security risk or threat to Canada."

Zuroff said the program's only success in recent years was the extradition of Michael Seifert to Italy. But that case came in response to an Italian request. Seifert died in custody last year.

While Canada was rated poorly in the report, marks of "A" were given to the United States and Germany. Italy and Serbia earned "B" while Poland received a "C."

"This was the first time Germany got an A," and it's the first time a country other than the United States received an A, Zuroff said. Germany earned the grade by shifting from its longstanding policy of focusing only on German suspects to include people from other ethnic groups and for becoming "proactive" in investigating suspects.

In the period in question, two Nazi war criminals, Josef Scheungraber and Heinrich Boere, were convicted and indictments filed against three suspects, including former U.S. autoworker Ivan (John) Demjanjuk, who was charged with crimes connected to his service as a guard in the Nazi camps of Sobibor and Trawniki.

Joining Canada with grades of F were Australia, Hungary, Lithuania, Estonia and Ukraine.

U.S.-Israel created worm: report

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NEW YORK — Stuxnet, the computer worm that set back Iran's nuclear program by several months or years, was a joint project between the United States and Israel, the *New York Times* reported.

Israel tested the virus, designed to destroy Iran's nuclear centrifuges at its Natanz nuclear reactor, at the Dimona complex in the Negev Desert, according to the report published last Saturday.

Stuxnet reportedly has wiped out about one-fifth of Iran's nuclear centrifuges, delaying its ability to create its first nuclear weapons.

According to the newspaper, in 2008 the German company Siemens gave the Idaho National Laboratory information to enable it to identify weaknesses in the computers it sold to Iran for its enrichment facilities.

Those weaknesses are what the Stuxnet worm attacked when it was released the following year.

The worm worked by sending Iran's nuclear centrifuges out of control, while at the same time playing back recordings of normal operations at the nuclear plant, meaning that everything appeared normal to the plant's operators, even as the centrifuges were tearing themselves apart.

Neither the United States nor Israel has admitted to playing a role in designing Stuxnet.

Israel Briefs

Conversion bill frozen

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has extended a moratorium on a civil conversion bill for another six months. The bill proposed last year by Avigdor Lieberman's Yisrael Beiteinu Party allows municipal rabbis to handle conversions – few may do so now – and permits only the president of the High Rabbinic Court to annul a conversion. It passed a preliminary reading in the Knesset last summer. The second moratorium will expire July 10. The first had expired Dec. 31. Under the moratorium, Yisrael Beiteinu and the Shas parties agreed not to continue to push the legislation through, and the Reform, or Progressive, and Masorti, or Conservative, movements in Israel agreed not to file petitions with the Supreme Court calling for a framework for non-Orthodox conversions in Israel. Netanyahu also appointed Jewish Agency chairman Natan Sharansky to bring the parties together to discuss the issue. Officials of the Jewish Federations of North America, which has been working with the Jewish Agency and the religious movements on the conversion issue, welcomed the deal.

PM divulges salary

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu makes about $12,300 a month before taxes, he informed the public on Facebook. Netanyahu posted a copy of his monthly pay slip Jan. 10 on the Prime Minister of Israel's page on the social networking site. The prime minister earns a gross salary of about $12,300 a month, but takes home just $4,200 after taxes and other deductions. According to his pay slip, Netanyahu is paid for a 42-hour work week, which is defined as full-time. As prime minister, Netanyahu receives free housing, but money is deducted from his salary for his cellphone, transportation, four daily newspapers and health insurance. After online requests, Netanyahu "decided to provide total transparency concerning his monthly pay slip," read the status posted with the pay slip. U.S. President Barack Obama, at $400,000, makes more than double what Netanyahu earns in a year.

Foreign Ministry strike widens

A strike by Israeli Foreign Ministry employees has broadened, halting defense-related exports and freezing assistance for Israelis abroad. The strike, which began several weeks ago and has added sanctions on a weekly and then daily basis, has included refusing to co-operate with other ministries and institutions such as the Prime Minister's Office, the Mossad and the army; disrupting diplomatic mail service; and refusing to co-operate on visits of dignitaries and state delegations. Diplomats are asking that their salaries be brought in line with intelligence and defence employees. Their union claims many employees have turned to welfare for assistance. Ynet reported last month that some diplomats have cut their service short because they couldn't afford to live in their host country. On Jan. 11, the Foreign Ministry said it couldn't provide assistance to Israelis travelling abroad due to the strike and absolved itself of responsibility for their safety. The previous day, Israeli embassies began withholding security and trade assistance to Israeli firms abroad, in effect halting defence-related exports. Earlier in the week, Israeli ambassadors cut off all contact with foreign ministries, prime minister's and president's offices in the countries in which they serve.

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Lawyer to head Ontario Labour Relations Board

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

Bernard Fishbein has been practising law in Toronto for nearly 33 years, and during almost that entire span, he's represented the union side in management-labour disputes.

But, like a lawyer who's been named to the bench, Fishbein expects to shed his partisan perspective and adjudicate labour issues in an even-handed manner. Fishbein, 59, was recently nominated as chair of the Ontario Labour Relations Board (OLRB). Although the nomination is subject to legislative review, it's expected his confirmation will be little more than a formality.

A respected labour lawyer with Koskie Minsky LLP, Fishbein taught employment and labour arbitration law at the University of Toronto, served on the Ontario Grievance Settlement Board and was former chair of the labour law section of the Canadian Bar Association.

As OLRB chair, he will adjudicate cases and administer the board. Some 100 people work for the OLRB, largely in the agency's Toronto office. The OLRB has jurisdiction over the Labour Relations Act and its tribunals hear appeals under the Occupational Health and Safety Act and the Employment Standards Act.

In his many years at the bar, "I've seen a lot," Fishbein acknowledged. "I expect the government appointed me because of my experience and expertise."

In announcing the appointment, Ontario Labour Minister Charles Sousa said, "Mr. Fishbein has a strong relationship with Ontario's labour relations community. With over 30 years experience at the OLRB, Mr. Fishbein understands its importance in Ontario's labour relations system. He is a respected labour lawyer who has provided dedicated services to government boards and committees."

Bernard Fishbein

"I've been a union lawyer for practically most of my career," Fishbein said. "It's sort of a polarized area. You don't shift back and forth much. The practice has become so specialized, like insurance law, the defence bar and lawyers representing plaintiffs. This is a bit of a politicized area, so it is rare you see people shifting between labour and management."

Fishbein believes he is somewhat "predisposed to being a labour lawyer."

Maybe it's because his father was "a little shopkeeper," but Fishbein said he has developed a "sympathy for the little guy."

And, although he's never joined one, "I sort of think unions are an important social institution in society."

His practice saw him involved in cases over organizing workplaces, representing labour in negotiations with management, pleading labour's side in grievances, representing workers in collective bargaining and ensuring contractual terms were properly observed.

So how easy will it be to put aside that history and serve as chair of the board?

"It's just like a [recently appointed] judge," who avoid cases involving past clients and former partners, he said. "There will be a period of time during which I'll recuse myself. After a period of at least one year, you can be considered sufficiently neutral."

Fishbein said labour relations law is constantly in flux. When the NDP were in power, "they did a complete overhaul of the Labour Relations Act. When the Tories were elected, they did a major overhaul. And the Liberals have been passing things that change the law, too."

There is often some controversy associated with the field, Fishbein agreed, but "if the government changes the law, it changes the law. My job is to adjudicate the law."

Fishbein said he's eager to take the reins of the OLRB, the biggest and most prestigious such body in Canada. "I think for someone interest in labour relations, it [the OLRB] was described by the outgoing guy as the best labour relations job in the country. I think it will be and it is."

The Toronto native has for 15 years represented the Association of Hebrew School Educators, which comprises most day school teachers. Focusing largely on wages and work conditions, he said "there have been tough negotiations from time to time," but he notes with pride that disagreements have been settled without strikes.

Day school teachers' wages are comparable to those in the public system, he said, but owing to financial constraints, they lag in terms of employment benefits and pensions.

Fishbein has served as president and board member of the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre and he's involved in his synagogue, Adath Israel Congregation.

Don't raze Dead Sea hotels, dredge the salt, greens say

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JERUSALEM — Environmental protection organizations and the Dead Sea hotels have found common ground: they hate the idea of razing the hotels and rebuilding them elsewhere.

Both warned of dangers if the plan is pursued, although the plan's aim is to rescue the hotels from drowning as the level of the Dead Sea rises because of Israel Chemicals' mining activities.

The operations of the Dead Sea Works, the Israel Chemicals unit mining the area, and the hotels are both located along the southern section of the Dead Sea, which has essentially turned into a giant evaporation pool. Salt-rich water is constantly brought by canal from the northern section of the sea, which is fed by the Jordan River. But as the water comes, so does silt. The upshot is that the ground level of the southern half of the sea is rising, and therefore, so is the water level, unhappily for the hotels built along its shore.

The state established Dead Sea Preservation in 2008 to come up with solutions. It came up with three. One is harvesting vast amounts of salt from the bottom of the evaporation pool, enough to keep the water level where it is. The second is to build an artificial lake, a lagoon, around the hotels, from which and only from which the salt would be harvested. The third is to raze the hotels and build new ones elsewhere, and that's the plan the hotels and green organizations so abhor.

At a recent joint press conference with the environmental groups, the hotels warned that the process of moving them would reroute Dead Sea tourism to Jordan. Environmentalists from the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI) and the Israel Union for Environmental Defence (Adam, Teva V'Din) called on the government to abandon the plan in favour of stabilizing water levels by harvesting the salt.

The alternatives are being studied by the Dead Sea Preservation Government Company, which operates under the auspices of the Tourism Ministry. The company will recommend to the government which alternative to choose.

Eli Gonen, representing the hotels, said the process would take years. "Nobody will want to visit a construction site," he said. "We'll lose the whole tourism market to Jordan, where new hotels are being built by the Dead Sea."

The state made a historic mistake by neglecting to require the Dead Sea Works to handle the accrual of salt from its operations, they argued.

Nir Papay of SPNI argues that salt will need to be harvested from the Dead Sea starting in 2030, and moving the hotels is a bad idea, so harvesting should start now. Papay also argues that the Dead Sea Preservation Government Company erred in calculating the cost of harvesting the salt.

It won't take as many dredges as the company claims, he said. Everything from the electricity to the construction materials needed for dredging has been overstated, he claimed. Nor would it cause a nuisance to the hotels, Papay said.

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EYE ON ARTS

By BILL GLADSTONE

'ARMY OF CRIME' IS LATEST CHAI TEA FEATURE

The Toronto Jewish Film Festival is screening *Army of Crime*, a 2009 French-German feature drama about the German occupation of Paris and a diverse group of resistance fighters, as the latest offering in its year-round Chai Tea series.

Subtitled in English, the film focuses on an Armenian-born resistance leader, a gentle poet who is ready to die for the cause but not prepared to kill; however, after witnessing the horrors of Nazi oppression, he changes his tune. SilverCity Richmond Hill, 8725 Yonge St. at Hwy. 7. Sunday, Jan. 23, tea at 4 p.m., film at 5. $15. 416-599-8433.

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Unstrung Heroes: Toronto Jewish Film Society presents *Unstrung Heroes*, **Diane Keaton's** 1995 film starring **Andie MacDowell**, **John Turturro**, **Maury Chaykin** and **Michael Richards**. The program is dedicated to Chaykin's memory, and film critic **Kevin Courrier** is guest speaker. Miles Nadal JCC, Al Green Theatre, Sunday, Jan. 23, 4 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets, $15, available 15 minutes before each screening. For season memberships, please e-mail esthera@mnjcc.org or phone 416-924-6211, ext. 606.

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The Big Bang: The Civic Light Opera Company presents *The Big Bang*, an off-Broadway musical comedy first staged in 2000 that presents a two-hour overview of the history of civilization from **Adam and Eve** to **Janis Joplin**, and including **Nefertiti**, the Hebrew slaves, and many others. Influenced by **Mel Brooks**, **Carol Burnett** and **Rowan** and **Martin**, *The Big Bang* comes to the Fairview Library Theatre, Feb. 9 to 26. $25. 416-755-1717, www.CivicLightOperaCompany.com

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Names in the News: If you're a film lover, chances are you've enjoyed some of the films of British director **Mike Leigh**, who was in Toronto earlier this month promoting his newest film, *Another Year*.

His previous works include *Secrets and Lies*, *Topsy-Turvy* and *Vera Drake*, all of which are extraordinary in their own way. If I had to choose one quality that most stands out, it would be the remarkable spontaneous performances he coaxes out of his actors.

In press interviews, Leigh has described the methods by which he preps actors for their roles. Like **Woody Allen**, he doesn't give them an overview of the story. Instead, he tells them only what their character is supposed to know so that "they have a healthy sense of the character's point of view."

Although I have nothing but praise for Leigh's films and directorial methods, I am greatly disappointed by reports in the British press of his increasingly vocal support for the left-wing, anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement, which the Internet has inflated into a modern hysteria.

What makes it worse – or perhaps strangely predictable – is that the 67-year-old director is Jewish. Further, he has an aunt in Israel that he refuses to visit. How strange that someone's art can seem so beautifully nuanced and balanced, and his politics just the reverse.

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Maury Chaykin

Arts in Brief

• Film critic **Adam Nayman** examines American New Wave Films including *Old Joy*, *Wendy and Lucy* and *Ballast*, in the latest instalment of *In Naymen's Terms*, his lectures with film clips on "Contemporary New Wave Cinema," presented as part of the Miles Nadal JCC's Media Mondays. Monday, Jan. 24, 7 to 9 p.m. $12 drop in.

• **Prof. Harold Troper** speaks on "Return to Downtown: Revitalizing of the Jewish Inner City," the latest in his series about Jewish Toronto: One Community or Many. Miles Nadal JCC, Active Seniors, Thursday, Jan. 27, 1:30 p.m. 416-924-6211, ext. 155.

• From Art to Heart – Israel's Save a Child's Heart project is an exhibition of photographs curated by **Eli Gross**. Jacobs Lounge, Miles Nadal JCC, until Jan. 30.

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Winston Churchill, the Jews and Zionism

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Winston Churchill's name never came up when Barry Avrich was a student at United Talmud Torahs and Herzliya High School in Montreal.

In retrospect, the Toronto filmmaker finds this omission astonishing, given the fact that Churchill played such an integral role in nurturing the Zionist movement and in supporting the establishment of Israel.

It took a book by British historian Sir Martin Gilbert, *Churchill and the Jews: A Lifelong Friendship*, to awaken Avrich – a member of the board of the Toronto International Film Festival – to Churchill's relationship with the Jewish people and his contributions to Zionism.

After reading Gilbert's book, Avrich was, as he said in an interview last week, "extraordinarily fascinated" and "blown away" by Churchill's regard and respect for Jews and his dedication to Jewish statehood.

So much so that he has made a documentary on the topic.

Unlikely Obsession: The True Story of Churchill and the Jews was broadcast on Jan. 17 by Vision TV. Still more viewers may see his film, as Avrich is currently in discussions to screen it in the United States and Britain.

"I hope it gets a tremendously large audience," said Avrich, who is also a marketing executive. "You can't teach the history of Israel and the Jewish people in the modern era without Churchill."

An Unlikely Obsession – which is based on Gilbert's book, a trove of private papers and newspaper clippings, and outside interviews with such figures as Canadian historian Margaret Macmillan and Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz – is a rounded, well-researched portrait of one of Britain's foremost 20th-century political figures.

As a boy, Churchill, a son of privilege and a future prime minister, read the Bible and developed an admiration for biblical texts, if not for Jews.

His father invited Jewish guests, such as the bankers Lord Rothschild and Sir Ernest Cassel, to their home. Churchill was thus exposed to Jews at an early age and, unlike some British aristocrats, was comfortable in their presence. Indeed, Churchill did not share the casual antisemitism of his peers.

As a rising politician, Churchill represented a riding in Manchester with a significant Jewish population, opposed the Aliens Bill, which was seen by Jews as antisemitic, and protested the outbreak of pogroms in Russia.

Barry Avrich

Winston Churchill, right on steps, poses with Herbert Samuel, Britain's first commissioner in Palestine, in Jerusalem, circa early 1920s.

Churchill, the minister of munitions during World War I, was probably introduced to Zionism after meeting Chaim Weizmann, a Jewish chemist and Zionist luminary who developed acetone, an organic compound used in the manufacture of artillery shells. By all accounts, acetone helped Britain win the war, and Churchill was eternally grateful to Weizmann.

Thanks in part to Weizmann's powers of persuasion, Churchill supported the 1917 Balfour Declaration, which came out in favour of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. But as MacMillan observes, Churchill realized it would cause problems for Britain with the Arabs down the road.

Though he was ambivalent about the Zionist project in Palestine, torn between his sympathy for Zionism and his awareness of British interests in the Arab world, he wrote an article in 1920 in which he expressed support for a Jewish state in Palestine.

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Dramatization of Entebbe raid

By JOSEPH SERGE
Arts Editor

Operation Thunderbolt, Israel's daring raid on Entebbe to rescue 103 Jewish hostages hijacked on an Air France plane by terrorists, has been the subject of several movies.

Now, for the first time, the secrets behind the planning of the greatest hostage rescue in history are revealed in an episode of *Assault and Rescue* airing Jan. 30 on the Discovery Channel.

The episode combines fast-paced dramatization of the rescue's planning and the operation itself with interviews with several of the key players in the drama, including commandos, pilots, strategists and intelligence gatherers.

The exciting action scenes of the rescue and firefight at the airport are quick and sharply edited, at times resembling a first-person-shooter video game.

In June 1976, an Air France flight that had originated at Ben-Gurion Airport carrying 250 passengers was hijacked after taking off from Athens en route to Paris and flown to Entebbe, in Uganda, at the time ruled by the dictator Idi Amin. While the Israeli government considered its options, the Israel Defence Forces and intelligence services secretly started working on a rescue plan.

The hijackers made one key error when they released the 150 or so non-Jewish hostages. This gave the Israelis valuable intelligence information, including the fact that Amin's forces were working with the hijackers and would also have to be fought.

A daring fly-over in a small aircraft by an Israeli intelligence officer also gave the Israelis strategic information.

A plan to land forces in Lake Victoria, the lake on which Entebbe is located, was quickly shot down for several reasons, not least of which the lake was filled with crocodiles.

An air rescue was the only reasonable option, although this was also filled with problems they had to overcome, such as refuelling and landing on a potentially dark and hostile runway. Ehud Barak, who later went on to become Israel's prime minister, was sent on a secret mission to Kenya to try to secure oil for refuelling. (After the rescue, Amin ordered the execution of hundreds of Kenyans living in Uganda for Kenya's role in helping the operation.)

In order to avoid detection by Egyptian and Saudi radar while flying over the Red Sea, the Hercules C130 transports had to fly perilously close to the water.

To compound matters, the Israelis were working against a tight deadline set by the hijackers before they were to have started shooting the hostages, as well as the need for absolute secrecy and surprise.

In the end, the operation was a success and only four hostages were killed in the firefight. The commander of the Israeli operation, Yonatan Netanyahu, the current Israeli prime minister's older brother, was the only rescuer killed.

This dramatization/documentary, produced by Canadian company Frantic Films, is one in a series of episodes that take viewers inside situation rooms, assault staging areas and deadly firefights. This episode premieres on the Discovery Channel Jan. 30 at 8 p.m.

Pop music legend Phil Spector is profiled in biopic

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Phil Spector, one of the greatest pop music legends of all time, languishes in a prison today.

He shot and killed Lana Clarkson, a Hollywood starlet turned nightclub hostess, at his palatial home near Los Angeles in 2003. Acquitted in a mistrial in 2007, he was handed a 19-year sentence two years later following a second trial.

It would be fair to say that Spector's imprisonment is a tragedy. The brilliant originator of the "wall of sound" production technique, he will be remembered for the incredibly resonant songs he produced and the talented artists with whom he worked.

His hits are legendary, ranging from *Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah* and *Da Doo Ron Ron* to *Be My Baby, You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling* and *My Sweet Lord.*

His collaborators included the Ronettes, the Ramones, the Beatles, John Lennon, Leonard Cohen and Tina and Ike Turner.

To say that Spector wowed at least two generations of swooning fans would hardly be an exaggeration. A Jewish boy from the Bronx, he was at the centre of popular music in the United States from the 1960s to the 1990s.

Vikram Jayanti's cinematic portrait, *The Agony and Ecstasy of Phil Spector*, is scheduled to be screened by the Bell Lightbox (350 King St. W.) on Jan. 27 at 7 p.m.

The 102-minute documentary unfolds against the backdrop of his trials and clips of his videos.

More than only a producer, Spector was a songwriter, too. His first song, *To Know Him Is To Love Him*, the title of which is derived from the inscription on his father's gravestone, shot to fame, selling more than a million copies within a year.

In his heyday, almost whatever he touched turned to gold. But if Spector was a lion in a recording studio, he was a mouse during a portion of his adolescence.

Odd and definitely different, he had an unhappy childhood (his father committed suicide) and was a loner in high school, snubbed by what he describes as the "stuck-up clique."

Treated contemptuously, he burned with anger and

Phil Spector

rage. The guitar saved him, vaulting him from a nobody to a valued member of a band, the Teddy Bears, who recorded *To Know Him Is To Love Him.*

That was followed by, among memorable songs, *Pretty Little Angel Eyes, Every Breath I Take* and *Uptown.*

Though his songs were bouncy and infectious, with the pursuit of romantic love at their core, they were fringed by such dark sub-themes as abandonment, alienation and pain.

In a good part of this film, he is interviewed in his mansion. Seated on the edge of a white sofa, he wears a black pinstripe suit and a fire engine red shirt. His wig, styled in a pageboy cut with bangs, is dyed apricot gold.

He is also filmed in court, looking detached, nervous and morose. He rarely blinks, his eyes a window into a troubled and unstable life.

Rather than recounting Spector's story in conventional chronological order, Jayanti unspools it in fragmented scenes. From my point of view, he dwells too excessively on the trials rather than on his astonishing career, for which he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Like many people in the entertainment industry, Spector is self-absorbed. Above all, he seems in pain. "Pain is just there, it's constant," he says. "Hurting is a natural phenomenon with art. It comes with the music."

No shrinking violet, he has an enormous ego, comparing himself to immortals such as Michelangelo, Bach and Modigliani.

Throughout the interview, he badmouths contemporaries like Tony Bennett and Paul McCartney.

Complex, difficult and brooding, Spector is definitely a piece of work, and this is how Jayanti portrays him in *The Agony and Ecstasy of Phil Spector.*

Churchill supported Israeli statehood

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During the 1930s, he condemned Adolf Hitler's aggression and railed against antisemitism in Nazi Germany. After becoming prime minister in 1940, Churchill virtually ignored the 1939 British White Paper, which drastically restricted Jewish immigration to Palestine.

During the Holocaust, he wanted to bomb railway tracks leading to the Auschwitz death camp.

After right-wing Zionists assassinated Lord Moyne, a British official in the Middle East, Churchill grew still more ambivalent about Zionism. But he continued to support the concept of Jewish statehood, and after 1948, when he was leader of the opposition, he urged Britain to recognize Israel.

Israel's first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, recognized Churchill's contribution in keeping Zionist hopes alive. Churchill had faith in Zionist aims and supported Zionism to the best of his ability.

"There ought to be a gigantic statue of Churchill right in the middle of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv," Dershowitz says. "Without Churchill, there would not be an Israel today."

Avrich basically agrees with this assessment. Although Churchill always hewed to an agenda based on British colonial interests, he was a friend of the Jewish people and was completely sincere in his support of Zionism.

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By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

The first several chapters of David Homel's sixth novel *Midway* (Cormorant) are written with such sure-footedness of structure as to float the promise of a story that would really be going places.

The protagonist is Ben Allan, a middle-aged Montreal college professor who writes an award-winning paper on an obscure 19th-century psychological condition called dromomania, an uncontrollable urge to wander. His inner circle consists of a crusty old widower father, Morris, who lives in a seniors' residence; his art-therapist wife, Laura, and TV-addicted teenage son, Tony; and Willis Barnstable, his collegial friend who, having caused a sexual fracas on campus, yet advises him on political correctness.

Both Ben's father and son seem to reside in a mental fog, a condition that Ben, midway between the two, may also be experiencing. When a dim bulb named Carla McWatts comes to interview him for a college newspaper, Ben seems to lose his familiar moorings and contemplates an affair, seemingly just for the sake of shaking himself out of his stupor.

Homel writes with intelligence and humour; the way that Ben and Carla keep missing each other, like two nocturnal vessels on a vast ocean, is comical.

Ben's deep satisfaction at inhabiting her empty apartment without consummating their relationship signals that there is much more than a case of the seven-year itch at play here. (He also spends oodles of time hanging out at his father's place.) A reservoir of middle-aged angst, Ben is desperate for some new vistas and secret worlds to explore.

While ever elusive, Carla draws him into a weird little psycho-drama that takes over the rest of the novel and transforms it from the outward-bound journey that the reader expects into a frankly strange and confused inner journey with sharp gothic overtones (mad doctor, secret dungeon, dazed inmates, mysterious females, allegorical halls of mirrors).

I admit that Ben's fascination with dromomania had created an expectation in me that he would walk away from his life; not unlike, say, the middle-aged protagonist in Anne Tyler's masterful 1995 novel *Ladder of Years*, who unexpectedly walks away from her husband, children and luggage at the beach, then sets up a parallel life for herself in another town. There is, alas, no such exterior action in *Midway*.

Like the little boy who wants to run away from home but is not allowed to cross the street, Ben pursues his psychic quest around his own town on evenings and weekends. Midway into the novel, part of me began humming: Get on the bus, Gus, make a new plan, Stan, drop off the key, Lee, and get yourself free. But that just didn't happen.

Don't get me wrong: Homel has crafted many sharply drawn scenes and much good dialogue, and he possesses a wonderful Nabokovian sense of play. But characters must change in a fundamental way if a story is to have meaning, and the only discernible change in Ben Allan at the end of *Midway* is that he develops a nervous tic.

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Like *Midway*, Adam Mansbach's *The End of the Jews* (Spiegel & Grau) is a witty literary miniature with Jewish characters.

Published in 2008, it tells the story of three interlocking characters – a grandfather and grandson both named Tristan Brodsky, and Nina Hricek, a teenage photographer in Czechoslovakia. The narrative unfolds in the present tense with as many twists and turns as improvisational jazz. In fact, jazz and jazz musicians play a prominent part in the story, and – as is said of good jazz – the writing at times seems to be "really cooking."

In one memorable scene, the younger Tristan's parents drop him off at Tristan the Elder's place, needing some respite from their teenager, hoping the old man will help tone down his wild excesses. But, possessed of a spark of rebelliousness himself, Tristan pours Tristan a drink, then gleefully accompanies him on a graffiti-painting spree.

Decades earlier and half a world away, Nina lives with her mother in Prague after her Refusenik father has been allowed to travel to the West. He was supposed to get a job and send for them, but instead he abandons them and disappears. Years later, Nina is hired as a photographer for a touring jazz band, then escapes her mother for America. Eventually, she finds her father with a new wife, working at a small college in California. They mean nothing to each other anymore.

Through plot and dialogue and lyrical writing that aspires to poetry, Mansbach brings out the magic of the moment in delightful and unexpected ways. He moves the focus from one to another of his three protagonists until their stories merge. As for the novel's strangely over-reaching title, it is seemingly a comment that in the spontaneous world of action, tradition-bound Judaism acts as a wet blanket, taking the fun and spontaneity out of life.

Morris Allan, the elderly character in *Midway*, has a similar complaint when he harangues a group of chassidic Jews on the streets of Montreal because tradition has forced them to sweat it out beneath heavy black coats on a warm day. It is this shared tendency to complain that definitively brands both Homel and Mansbach as modern Jewish writers.

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Altshuller backstops Team Ontario to gold medal

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

Team Ontario rode goaltender Daniel Altshuller's hot hand to a gold medal victory in the recently concluded 2011 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge in Winnipeg.

Altshuller, who was profiled in the Jan. 6 *CJN*, got the call in each of Team Ontario's five round-robin and playoff games. Team Ontario defeated Team USA 5-3 in the final, exacting a measure of revenge for last year's 2-1 championship game loss. Altshuller, who backstops Nepean Raiders of the Central Tier 1 Junior A Hockey League (CHL), faced 21 shots in the game.

He and Team Ontario were pushed to the brink in the semifinal, pulling out a 2-1 win over Quebec in overtime. Altshuller faced 25 shots, including a barrage in the second period when Ontario was outshot 12-3.

Altshuller allowed only 10 goals in five games, including one shutout, as Team Ontario went through the tournament undefeated. His gaudy numbers included a .924 save percentage and a 1.66 goals against average. Going into the tournament after 27 games in the CHL, Altshuller sported a .916 save percentage and 2.89 goals against average. He was one of only two players on Team Ontario who did not play in the major junior Ontario Hockey League (OHL).

He was named CHL Rookie of the Month for November after he helped turn around the Raiders' season, moving them from 11th place in the league to a tie for fourth.

Daniel Altshuller

Broadcaster remains true to his Toronto roots

By BEN FISHER
Special to The CJN

Even as he assumes his new post as lead play-by-play announcer for ESPN's *Sunday Night Baseball* telecast, Dan Shulman is hardly ready to leave his Canadian roots behind him.

"Toronto is home for me," he said. "It's where I met my wife, it's where my kids grew up. That will never change."

The 46-year-old, who was recently tabbed for the much-coveted sports broadcast position previously held by Jon Miller, has retained his Canadian citizenship and continued to reside in his Thornhill home while gaining increasing prominence and critical praise on both sides of the border.

In fact, it was Shulman's hometown that served as a platform for his rise in sports media, as he broke in with the Fan 590 radio station (then known as CJCL) and later transitioned into a job at TSN. The University of Western Ontario graduate first gained national recognition as the play-by-play voice of Blue Jays baseball, alongside analyst Buck Martinez, whom he credits with helping his development in the industry.

"I owe a great deal to Buck," said Shulman. "I was a raw rookie in the early going, and he taught me a ton about the industry and the sport, itself, and was tremendous to work with during our six years together."

Just as Martinez would go on to a big league managerial job with the Jays, Shulman was destined for bigger things ahead. After working part-time with ESPN during his TSN days, he moved full time to the network, which is based in Bristol, Conn., to cover baseball, NCAA basketball and the NBA.

Shulman's broadcast career has seen him cover a wide range of marquee sporting events such as the 1994 Winter Olympics, the World Series, the MLB all-star game and the NCAA March Madness tournament. Not bad for someone who got his degree in actuarial science.

Shulman's rapid rise was perhaps best recognized by *Sports Illustrated*. Referring to him as a "pro's pro," the celebrated weekly sports magazine named him its top national play-by-play announcer of the 2000s, ahead of the likes of Al Michaels, Joe Buck and Miller.

"To just be included among some of the greatest talents in our industry was an honour," Shulman recalled. "To actually be seen as the best was something else."

Clearly ESPN would agree with *SI*'s choice. Shulman broke the news about the *Sunday Night Baseball* job on Bob McCown's *Prime Time Sports* (yet another example of his strong local roots), and is thrilled to step into what he views as a much-revered position.

"Somebody I work with said to me, 'You're replacing Cal Ripken,'" Shulman said in reference to taking the position that Miller held for 21 years. "I never thought of it in those terms, but I'm replacing a guy who's the only guy who's ever held the job. I'm only the second guy to get this job."

Shulman will share the *Sunday Night Baseball* broadcast booth with former manager Bobby Valentine and former Cy Young-winner and longtime close friend Orel Hershiser. Shulman and Hershiser won't need much time to adjust to one another, having been paired together for the past two seasons on the network's *Monday Night Baseball* broadcast.

"Orel and I have known each other for a long time now, and I think we play off of each other really well," Shulman said. "He's one of the smartest people I know, and I can't wait to see what he, Bobby and I can produce."

Neither can Shulman's many fans, both north and south of the border.

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YouTube videos let viewers enjoy junk food vicariously

By LAURA STRICKER
Staff Reporter

Have you ever wanted to see someone eat time? What about a gun, a cult or a library?

Well, the Epic Meal Time crew doesn't eat any of that, despite what they say in their videos. Instead they eat pizza covered in onion rings, fries, burgers and chicken nuggets. Then there's the Meatball Deathstar, a meatball approximately the size of a soccer ball stuffed with tortellini, meat sauce and vegetables, placed on a huge round of garlic bread and smothered in extra meat sauce.

Those meals – and many like them – are all part of Epic Meal Time's series of weekly videos of the crew making and eating food that's extremely high in calories and fat. In less than three months, the videos have garnered more than 10 million views on YouTube.

Harley Morenstein, 25, along with a few of his friends, all Montrealers, came up with the idea for Epic Meal Time based on personal experience.

"Normally, it was just called Sunday," he says. "Then [me and my friends] decided to start filming it and showing it.

Harley Morenstein, the host of Epic Meal Time, with some of the ingredients for the Meatball Deathstar.

"We all love eating. I don't know if you can tell on camera, but I'm like 6-6 and 260 pounds – I'm a big guy.

"So we've always been eating a lot, and we decided to get more creative with it and film it. At the end of the day, it's basically just myself and my partner Sterling [Toth] – he's the guy holding the camera in the videos. We're the creative forces behind it."

Epic Meal Time's first culinary creation, the Worst Pizza Ever, is topped with delicacies from various fast-food chains. It has 5,210 calories and 286 grams of fat.

Then there's the Angry French-Canadian, also known as "the greasiest sandwich in Canada." Picture 50-cent hot dogs and a few pounds of poutine piled onto French-toasted baguettes with a Quebec maple syrup topping. This very Canadian concoction weighs in at 5,343 calories and 207 grams of fat.

When asked about the most disgusting thing he's eaten with Epic Meal Time, Morenstein says he initially doubted the wisdom of combining poutine with maple syrup.

"It was delicious, but initially I thought it was going to be gross," he says. "It ended up being good, and not only that, I've remade that sandwich personally for myself and I put mustard on it as well. And it was excellent."

These creations are nothing, however, when compared to Epic's first stab at dessert. Black Legend is the "fully loaded crepe" that will "take your sweet tooth for a magical ride through Candy Land," Morenstein says in the video.

The chocolate crepe is stuffed with deep-fried pastries, including apple pie, cinnamon twists and McDonald's McFlurry balls that are covered in chocolate-chip-cookie crumbs and deep-fried. It's held together using "chocolate glue" – chocolate cake and icing – and is 19,177 calories and has 684 grams of fat.

A friend of the Epic Meal Time crew, "Muscles Glasses," prepares to eat the Angry French-Canadian sandwich.

While he thought Epic Meal Time would be an online hit, Morenstein had no idea it would become as popular as it has.

"When we first started [Epic Meal Time] we did a pizza video, which was like we put hamburgers on a pizza... At the time I [said], 'This will probably be pretty popular.'

"I was just like let's prepare [more] in case it happens to be popular. And it was. Did we think it would get over 10 million views in three months? No.

"Especially now in the New Year, I can only imagine that it'll increase more so [in popularity]," he continues.

"People are trying to diet, people are trying to be health conscious. There's a lot of negative media attention on obesity problems, and paying attention to organic food. People are trying to change their lifestyles – less McDonald's, less KFC Double Downs, more whatever it is that would be healthier, but at the end of the day people still love junk food. I think a lot of people vicariously eat it all through us."

For those who want to make the Epic creations at home, Morenstein says a cookbook is in the works, because they get a lot of people asking for the recipes. Other plans for expansion, he jokes, include "Epic Meal Time in Imax 3-D, directed by James Cameron."

As for where the ideas for their Epic creations come from, Morenstein says it's usually pretty random.

"Maybe I'll be sitting there and it'll come to me while I'm daydreaming. Or I'll be inspired by something and put in a phone call to my buddies. [Then] we'll start to say 'and then we'll do this, and then this and this' until we've taken something that was a crazy idea and mutated it into something even crazier. I think we're pretty creative guys, and together as a bunch we get even more creative."

To see Epic Meal Time embark on their culinary adventures (including consuming the Epic Eggroll), visit www.epicmealtime.com.

Reducing Toronto's environmental footprint

Sustainable Jew

By Fred Winegust

This column will look not only at environmental issues from a Jewish perspective, but will also highlight what we're doing about it, interesting perspectives from a leadership perspective and how people are either making money, reducing costs or complying with various regulations.

I've recently been participating in ClimateSpark, a "crowdsourcing" challenge. **[http://bit.ly/ClimateSpark]** This competition was designed by the city-run Toronto Atmospheric Fund (TAF) for entrepreneurs with creative ideas on how to reduce the environmental footprint of Toronto and the surrounding area.

Crowdsourcing is the outsourcing of tasks to an undefined, large group of people. Our environmental footprint is the measurable impact of our consumption of electricity, natural gas and water, as well as products and services.

ClimateSpark has succeeded in building a community of more than 500 registrants, of which almost 200 actively review and rate business ideas. Of the 33 companies participating, the top nine will compete, and the winner will get $10,000.

One of the bloggers, Matthew Leibowitz, an investment director at BEST Funds, a venture capital and private equity firm, raised an interesting point in his blog entry. He wrote that "what excites investors today" is the opportunity to "expand outside their backyard." **[http://bit.ly/tsjjan02]**

I wonder if Leibowitz knows that UJA Federation of Greater Toronto is twinned with the Eilat-Eilot region in Israel, which is becoming a hotbed for sustainability entrepreneurs. The fourth annual Eilat-Eilot Renewable Energy Conference, Feb. 22 to 24, sponsored by federation, will bring together sustainability experts from around the world . **[http://bit.ly/tsjjan03]**

Wouldn't it be interesting if the top three finalists got to pitch to investors attending the conference? What if top Israeli entrepreneurs were able to bring their innovations to Toronto to offer a counterpoint for Jewish business students on campus during Israeli Apartheid Week. This would allow the Canada Israel Chamber of Commerce (CICC) and the Israel Economic Mission to Canada (IEMC) to use this crowdsourcing opportunity to enhance two-way trade between Canada and Israel.

With a new federal environment minister and a strongly engaged Ontario government, as well as elections looming for both, having Canadian entrepreneurs pitching in Israel and Israeli entrepreneurs pitching in Canada, and demonstrably increasing two-way trade, could be a win-win for all political parties.

I'm concerned that TAF's innovative work fall victim to city budget cuts, even though they don't draw a penny from the tax base. TAF has planted a wonderful seed – read what they have done at **http://bit.ly/tsjjan04**, and participate in ClimateSpark by commenting on the business value of the solutions proposed by local entrepreneurs. **[http://bit.ly/tsjjan05]** Then, contact your local councillor to say why you believe the TAF is important.

Also, please contact federation, the CICC and the IEMC to tell them that you support this creative way of expanding the trade link between Toronto and Eilat.

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12 tart shells
3/4 c dried cranberries
1/4 c choice of nuts (almonds, pecans, walnuts, cashews, etc.) in pieces
2 tbls maple syrup or honey
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Icing sugar (optional, for dusting)

Preheat oven to 375°F. Place tart shells on cookie sheet covered with parchment paper. Bake on middle oven rack about 10 min. or until the pastry is lightly golden. Mix cranberries with nuts and cream cheese. Spoon 2 tbsp of mixture into each tart shell and add a chunk of Brie. Bake on middle oven rack for 5 min. or until Brie is melted. Dust with icing sugar, if desired, before serving. Garnish with cranberries coated in maple syrup.

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Several Orthodox Jewish schools in Montreal are not complying with the law because they aren't adequately teaching the province's core curriculum, according to an advisory body to the education minister on private education.

In its latest annual report, the Commission consultative de l'enseignement privé (CCEP) also notes that most of these schools, and some mainstream Jewish schools, employ staff who aren't legally qualified to teach – that is, they don't have a licence issued by the education ministry.

A Montreal radio show, *Money and Business*, is managing to attract an increasing level of buzz. One of the reasons seems to be its host, financial consultant Samuel Ezerzer, who despite no previous broadcasting experience when the show went on the air in October 2009, has a style that's been praised as smooth, polished and professional.

Samuel Ezerzer

Children are from another time

Urban Writer

By Avrum Rosensweig

A child can ask questions that a wise man cannot answer. – Author Unknown

My son, Noah, asked me, "Daddy, what happens if one day I can't stop laughing?" It was a reasonable question. After all, my little boy knows the saying, "I laughed off my head" (sic) in reference to something he finds very funny.

So really, who's to say, until you really can say, that it's not possible for somebody to tell us a hilarious joke that tickles our funny bone with great intent, causes us to giggle, then chortle, then laugh uproariously – really out of control?

Really, if you didn't know yet that the giggles will eventually stop, I think it's fair to consider that our heads will just roll right off our shoulders, and even out the door, down the street, past a shul and end up in a mound of snow by the edge of someone's veranda?

My boy thinks about stuff. He wonders.

One day his favorite number was 9254. (And why shouldn't it have been? Some people claim 2-1/2 as their favorite numeral. Others refrain from stepping on cracks on the sidewalk for the first dozen years of their lives.)

Recently, he told me that nobody can teach him anything. I asked, "Noah, can you teach yourself?" and he replied, "No, Daddy, I can't. Nobody can." What he meant was that he is himself and nobody can change that. True.

I'm truly fascinated by the mind of a 4-1/2-year-old. Where do Noah's ideas come from? What happens in his sophisticated, lucid little mind that compels him to paint a model car in reds tinted with black, dipped in silver, and rounded out with spliced up decals, then stare at it and ask, "Isn't this good Daddy?" And I respond, "Yes it's beautiful, Noah," because it is.

If you or I were to paint a little plastic Corvette that way, our vision and taste might be questioned, but not Noah's. That's his masterpiece. To him, it's Van Gogh's *Sunflowers* or Monet's *Water Lily Pond* – alive, compelling and a gigantic slice of truth.

The Talmud says, "Do not confine your children to your own learning, for they were born in another time." At first blush, this seems to be saying that when a parent teaches a child, he or she should be cross-generational about it. In other words, the Talmud is instructing parents to delve into the mindset of a child, to try to understand the differences in premises and starting points.

I'd like to add to this explanation. Perhaps what the Talmud is saying is that you should recognize that your child is from another place, and indeed "another time." See that when they are little, in particular, they are closer to God, and, therefore, their thinking, their creativity, sits on the zenith of a rainbow, or moves on the back of a marsupial platypus – the way ours used to

That's my son, Noah River. That's children. They see the world differently than we do, as their eyes are clearer and their minds are frenetically and crazily unambiguous. Listen closely to little people. Respect them, because they come from another time, and they have a message to share with us. It's polka-dotted and rolls awkwardly, but then stands still and tall like a giraffe, like the angels.

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IDF exonerated in flotilla incident

By BARAK RAVID
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JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday expressed satisfaction with the findings of the Turkel Commission, the Israeli inquiry that probed the Israel Defence Forces raid on a Gaza-bound ship last May, which found that Israeli soldiers acted in accordance with international law during the operation.

"The truth is simple," said Netanyahu. "IDF soldiers defended themselves and their country. It is not only their privilege, but also their duty, and the State of Israel stands behind their actions."

Netanyahu added that every time Israel needs to defend itself, it's charged with committing war crimes.

"It also happened when we came to enforce the blockade on Gaza," he said. "The IDF soldiers boarded the [Turkish ship Mavi] Marmara with courage and restraint. The goal was to enforce the naval blockade on Gaza.

"The whole world saw how our soldiers were attacked and were forced to defend their lives. We established an independent panel of inquiry, and the report that it submitted clearly shows that both the blockade on Gaza and its enforcement are legal, and that IDF soldiers acted legally and in self-defence," Netanyahu said.

Defence Minister Ehud Barak also lauded the Turkel Commission's report, saying its findings prove Israel is a law-abiding nation.

The first part of the panel's report, released Sunday, found that the Israeli soldiers who took part in the raid last May, which resulted in the deaths of nine people on the Mavi Marmara, had acted in self-defence. It also determined that Israel's 3-1/2 year blockade of the Gaza Strip does not break international law.

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Former Israeli Supreme Court judge Jacob Turkel submits the report of the six-member commission of inquiry that he chaired to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem. The commission investigated the clash between Israeli navy commandos and passengers on the Turkish ship the Mavi Marmara last May 31 in which nine Turkish nationals were killed. Retired Canadian Brig.-Gen.Kenneth Watkin was one of two observer members on the panel. *[Israel Sun photo]*

Attacks on Montreal synagogues went unreported in January 2010

By DAVID LAZARUS
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Police in Cote St. Luc have revealed that "four or five" area synagogues were hit by vandals throwing rocks through windows a year ago using the same modus operandi as the attacks earlier this month, but Jewish community leaders decided not to make the news public.

"It was decided to keep the situation low key" to give police a chance solve the case, but no arrests were made, said Cmdr. Sylvain Bissonnette of Station 9.

He said the similarities between the attacks last year and this year point to the same perpetrator.

"We know the modus operandi, that's for sure," Bissonnette said in an interview last week with *The CJN*.

As in January 2010, "we know that it was only one individual [committing the attacks]. We have an idea of the model [of the car. At each location], the driver of the car got out, went to the trunk, opened it, took the rock and threw it at the window, closed the trunk and got back into the car."

He said the method used in this year's attacks matched last year's almost exactly. In the 2010 incidents, rocks were also thrown through the windows of several synagogues, also in the dead of night, using what police think might be the same car.

Bissonnette said in both years, "almost the same [type of] rocks" were used.

As well, four months before the January 2010 vandalism, in September 2009, three synagogues in Cote St. Luc were hit, but video evidence was negligible. That vandalism was reported in the media.

Rabbi Reuben Poupko, chair of Federation CJA's security co-ordinating committee, acknowledged the January 2010 vandalism, but said the affected institutions themselves preferred that the incidents not be made public.

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Speaker Takes Flight

TORONTO — Robert Deluce, president and CEO of Porter Airlines, spoke at a United Jewish Appeal event Jan. 26 at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. He discussed the story of Porter Airlines, the regional airline he founded in 2006 that's run mainly out of Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport.

WORLD

Rutgers Returns Art

BALTIMORE — A painting looted by the Nazis in Holland was returned to the heirs of its Jewish owner by Rutgers University. The 1509 work *Portrait of a Young Man* by German painter Hans Baldung Grien, was returned Jan. 14 to Simon Goodman of Los Angeles, grandson of a Dutch banker whose extensive collection was seized by the Nazis in Holland in May 1940. The university had spent a year tracking the origins of the portrait. The painting was part of a group of seven works that the Goodmans traded to a German art dealer representing Adolf Hitler in return for safe passage out of Nazi-occupied Europe. Instead, Nazi officers looted the art and sent the owners to death camps, where they perished. The painting was donated by then-owner Rudolf Heinemann to Rutgers in 1959.

High School Closing

BALTIMORE — A Baltimore Jewish day school will close its high school division at the end of the school year due to cash flow and debt problems. Yeshivat Rambam, which opened 10 years ago, said Jan. 15 that it would close its boys and girls high schools while trying to boost enrolment in its middle and elementary schools, as well as its early learning programs, the *Baltimore Jewish Times* reported. Sixty-three students are enrolled in the boys' high school and 33 in the girls' school. Total enrolment at Yeshivat Rambam is 350. Working to keep the high school going could jeopardize the entire school, its president said.

Letter Bomb Scare

NEW YORK — Six floors of a building in New York City housing an Israeli bank were evacuated because of a letter bomb scare. First responders gave the all clear Jan. 19 when it became evident the letter, addressed to an employee of Bank Hapoalim, was harmless, CNN said. The letter was sent to the Bank Hapoalim branch in midtown Manhattan, CNN reported Wednesday. Bank Hapoalim is on the 11th floor. Floors nine through 14 were reportedly evacuated. The letter, in a 6-by-9-inch envelope, raised alarms because it contained a battery and wires, it did not have a return address and the name of the addressee was misspelled. The mechanism turned out to be of the kind that powers musical greeting cards, police sources said.

Rabbi Defends Tutu

JOHANNESBURG — South African Chief Rabbi Warren Goldstein has slammed a petition seeking the removal of Desmond Tutu as patron of two Holocaust centers in South Africa. "In deference to Archbishop Tutu's widely recognized leadership role in the struggle against apartheid and to his revered position in South Africa, it would be an act of disrespect to remove him as a patron," Rabbi Goldstein said in a statement, adding that he considered Tutu's criticisms of Israel "unfair." The rabbi is also a patron of the Holocaust Centre. The petition was drawn up in mid-December by three prominent Cape Town Jews to protest what they say are Archbishop Tutu's "antisemitic and anti-Israel statements."

McEwan Gets Prize

JERUSALEM — British author Ian McEwan was chosen to receive the prestigious Jerusalem Prize. The biennial prize, which will be awarded next month in a ceremony on the opening night of the Jerusalem Book Fair, is Israel's highest literary honour for foreign writers. The award is given to an author whose works best exemplify the "freedom of the individual in society." McEwan is the author of *Amsterdam*, *Atonement* and *On Chesil Beach*. Previous Jerusalem Prize winners include Japanese author Haruki Murakami in 2009, as well as Americans Arthur Miller in 2003 and Susan Sontag in 2001.

Lieberman Says He Won't Run Again

HARTFORD — U.S. Senator Joe Lieberman noted his "barrier-breaking" vice-presidential candidacy in announcing his decision not to seek re-election.

Joe Lieberman

Lieberman (I-Conn.) announced his decision Jan. 19 in Hartford in the presence of four of his children and six of his grandchildren.

He noted to applause from his followers that an 11th grandchild is due next month, and then said he couldn't help but recall his four grandparents "and the journey they travelled a century ago."

They found freedom, Lieberman said, but they would never imagine that "their grandson ended up a United States senator and incidentally a barrier-breaking candidate for vice president of the United States."

Lieberman, 68, became the first Jewish nominee on a major presidential ticket when Al Gore chose him as his running mate in 2000. He lost favour with Democrats over his support for the Iraq war. He lost the Connecticut primary in 2006, but ran as an independent and won.

He caucused with the Democrats, but backed the presidential campaign of Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) in 2008.

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Israeli leaders from abroad gather in Toronto

Yuli Edelstein *[Yosef Tastassa]*

By YOSEF TASTASSA
Special to The CJN

For the first time ever, leaders of Israeli communities around the world met last week to discuss the unique role of an Israeli community in the Diaspora.

"This is a historic moment, and it is very important to be here. Israel needs help from the Israelis abroad," said Amir Gissin, the Israeli consul general in Toronto, at the opening of the three-day conference of the World Council of Israelis Abroad, Building Bridges to World Jewry and the State of Israel, held in Toronto at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue and the Lipa Green Building.

The purpose was to "build new relationships with Israelis in the Diaspora by creating the infrastructure to share knowledge, establish connections and build avenues of co-operation," according to promotional materials from UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, one of the conference organizers.

Conference heralds new approach by Jerusalem

Under three main "pillars"– building an Israeli community abroad, the relationships between the Israeli and Jewish communities and the relationship between the State of Israel and Israelis abroad – speakers discussed the importance to the Jewish state of Israeli communities abroad and defined the key roles of those communities.

"The Jewish and the Israeli communities abroad are the basis of Israel's humane message," said Israeli Minister of Diaspora Affairs Yuli Edelstein at the opening, thus reflecting the central theme addressed by all the speakers – there has been a dramatic change of attitude by the State of Israel toward its citizens abroad.

Israelis abroad are no longer "yordim" who turned their backs on their homeland, but Israelis who decided to live their lives outside Israel and should not feel ashamed or embarrassed at being Israelis in the Diaspora, said Menachem Kohen of Mishelanu: Organization for Israelis Abroad.

Israel wants to keep in touch with all its citizens and sees their strength as a part of Israel's strength, Gissin said. "Israelis are capturing key roles in the Jewish community. Many of the teachers in the Jewish day schools are Israelis. Kachol-Lavan [a school for Hebrew And Israeli studies] is a leading example of how Israel, Israelis and Jews are creating Israeli culture and preserving it," Gissin said.

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From the editor's desk...

Few members of the generation born after the 1970s will be very familiar, if at all, with the chronology, circumstances, details and myriad turns of the harrowing and uplifting events of World War II.

This is a bad thing. For World War II, it is no exaggeration to write, was a watershed in the continuity of western civilization. It was without moral ambiguity. No moral relativists could ever justify the ugly Nazi ideology or its brutal aspiration of world domination. The Nazis and their like-minded, racist genocidalists had to be defeated. It was a war of necessity.

One of the soldiers who was instrumental in helping defeat the Nazis was Bernard Montgomery, "Monty" as he was known to the world.

In the late summer of 1942, Lt.-Gen. Bernard Montgomery was appointed to command Britain's 8th Army, which was then deployed to defeat the German Afrika Korps, led by Field Marshal Erwin Rommel advancing inexorably from the west in northern Africa deep into Egypt.

The Allied armies had halted the German advance at the Battle of El Alamein, west of Alexandria, in mid-July of 1942. This initial success became known as the first Battle of Alamein. The 8th Army's counter-offensive against Rommel in July was unsuccessful. The two opposing sides dug in to regroup, resupply and re-arm.

During the interim, Montgomery took over command of the 8th Army.

The resumed confrontation between the two contending armies – the second Battle of El Alamein – began in late October and lasted nearly two blood-soaked weeks.

Montgomery's forces prevailed.

Historians have considered the victory at Alamein as the turning point in the war on the North African front. The Nazis were stopped. Their plan to take control of the Suez Canal and the oil fields of the Middle East was thwarted, as was their plan to exterminate the Jews of the Middle East.

Montgomery's reputation for personal bravery and astute military capabilities had been established prior to Alamein. But Alamein helped it soar. He was a hero to his people and an exemplary loyalist to king and empire.

Some four years after the battles at Alamein, in June 1946, a year after the war had ended, Winston Churchill having been thrown from office, Montgomery was appointed chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Britain was struggling to maintain its former lofty, strategic hold in a vastly different postwar world where Downing Street and Whitehall had to cope with severe unemployment and rationing at home, and resistance to imperial rule abroad.

One of the most volatile places in which local inhabitants were resisting British rule was Mandatory Palestine. The Jews were clamouring for a homeland. The British had not only reneged on their commitment to help establish a Jewish homeland there, but were also preventing the brutalized, pitiable remnant of the Jews of Europe from finding sanctuary in Palestine.

According to British historian David Cesarani, Montgomery "was convinced that Palestine had to remain under British control and that whatever solution was found to conflicting Jewish and Arab aspirations, it could not be one that alienated the Arab world. Britain had to reimpose its authority on Palestine, and one way or another, compel the Jews to accept the kind of settlement that would not upset the Arabs." (Of course, such a settlement effectively meant no sovereign national home for the Jewish People, ever.)

In 1946, the Haganah, (the home army under the broad command of the Jewish Agency), the Irgun (the fighters led by Menachem Begin) and Lehi (a more radical group of fighters known as the Stern Gang) had decided to oppose the increasingly brutal methods of the British overlords. The Irgun and Lehi used decidedly more violent means than did the Haganah.

Montgomery, the war hero, determined to crush the Jewish resistance. The following is excerpted from the directive he issued to British forces in Palestine: "strike hard with great speed and determination, with the object of completely and utterly defeating the Jews as soon as possible. You will ensure that every officer and man... realizes to the full the fanatical and cunning nature of his enemy, the unEnglish methods that this enemy will use. All ranks had to realize now that the Jews have flung the gauntlet in our face, they must be utterly and completely defeated and their illegal organizations smashed forever."

Montgomery's directive is reproduced in a remarkable book by David Cesarani called *Major Farran's Hat: Murder, Scandal and Britain's War Against Jewish Terrorism 1945-1948.*

In next week's column, I will write about Cesarani's book.

–MBD

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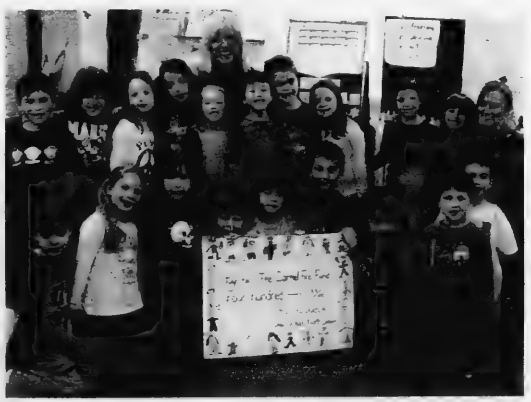

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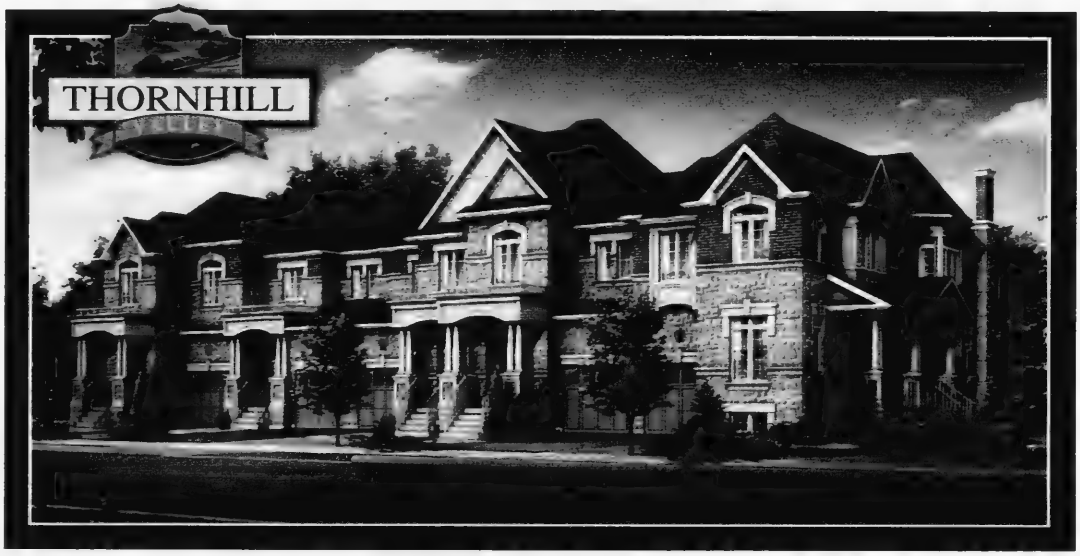

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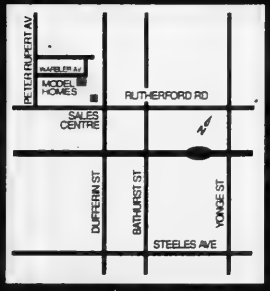

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Open Window closes doors

By ANDY LEVY-AJZENKOPF
Staff Reporter

The venerable Toronto baked goods chain Open Window Bakery ceased operations last week after 54 years in business.

Some 150 employees were affected by the shut-down.

The store, started by Holocaust survivor Max Feig in 1957, was renowned for its hand-baked pastries, buns, breads and treats. Feig's daughter, Gail Agasi, was still running the company as its CEO when the doors closed on Jan. 17.

It was one of the city's oldest family-run bakeries.

Tali Watkin-Smith, Feig's granddaughter and a former employee, was on hand last week to help close the store and told *The CJN* in a phone interview that her family was trying desperately to save the jobs of those affected.

A distraught Watkin-Smith said her mother – Ms. Agasi – and a skeleton sales staff were fielding numerous calls from potential buyers to try to find a financial white knight to keep the chain afloat, but she said she didn't believe there was "any chance" the store would remain in the family's hands.

"Until you're walking in the shoes of someone going bankrupt, you don't know how it feels. The company is insolvent right now... we are trying our best to take care of everyone. If we can sell [the chain], we will, to save our employees' jobs," Watkin-Smith said, adding that many of them have been with the company for 30-plus years.

Confused customers stand outside a locked Open Window-owned outlet at Sheppard Plaza on Jan. 21. The store hadn't posted a sign alerting customers to the chain's bankruptcy, and food could still be seen on shelves inside.

One employee was even hired by Feig in the store's opening year in 1957, she said.

In a Jan. 20, interview with *The Toronto Star*, Agasi said her company's downfall began in 2008 during the economic recession.

"The world turned upside down, you could say, in 2008. As consumers started watching their pennies, they weren't choosing our products. It's because we don't compromise on quality. A lot of this stuff is still made by hand," she told the *Star*.

As of last week, the company's website was still up and running and featured a blurb on its current economic strategy, which included partnering with "leading food distributors" such as Gordon Food Service, Summit Foods, Cara, Bruce Edmeades, Traynors, Tannis and others in order to "meet the growing demand" for its products.

The company owned seven stores around the GTA at the time of closure, including its main bakery and headquarters at 1125 Finch Ave. W.

The company owed "more than several hundreds of thousands of dollars" to creditors, according to Agasi.

Watkin-Smith said Feig, 89, now suffers from Alzheimer's and is unaware of what has transpired with the company he founded.

"He survived Buchenwald, came to Canada, was honoured by the province as a survivor and started this store. My zaide was the biggest believer in giving back to the community and to his workers," she said.

"There are countless stories from employees who have been helped by him."

As of *The CJN*'s deadline, negotiations with bidders for the chain were ongoing.

Condo seeks mezuzot ban

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

For 2-1/2 years, Jessica Weiser has had a mezuzah affixed to the door frame of her Scollard Street condominium, but a couple of weeks ago, she was told by the building's property manager to remove it.

Weiser was surprised at the request, which she believes violates her freedom of religion. She declined to remove the religious artifact and contacted B'nai Brith Canada for advice.

"This is a human rights issue," she said.

Weiser believes the incident was prompted after a new resident moved in and placed a hat on their door. That likely drew the property manager's attention to the hat and the nearby mezuzah.

She received a call from Caber Management Services asking her "to remove the object," she said. She was told that according to the Condominium Act, residents are not permitted to make any changes to the building's common areas.

Although her interaction with the property managers has been civil, she's upset they would ask her to do something that restricted her religious faith. "I'm not going to remove the mezuzah," she said.

Contacted at her Mississauga office, Caber spokesperson Leza Blair said, "I can't discuss anything of this nature with you."

However, it appears Weiser is far from the first condo resident to face rules that restrict their ability to place a mezuzah on their doorposts.

In July 2008, a U.S. court of appeal in Chicago ruled 2-1 against the right of Jews to place mezuzot on condominium doorposts. "The hallway rule," which prohibits signs and objects on outside doors, "is neutral with respect to religion," the court stated. "We cannot create an accommodation requirement for religion."

The dissenting judge, however, said applying such a rule to mezuzot would in effect amount to evicting observant Jews. "The [condominium] association might as well hand a sign outside saying, 'No observant Jews allowed,'" she stated.

According to Toronto-area lawyer Bradley Chaplick, there have been no reported cases in Ontario over placement of mezuzot in condominiums.

In an article on the Fine & Deo law firm website, Chaplick writes that "many condominium corporations' rules prohibit any object from being affixed to the common elements, including doors and doorposts, without the prior written consent of the board of directors... As well, section 98 of the Condominium Act prohibits unit owners from making changes to the common elements unless certain conditions are met."

Chaplick believes that the "Human Rights Code of Ontario guarantees equal treatment with respect to housing, and prohibits discrimination on the basis of religion. Where the Condominium Act and the Code conflict, the Code prevails.

"If a condominium resident's religious observance requires that they live in a home in which a mezuzah is fixed to the doorpost, it could be discriminatory to that resident if he or she were required to remove it. The provisions of the Code would prevail over the apparent requirement in the Condominium Act that the mezuzah be removed," he stated.

Chaplick recommends owners either seek consent of the board before placing a mezuzah or request permission retroactively.

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Exonerated

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan immediately dismissed out of hand the findings of the Turkel commission of inquiry. He told reporters in Ankara merely moments after the report had been delivered in Jerusalem that the Israelis' report into the confrontation last May 31 between Israeli naval commandos and the Gaza blockade-busting "activists" on the Turkish Mavi Marmara, had "no value or credibility."

The Turkish government, it must be remembered, has already delivered its own findings into the violence during which nine of its nationals were killed. Both the Israeli blockade of Gaza and the military operation of May 31 were illegal, the Turkish report found.

Israel's panel of inquiry comprised four distinguished members, headed by former Supreme Court judge Jacob Turkel as well as two foreign observers: Northern Irish former first minister and Nobel Peace Prize winner William David Trimble and retired Canadian military judge Brig.-Gen. Ken Watkin.

The report, released Sunday, is the first part of a two-part inquiry. The second part, to be released some months from now, will offer general suggestions for investigating suspected violations of international law and the decision-making process of the government of Israel in advance of the raid.

The panelists concluded: "The naval blockade imposed on the Gaza Strip – in view of the security circumstances and Israel's efforts to comply with its humanitarian obligations – was legal pursuant to the rules of international law. The actions carried out by Israel on May 31, 2010, to enforce the naval blockade had the regrettable consequences of the loss of human life and physical injuries. Nonetheless, and despite the limited number of uses of force for which we could not reach a conclusion (six out of 133 cases), the actions taken were found to be legal pursuant to the rules of international law."

The commissioners also expressed concern for the medical needs of the people of Gaza and urged Israel to devise a way to "focus its sanctions on Hamas while avoiding harm against the civilian population."

None of the Turkish or British individuals involved in the events of the awful night of May 31 who were invited to testify before the Turkel Commission accepted the invitation.

With reports from Turkey and Israel in hand, a separate UN panel of investigators, chaired by former New Zealand prime minister Geoffrey Palmer, will soon offer its own conclusions on the very same events. Irrespective of the opinion of the Iranian-Syrian-Hezbollah confederate Erdogan, the findings of the Turkel Commission will not be set aside.

On May 31, 2010, Israel sent its soldiers in accordance with the law, and they acted in self-defence. They are exonerated.

25 years ago in *The CJN*

James Bartleman, then 46, a career diplomat, was named Canada's ambassador to Israel, replacing Vernon Turner, who became Canada's envoy to the Soviet Union. Bartleman later served as Ontario's lieutenant governor.

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Comments misrepresented

My comments were misrepresented in the article "Ukrainian groups oppose museum's Holocaust exhibit" (Jan. 20). I did not say that Canadian Jewish Congress CEO Bernie Farber described me as a "one-man wrecking crew" of Jewish and Ukrainian relations in Canada – that ad hominem insult was penned by Eric Vernon, a CJC employee, who included it in his Dec. 22 response to my article on the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, both published in another newspaper. Needless to say, I found Vernon's remark offensive, even as I lament the lack of civility in what is a legitimate public debate over the proposed contents of this taxpayer-funded national museum.

And for the record, let's be clear: there are 12 galleries (called zones) in the museum. One "Mass Atrocities" gallery will include an exhibit on the Holodomor (the famine brought about by Stalinist policies in the early 1930s that has been blamed for the deaths of millions of Ukrainians), along with – depending on whom you believe – between 49 and 99 other displays lumping together, for example, the "killing fields" of Cambodia with the Armenian genocide and Maoist crimes against humanity.

Only two communities get entire galleries to themselves – one depicting injustices experienced by aboriginal Canadians and the other the horrors of the Shoah. Assigning them permanent, prominent and privileged space elevates their suffering above all others. That is something the Ukrainian Canadian community, and others, are protesting. Our proposed remedy is to make all 12 galleries thematic, comparative and inclusive, which would have true pedagogical value and obviously would include the Holocaust.

Lubomyr Luciuk
Director of Research
Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association
Toronto

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Exploiting Jewish heritage for laughs

Though I am not particularly observant, I take offence to the promotion of Epic Meal Time in your newspaper ("YouTube videos let viewers enjoy junk food vicariously," Heebonics, Jan. 20). It is hardly in keeping with *The CJN*'s longstanding journalistic standards. It's not that Harley Morenstein and his gang showcase the most hideous food combinations – all of which fly in the face of Jewish dietary laws. It's that while serving a whole stuffed pig, laden with butter and bacon, someone watching wears a prayer shawl and kippah. I am well aware that many Jewish comedians exploit and degrade their heritage for easy laughs. However, I do not expect your newspaper to congratulate them for it.

Stephanie Ein
Montreal

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Toronto's first Jewish doctor

In "Poet writes loving paeans to Bathurst Manor" (Jan. 6), it is stated that Arthur Parker was the city's first Jewish doctor. We have researched our great-uncle, Sam Lavine, and indeed he was likely the first Jew trained in medicine in Toronto. He graduated from Trinity College in 1899, and shortly thereafter, Trinity amalgamated with several other colleges to form the University of Toronto. Our great-uncle was registered for practice in 1900 in Ontario. His first practice address was registered as 100 John St.

Elana Lavine
Ivan Lavine
Toronto

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FSWC was first

When e-mails condemning the rumoured boycott of Ahava products began circulating recently within the Jewish community, Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies (FSWC) advised our membership that we were conducting an investigation into the matter and would report as soon as we uncovered the truth ("HBC stands firm against Israeli boycott calls," Jan. 20). FSWC ultimately determined there was no boycott by the Bay. This was confirmed by Ahava in Israel and New York, and by the company's president and CEO, Bonnie Brooks.

FSWC was the first organization to issue a community advisory stating there was no boycott. Other organizations' advisories quickly followed. It is therefore surprising that the *CJN* article unfairly implied that FSWC was in part responsible for the unwarranted rage against the Bay, particularly as we follow a strict set of fact-checking protocols before issuing action alerts to our members.

Avi Benlolo
President and CEO
Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies

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The Tunisian example for Arab regimes

By SHLOMO BROM
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The downfall of the regime in Tunisia is an unprecedented event in the Arab world. Although that world, which is characterized by autocratic regimes, has in its short history experienced many military coups that brought down a ruler and installed a new strongman, this is the first time that one has fallen as a result of a popular uprising.

The revolution in Tunisia, like the demonstrations in Iran over a year ago, reflects the loss of the Arab regimes' monopoly over the mass media, due primarily to the rise of the Internet. Such a situation makes it difficult for the regimes to maintain control.

The Tunisian upheaval is causing excitement among various groups in the Arab world, where the masses are usually alienated from those who rule them. Some of these countries have already witnessed demonstrations in support of the changes in Tunisia, during which people have also voiced criticism of their own rulers.

The downfall of President Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali differs from previously predicted scenarios for the fall of Arab regimes due to popular uprisings. Islamist-led revolts were what was generally discussed, in light of the strengthening of such movements in recent years.

Tunisia is exceptional because it underwent a swift process of modernization and economic development under Ben Ali, and because the infrastructure of the local Islamic movement was eradicated for the most part by his administration. The revolution there has been fomented by a social class with a western education, on which the regime relied in its battle against the Islamic movements. In other Arab countries, the democratic opposition does not have much influence on attitudes on the street, and the main opposition is Islamist.

Former President of Tunisia Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali.

It is hard to predict the results of the next elections in Tunisia, both presidential and parliamentary, after such a long period of autocracy, during which the public was prevented from expressing its true tendencies.

Meanwhile, the leader of the exiled Islamic movement has declared that his organization would not run a presidential candidate of its own in the elections, apparently because it is aware of the difficulty of building a political infrastructure for elections in a short time. But a parliamentary election could still reveal Islamic tendencies that were concealed during the tenure of the previous leaders.

The possible reactions in the Arab world to the Tunisian revolution must be examined in terms of two time periods. In the short term, the demonstrations and the expressions of protest in some Arab countries could gain momentum and create a situation in which their leaders will find it difficult to rein them in. However, the regimes in most Arab countries apparently have a great deal of experience in controlling situations of mass belligerence and will likely manage to restore calm in a relatively short time.

Long-term developments will not be divorced from the unfolding of events in Tunisia. If the elections there take place in an organized manner and end in the formation of a western-oriented government that succeeds in instituting a truly democratic regime, this could be a model for imitation, which could wield an influence over other Arab societies and help improve the status of their democratic opposition elements. On the other hand, post-election scenarios of chaos and of the rise of the Islamic movement to power, by democratic means, would greatly encourage the growing Islamist wave in the Arab world.

The model of a revolution brought about by a popular uprising will likely be studied by the various opposition movements that aspire to imitate it in other Arab countries. But one must take into account the fact that there are differences among the populations in those countries. A great deal also depends on the extent of a given regime's determination to preserve itself, and its ability to build up security mechanisms and population groups with an interest in preserving the leadership.

Anyone who is considering starting a popular uprising will thus have two examples to consider: the successful model, at least in the short term, of Tunisia, and the failure of the mass demonstrations in Iran in 2009, which were firmly suppressed by the Iranian Islamic regime.

Israel should be concerned mainly by developments taking place closer to home – in Egypt and Jordan. Egypt has been immersed for quite some time in the political twilight of its regime, due to the failing health of President Hosni Mubarak and the uncertainty regarding his successor. In Jordan, too, which is experiencing an ongoing economic crisis, there is considerable ferment. The two regimes look stable in the short run, but there is room for concern regarding what can be expected over time.

Shlomo Brom is the head of the program on Israeli-Palestinian relations at the Institute for National Security Studies.

Amid crisis, Jews safe but guarded

By LARRY LUXNER
JTA

WASHINGTON — The violence roiling Tunisia hasn't put the country's 1,500 or so Jews in serious jeopardy, but Jewish organizations are increasingly concerned about their fate as massive anti-government protests continue.

No Jews have been targeted by the protesters, according to Roger Bismuth, a Jewish businessman and member of Tunisia's Chamber of Deputies.

President Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali, who had ruled Tunisia with an iron fist for 23 years, fled to Saudi Arabia following violent protests by mostly unemployed young men venting their anger at Ben Ali and his wealthy cronies.

Last week, the North African country's interim prime minister and president, Mohamed Ghannouchi and Fouad Mebazaa, both resigned from what had been the country's ruling party.

"The community is fine," Bismuth told JTA by phone from Tunis. "Up until now we've had no problems. This is not really a matter of religion – it's a popular revolution. The Jewish community is very well taken care of."

Asked about Ben Ali, often described by the local Jewish community as a protector of Tunisia's Jews, Bismuth sounded a new tone.

"He was behaving like a crook," Bismuth said. "He and his family stole property from people and the state, and they destroyed everything they could put their hands on."

Natan Sharansky, the chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, described the Tunisian government of Ben Ali as a "corrupt and kleptocratic dictatorship."

About 1,000 Jews, the majority of Tunisia's Jewish community, live on the island of Djerba, where Jews have maintained a historical presence for more than 2,000 years. Another 400 Jews live in Tunis, the capital, with much smaller communities in Zarzis, Sfax and Sousse.

The country's population of 9.5 million is nearly all Muslims. Islam is the state religion of Tunisia, which sits on the Mediterranean coast between Algeria and Libya just south of Italy.

In 2002, a terrorist attack on the El-Ghriba synagogue in Djerba involving a truck bomb killed 21 tourists, mostly Germans. Al Qaeda took responsibility for the bombing.

Judy Amit, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee's (JDC) regional director for Africa and Asia, said her organization has been in daily contact with Tunisian Jewish leaders throughout the crisis.

"Ever since the rioting erupted there, we've been in close contact with members of the community," said Amit, speaking in an interview from Israel. "It's an economic protest with local grievances related to high unemployment and high food prices. There's been no violence against the Jewish community, and no Jews or Jewish institutions have been targeted."

Jason Isaacson, director of government and international affairs at the American Jewish Committee, said that "Jews have been part of the fabric of Tunisian life for more than 2,000 years, since well before the Arab conquest."

Yet Isaacson, who visited Tunisia last month, warned that things could quickly change for the worse.

"My concern is that if the situation is not stabilized, there could be further instability and create a breeding ground for extremism," he said. "That's not been a part of the equation, but it could happen if the enormous damage done first by Ben Ali and second by the riots is not compensated by a very serious international infusion of outside assistance."

As of earlier this week, some 78 people had been killed, with economic losses estimated at $2.2 billion – equivalent to about four per cent of Tunisia's gross domestic product. Schools and universities have been shut down as a precaution against violence and vandalism by protesters, including the Chabad school in downtown Tunis.

Yechiel Bar-Chaim, JDC's country director for Tunisia, said his main concern is for the 100 Jews of Zarzis, who live in a two-square-block area just off the town centre. Four non-Jewish civilians were killed during protests there, and a Jewish shop was among the many looted.

Bar-Chaim said that until a few days ago, this self-imposed "ghetto without walls" was carefully guarded by police. But the police have "simply disappeared from the streets of Zarzis and the army presence there is basically a passive one," he reported.

"The police have reportedly disappeared in many places throughout Tunisia," though a heavy police presence continues to guard the Grand Synagogue of Tunis and the central building of the Jewish community, he said.

Isaacson, who has been speaking by phone daily to Bismuth and other Tunisian Jewish leaders since the crisis began, said that "it's generally a secular uprising directed at the regime's corruption and economic stagnation and a general desire for freedom, especially in the last few days as unrest has continued."

What the vandals could learn from their targets

On a cold Montreal night in mid-January, criminals vandalized five synagogues and a school. Canadian leaders from left to right denounced the crime, proving that North American antisemitism today is unlike the antisemitism of Europe then or too many Arab countries now. Antisemitism in Canada – and the rest of the civilized world – is a crime committed by marginal misfits, not an extension of state policy or local politics. As of this writing, the criminals remain at large, but we can nevertheless learn some important lessons from these outrages.

Gill Troy

in Montreal

Jews should learn once again the essential lesson of Jewish unity. The criminals struck Ashkenazi and Sephardi institutions, three Orthodox synagogues, one Conservative and one Reconstructionist shul. These hoodlums target Jews, regardless of ethnic or denominational difference. We should reaffirm our mutual respect for one another. We may pray differently or believe a bit differently. We may look or sound a little different. But we are one.

That unity, of course, shouldn't simply be because we all look the same in the antisemite's crosshairs, but because we share a rich tradition, many similar values and a common fate. Traumas such as these are never welcome. But we should exploit them as opportunities to reaffirm our common sense of peoplehood, maintaining the Jewish tradition of making poetry out of our enemies' perversity.

If these hoodlums are caught, I hope that – after they (or their parents) pay not just for the damage but to improve each institution somehow – they are forced to learn about their six targets. Simply learning about the six names alone would expose them to the richness of Jewish tradition and history.

Let them start with Congregation Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem to learn about King David and the Holy City of Jerusalem. Let them learn David's psalms, which show how glorifying God elevates humanity. And let them learn how even King David was not above the law, enduring God's punishment when he sinned by pursuing the married Batsheva. Let them learn about the Temple's grandeur in Jerusalem 3,000 years ago, a time when few humans had seen such a large structure, let alone built one.

Moving on to Yavne Academy, I would teach about Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai, who in 68 CE established Yavne as a centre of Jewish learning outside Jerusalem so Jewish scholarship and civilization could continue – and keep us thriving – after Jerusalem's destruction two years later. I would teach why we use the term "CE" (common era) rather than AD (anno domini) to organize the western calendar. We acknowledge Jesus as an epoch-making historical character without characterizing him as our lord – or the lord of many others who don't believe in him.

Congrégation Sépharade Beth Rambam would provide an opportunity to introduce Rabbi Moses ben-Maimon, Maimonides, the extraordinary rabbi, doctor and philosopher who lived from 1135 to 1204. Maimonides' life symbolizes the rich mix of western, Muslim, and Jewish cultures that flourished in medieval Spain, and flourishes now. Learning about Maimonides reveals the creative tensions between rationalism and faith, between secular learning and religious studies, with the message that we don't have to make false choices between two good things. Life involves balancing, synthesizing and learning from difference.

I would continue the history lesson – with its life lessons – with Beth Zion Congregation, teaching how Zion, the mountain in Jerusalem, became a focus of longing and unity through nearly 2,000 years of exile. Learning of Zion flows naturally into learning about Zionism, about the remarkable return to the Jewish homeland and the unfortunate hatred this extraordinary Jewish and human enterprise endures.

Finally, I would end with Congregation Dorshei Emet, the Truth Seekers, and Shaarei Zedek Congregation, the Gates of Justice, teaching about the eternal Jewish – and human – quest for understanding and righteousness. Note that Judaism judges people by their good acts, their mitzvot, not their beliefs – by what they do not what they think.

I would end with another creative clash defining Judaism today, between modernity and tradition – and how that yielded Conservatism and Reconstructionism, as well as Orthodoxy, because Orthodoxy itself is a modern concept forged in rebellion against the Reformers of the 1800s.

Wouldn't it be great if all antisemites learned about the richness of Jewish civilization from these synagogues and other sources? Then again, wouldn't it be great if every modern Jew could not only take this kind of course, but teach it?

Tikkun olam in the jungle

I frequently hear people say, "I'm a good person, which makes me a good Jew." I used to think that statement was used to avoid having to do much ritual, and to give "mitzvah credit" to things like being kind to animals and walking old ladies across the street. I've preached against "Boy Scout Judaism," which equates doing good deeds with doing Jewish things.

But today, I feel differently. If only more Jews took the notion of good deeds as Jewish deeds seriously! Our Christian neighbours have the concept of "witness." They believe they must exemplify Christian values in everything they do, not just in church. Every good deed is a "Christian" deed and shows the world the "Christian way." I wish more Jews knew that Judaism espouses the notion of "Jewish values" in everything we do, from the way we speak to a bank teller to the way we drive on the highway.

We're required to act in a moral way toward every human being, not just Jews, "mipnei darchei shalom" – to bring about peace. Rambam suggests that "darchei shalom" requires us to act in a neighbourly manner not so that good feeling will result. "Mipnei darchei shalom" requires that we show the world the inner message of Torah, that we be a light unto the nations outside of our little shul boxes.

That's where tikkun olam comes in. First used in the 1950s to refer to social action work, it's now used by many groups to refer to social action programs and progressive Jewish approaches to social issues. It was originally associated with Kabbalah and the notion of repairing the broken vessels of God's creation by doing mitzvot. The phrase "tikkun olam" remains connected to human responsibility for fixing what's wrong with the world.

The whole world, not just the Jewish one. In Pirkei Avot, Hillel asks: "If I am not for me, who will be for me? But when I am only for myself, what am I?"

I grew up in New York in the turbulent 1960s, but whatever else we did, one thing was clear: Jews got involved in the world. Our Jewish youth groups marched against the Vietnam War. My mother took a bus-load of people from our synagogue to Washington, D.C., to march for reproductive rights. There was no bifurcation between being religious and being socially active in causes that "weren't Jewish." Vietnam was a Jewish issue. Integration was a Jewish issue.

What made us so much more insular? How many times have I been told that child poverty, tax reform and illiteracy aren't "Jewish issues"? I'm not gay, so gay rights isn't my issue? I'm not black or Asian, so minority rights isn't my issue? I'm Jewish, so only Jewish issues are my issues?

I want to be the kind of Jew who balances the beauty of tradition with the prophetic call for justice.

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein

in Toronto

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, in his book *Healing the World*, writes, "In Judaism, faith is not acceptance, but protest, against the world that is, in the name of the world that is not yet but ought to be... There are cultures that relieve humankind of responsibility, lifting us beyond the world of pain to bliss... they teach us to accept the world as it is and us as we are. They bring peace of mind, and that is no small thing. Judaism is not peace of mind... I remain in awe at the challenge God has set us: to change, to 'mend' the world until it becomes a place worthy of the divine presence, because we have learned to honour the image of God that is humankind."

That's why I am leading a "voluntour" to Guatemala this April. I'm looking for a few more people who believe faith is protest. People who believe that building a school in a rural village is a Jewish thing to do. That meeting indigenous Jews who are brown-skinned is a Jewish thing to do. That spending Shabbat in the jungle and making a shul under the trees is a Jewish thing to do. Who don't ask, "Why would a rabbi care about a village in Guatemala?" Contact me at rabbi@prossermanjcc.com if you'd like to know more. The world is waiting to be shown the message of Torah from a few more Jewish "witnesses."

Barak leaves the Labor party in ruins

Ehud Barak's sudden resignation from the social democratic Labor party and his calculated decision to remain in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's rightist government as defence minister was the culmination of a long and bitter process that may well lead to the party's demise.

In breaking away from the Labor party – whose leadership he recaptured in 2007 after a bruising battle with incumbent Amir Peretz – and forming a centrist Knesset faction, Atzmaut (Independence), Barak single-handedly diminished its chances of surviving as a viable party.

With four other Labor party dissidents – Matan Vilnai, Shalom Simhon, Einat Wilf and Ori Noked – joining Barak, the party's representation in parliament was reduced to a pathetic rump. From 13 seats after the 2009 election, the party now holds only eight seats in the Knesset.

How the mighty have fallen.

From 1949 to 1977, with leaders such as David Ben-Gurion, Levi Eshkol and Golda Meir at the helm, the party was a formidable force, building and securing the new state. The Likud, a right-wing Zionist coalition headed by Menachem Begin, broke Labor's monopoly in 1977, coasting to victory on the strength of corruption scandals in the Labor party and a nation-wide drift to the right. Likud and Labor shared power during much of the 1980s, but Labor triumphed in 1992, winning 44 seats as Yitzhak Rabin regained his old job. After his assassination in 1995, the party's electoral fortunes plummeted.

With Shimon Peres in charge, Labor won 10 less seats in 1996. Under Barak's stewardship, the party, while ousting the Likud in the 1999 election, managed to win only 26 seats. With Amram Mitzna leading it, the party scraped by with 19 seats in the 2003 election. Mitzna resigned and was succeeded by Peres, who in turn was replaced by Peretz. In the 2006 election, he held on to Labor's 19 seats.

Peretz's undistinguished performance as defence minister in the 2006 war in Lebanon cost him dearly. Barak, the former prime minister and chief of staff of the armed forces, supplanted Peretz in 2007 after having left politics following his defeat to Ariel Sharon in the 2001 election.

For the next few years, Barak focused his energies on business ventures in Israel and the United States. He returned to politics in 2005, making an abortive attempt to supplant Peres as leader.

Labor, in the meantime, had joined Ehud Olmert's government as a junior partner. Olmert, the leader of the new Kadima party, became prime minister after Sharon suffered a massive stroke and lapsed into a coma. Olmert chose Barak as his defence minister.

Sheldon Kirshner

in Toronto

When Olmert stepped down, his place was taken by Tzipi Livni. Although winning the greatest number of seats in the 2009 election, she was unable to cobble together a government, leaving the field to Netanyahu. Livni declined to join Netanyahu's government, refusing to be a "fig leaf" for his policies. Barak, however, had no such compunctions. Eager to be defence minister again, he forced the Labor party to join the Likud, claiming he would shift Netanyahu's thinking and cajole him into peacemaking with the Palestinians.

Barak's opponents in the Labor party continued to believe that Netanyahu, notwithstanding his belated pronouncement favouring a two-state solution, had no interest in reaching an equitable accommodation with the Palestinian Authority.

For a while, Barak was something of a moderating force. He convinced Netanyahu to agree to a partial settlement freeze in the West Bank. He urged him not to squander opportunities to forge peace with the Palestinians. He said that Israel would have to make "some difficult decisions" to advance the prospects of peace. Amid U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden's visit to Israel last year, Barak concurred with the widespread condemnation of the government's announcement to build 1,600 housing units in eastern Jerusalem.

According to reports, Barak assured the United States, Israel's ally, that Netanyahu would sincerely pursue a peace agreement with the Palestinian Authority, led by Mahmoud Abbas. But when Netanyahu did not extend the partial nine-month settlement moratorium, so as to preserve his coalition government, Washington expressed disappointment.

The Obama administration let it be known that Barak had "deceived" the United States, which had vigorously pushed for an extension in the interests of reviving talks, which commenced and collapsed within a three-week period last September.

Barak's critics in the Labor party, as well as Livni, voiced support for an extension. And while Barak may have been sympathetic, he did not say so publicly. Barak's deafening silence, along with his abrasive leadership style, his flaunting of wealth (he bought a multi-million dollar flat in Tel Aviv) and his messy divorce, did nothing to endear him to some party members.

As grumbling escalated, Daniel Ben-Simon, the Labor faction chief, resigned, saying that Barak was unfit to lead a left-of-centre party. As 2011 dawned, Ben-Simon left the party altogether. Labor MK Ophir Pines-Paz, a former cabinet minister, bolted, too, asserting that the party had lost its way and that Netanyahu's sole goal was to maintain the status quo.

Two other rebels, Welfare and Social Services Minister Isaac Herzog and Minorities Affairs Minister Avishay Braverman, warned the Labor party would leave the government unless peace talks, suspended by the Palestinians after Netanyahu failed to renew the partial settlement freeze, resumed by the end of 2010.

It was not an idle threat. In 2003, the Labor party pulled out of Sharon's Likud government after it was claimed that Sharon was not promoting peace.

Ehud Barak

All along, Barak said he would remain in the government until the end of its term. This comment prompted *Ha'aretz* columnist Yoel Marcus to observe that Barak was lending legitimacy to the diplomatic impasse and was "focused" on maintaining his personal position at all costs. An editorial writer in the same newspaper was just as scathing: "A respectable politician would have joined the opposition, but Barak joined Netanyahu and [Foreign Minister Avigdor] Lieberman in exchange for the defence portfolio."

After bolting the Labor party, Barak said he had placed the interests of Israel first, noting that Atzmaut's top priority would be the state, "then the party, and only at the end, us." Ripping into his detractors, Barak said that a complex peace process could not be monitored with a stopwatch.

As the dust settles, Barak's former colleagues are glad he is gone. "The Labor party, which founded the State of Israel, got rid of a hump on its back," declared Herzog, the son of a former Israeli president.

But now that Barak has bolted – as did Peres, Ben-Gurion and Moshe Dayan in the past – the Labor party has the daunting task of rebuilding itself from the ruins.

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Indian Jews fascinate educator

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

As a historian, Dr. Kranti Farias is concerned about origins and heritage, including her own.

When her son was born, people did a double take about her light-skinned progeny, who looked so different from his dark-skinned mother, she said. That's when she learned from a relative that her family might have Portuguese blood in its lineage, dating back to the European colonization of parts of India, her homeland.

What's more, she continued, there were Conversos (forcibly converted Jews) who were among the Portuguese traders, suggesting she might also have Jewish roots in her past. That might explain her fascination with Jews, particularly the tiny Jewish communities of India.

Indian Jewish children

Farias, who is visiting her daughter in Toronto, spoke earlier this month at Congregation Darchei Noam about a subject she has embraced in recent years – the Jews of India.

Around five years ago, she began to look into the Jewish traditions behind her own Christian faith. Her interest was reinforced by a good friend of hers who was a member of the Bene Israel, India's acknowledged Jewish community, who subsequently moved to Israel.

"I made quite a deep study of Indian Jews," focusing on the nexus between Judaism and Christianity and on the Hindu influences on Jewish life, she explained. Although there are now only about 4,000 to 5,000 Bene Israel remaining in India, mostly in Mumbai, Delhi and Amadab, some have risen to prominence in Indian society. One, Elijah Moses, even served as mayor of Mumbai, she said.

Schools and synagogues serve the community, whose own traditions trace their presence in India to 70 CE, when seven men and an equal number of women survived a shipwreck. They formed the basis of a community that has persisted for 2,000 years, during which time they lived free of prejudice or discrimination, she said.

Living apart from the wider Jewish world, they first reconnected when a trader from Cochin – whose own tradition traces their roots in India to Solomonic times – arrived in the 12th century and "was informed about a peculiar people who keep holiness of Saturday."

Devising a test, the businessman "placed a basket of fish before them and saw they separated them – scaled versus non-scaled," just as the laws of kashrut mandated. "He thought they were Jews."

At the time, the Jews were known in the local dialect as "the Saturday oil men," because they followed a traditional method of making vegetable oil.

When India turned over Mumbai to the British, Jews moved from nearby Alibag and have resided in the Indian city since, Farias said.

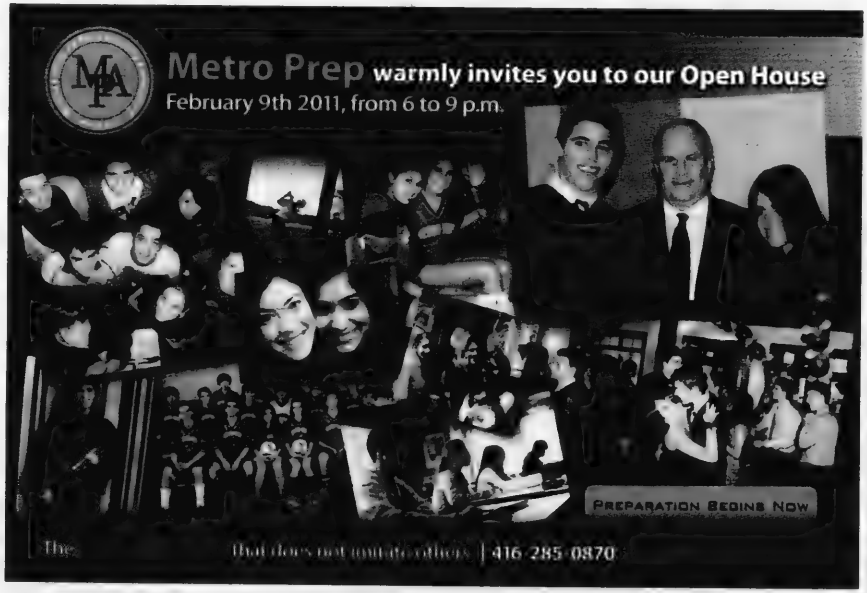
In the 18th century, a group of Baghdadi Jews began moving to the region, the Sassoon family being the most prominent among them. The Sassoons were noted philanthropists, building a city library, a clock that remains a civic landmark, as well as a synagogue.

When the opportunity arose, many Bene Israel made aliyah. "They considered India their motherland, but felt they had to go back to the fatherland," she said. Though their integration was difficult at first – many were not considered Jews by native Israelis – that situation has improved, with many younger Indians marrying Israelis of various backgrounds.

In recent years, another group of long-lost Indians with a claim on Jewish ancestry has emerged, she continued. The Bnei Menashe claim descent from the ancient tribe of Menashe, one of Joseph's sons. Although the tribe had long ago taken up Christianity, they are returning to Judaism. An American, Rabbi Michael Freund, has assisted them in conversion process.

"They live like the Mizo [from the province of Mizoram], with Mongolese features. That leads to more doubt about how such a group became Jewish," she said. "But over time, due to their environment, there were bound to be changes."

Farias has spent about a month with them and feels they are completely sincere. "Deep down, they feel there is a call," she said. "They sing a Mizo song referring to the parting of the waters [Red Sea]. It's a tradition that has come down for generations."



City of Vaughan Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua looks on as Rabbi Asher Vale hangs a mezuzah at ETA Vaughan's outreach centre.

Kosher kitchen opens at Vaughan women's shelter

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Staff at ETA Vaughan (Empowerment Through Achievement) women's shelter, is determined to address the needs of members of every ethnic group.

With that in mind, the shelter, which can currently house six families, is constructing a kosher kitchen.

As well, mezuzot were recently affixed on the shelter's doors by Rabbi Asher Vale, interim rabbi of Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Synagogue.

In order to respect the privacy of families, only the rabbi and staff members were allowed at the shelter, but prior to going there, he affixed mezuzot on the doors of ETA Vaughan's outreach centre in Kleinburg.

The shelter, which provides emergency housing for families escaping from abusive situations, also provides life-skills and job-search training, necessary legal or court support, counselling for women and their children, as well as help in finding future permanent housing.

The outreach centre provides counselling and access to resource tools such as reference material on legal issues, government agencies and programs, and housing. Programs and workshops are available on parenting skills, assertiveness training, anger management, as is the opportunity to network.

Arlene Margolese, chair of the board of ETA Vaughan, said that the City of Vaughan is a "rainbow of nationalities, and we want to be open and available to women of all cultures. We want this to be a place where everyone can feel comfortable. Families should be able to heal in whatever way possible. The women have enough to contend with already. This makes it easier."

Rabbi Vale said he's gratified at ETA Vaughan's sensitivities, and added that in Israel, most women's shelters are not kosher.

Vaughan Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, who was at the outreach centre, said it's "heartwarming to see people with a vision fill in a void created by various levels of government.We will try to address important needs in our community."

Antonietta Raviele, in-house counsel and executive administrator, said that at the end of the day, "it doesn't matter what our background is. We're there to provide support."

Emmy winner Mike Reiss to entertain at UJA Campaign Closing

Nice Jewish boy begins his 23rd season as writer of The Simpsons

By Daniel Horowitz

According to Mike Reiss, at another time in our history, he and other comedy writers may have suffered a fate similar to those accused of witchcraft.

For the past 23 years, Reiss, a 51 year old from Bristol, Connecticut, has been a writer and producer of *The Simpsons*, winning four Emmy Awards and a Peabody Award.

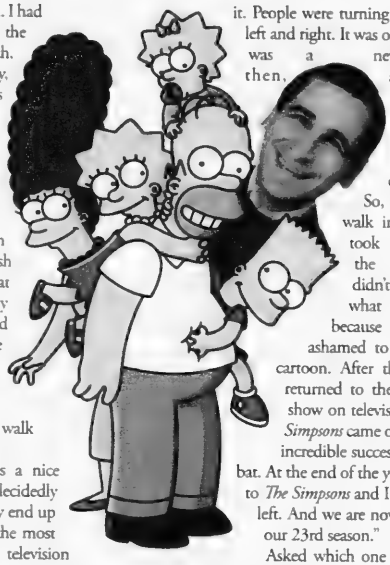
In 2006 Reiss received a lifetime Achievement Award from the Animation Writers Caucus. Reiss also co-created the animated series *The Critic* and created Showtime's hit cartoon *Queer Duck*.

Reiss, a talented and entertaining public speaker, will be sharing his thoughts with Toronto's Jewish community at UJA Federation's Campaign Closing celebration on Tuesday, February 15 at The Westin Prince Hotel.

"There's definitely something wrong with us," he says of himself and others who ply their trade as comedy writers, during a recent telephone interview. "It's a nice quirk of history that in this century, there's a high paying job doing what we do. In any other century, all comedy writers may have been rounded up and burnt at the stake, or locked up in a mental hospital."

Growing up Jewish in Bristol, the home of ESPN, to which Mike quickly responds, "before that, it was home to nothing," was not easy for Mike and his family. In fact, he likens the experience to "living in a daily pogrom."

"It was very difficult," he says, turning serious for a moment. "In fact, I was the only Jewish kid in my high school. I had my bar mitzvah in the shul in Bristol which, not coincidentally, was called Mike's Synagogue. I believe the shul closed down after I left Bristol, however. Out of 50,000 families in Bristol, there may have been 50 Jewish ones. I think I'm Jewish by physiognomy; that is, I look so incredibly Jewish. I have, based on my appearance alone, become a spokesman for our faith. People know I'm a Jew the second I walk into the room."



So, just how does a nice Jewish boy from a decidedly un-Jewish community end up writing for arguably the most popular animated television series of all time?

"In 1988, I was writing for the lowest rated television show called *This is Gary Shandling's Show*," he explains. "During the summer, I had a few months off when I heard that they were trying to do a Simpsons show. Remember, at that point in time, *The Simpsons* were just one-minute shorts on *The Tracey Ullman Show*. Nobody wanted to work on it. People were turning down the job left and right. It was on FOX, which was a new network then, and it was an animated show, which nobody thought could work. So, one day, I walk into FOX and took the job for the summer. I didn't tell anybody what I was doing because I was so ashamed to be writing a cartoon. After the summer, I returned to the lowest rated show on television when *The Simpsons* came out and was an incredible success right off the bat. At the end of the year, I returned to *The Simpsons* and I literally never left. And we are now working on our 23rd season."

Asked which one of the show's characters he most closely relates to, Reiss is quickly in touch with his feminine side.

"Oh, Lisa, definitely," he says, referring to the saxophone-playing eldest daughter on the show. "Me and all the writers are most like Lisa – we're smart, with absolutely no friends. Actually, we all want to be like Bart, but we're just not popular. When we were younger, we were all like Lisa, then, one day, we all woke up and we had become Homer."

In 2002, The Simpsons travelled north from Springfield to Toronto. Upon disembarking their plane (presumably at Pearson Airport) Marge Simpson exclaimed: "It's so bland!"

So, Mike, would you like to apologize to Torontonians for insulting our beloved city?

"No, it was supposed to be an insult," he says with a laugh. "The Simpsons have visited a different city every year, and we always get in trouble wherever we go. We got yanked off the air in Japan, we got sued by the Brazilian government, and then the Simpsons went to Toronto and we got flooded with complaints the next day. The main complaint we received was, 'you didn't make enough fun of us!' I have no idea why such an enormous country has such a self-esteem problem."

Asked about how he sees the final episode – whenever that may be – of The Simpsons, Reiss admits he has no idea.

"All the writers have been talking about the last episode for 23 years now, and, really, we don't have any great ideas in mind. Maybe we'll just have to wrap it all up neatly and have Mr. Burns die; Smithers will come out of the closet; Maggie will finally talk, and Marge shoots Homer. Actually, I hope we never go off the air, because I have no idea how we'd sign off."

Tickets to the UJA Campaign 2011 closing are going fast. The cost is $30 and includes a dessert reception. To register online, visit ujaevents.com/registration/Simpsons or email mspring@ujafed.org or call 416.631.5685.

Boycott Israel movement receives a strong setback

By Howard English

The Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) has deflated the dreams of the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement (BDS) by expressing its unequivocal opposition to political boycotts. The BDS movement seeks to stop the sale of Israeli products, visits by notable Israelis and investments in Israeli companies everywhere in the world. Israel is the only country against which the BDS movement seeks to impose these widespread punitive measures.

In a January 13th statement released by HBC, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and Canada Israel Committee, the company made it clear that "it has not bowed to political pressure in the past, has not done so now, and will not do so in the future." The statement went on to say that "HBC neither subscribes to nor endorses politically-motivated boycotts of merchandise from countries with which Canada has open and established trading relationships, including Israel."

HBC's anti-boycott declaration followed a concerted campaign by boycott Israel proponents to convince The Bay to permanently discontinue sales of Ahava beauty products for political reasons. Instead, the Bay emphasized that the Ahava line will be unavailable only until the spring when the products will be reformulated and redesigned for a planned relaunch.

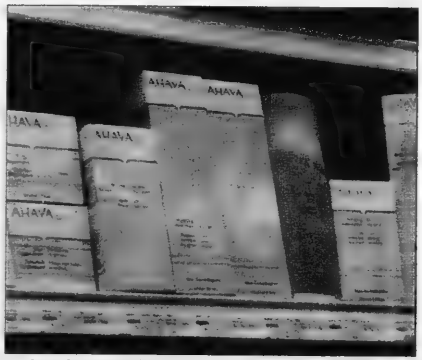
Despite the clarity of HBC's statement, boycott advocates tried to portray events surrounding Ahava and the Bay as a victory.

"So although this is not a BDS victory in Canada, it may well be a worldwide BDS victory," said the canpalnet Ottawa web site. "The Ahava image is tainted. The campaign against it has been so successful that the distributor has to re-brand the product just like Israel is seeking to re-brand itself."

Ahava, however, attributes its rebranding effort strictly to the sales objective of expanding its North American markets. "We will be prioritizing North America for growth in 2011 and beyond – it is our largest market outside of Israel and moving forward we aim to push the boundaries and expand further still," said AHAVA's CEO, Yacov Ellis.

"There is no defeat from which the boycott Israel forces will not try to desperately extract a victory," noted Sheldon Goodman, co-chair of UJA Federation's Committee on Public Affairs.

"For Canada's flagship retailer to publicly dismiss the boycott serves as an important benchmark for responsible corporate practice," concluded the chair of CIJA (Canadian Council of Israel and Jewish Advocacy) Steven Cummings. "For those organizations engaged in an obsessive campaign to isolate Israel, it represents a resounding – indeed embarrassing – defeat."



Ahava beauty products are being redesigned and repackaged

Y & R star is a pro-Israel advocate

By SHERI SHEFA
Staff Reporter

Emmy award-winning actor Eric Braeden, best known for his 31-year role as Victor Newman on the soap opera *Young and the Restless*, said he spent years trying to build bridges between Germans and Jews, and to repair the damage done to Germany's reputation by the Nazis.

Braeden, who spoke to *The CJN* from Los Angeles just a day after his visit to Toronto for an appearance on the *Marilyn Denis Show*, said he was compelled to promote dialogue between Germans, Americans and Jews because of the way Germans were portrayed in the media and film after World War II.

"[I have] enormous anger towards what had been committed in the name of Germany by the f___ing Nazis, an anger at the vilification of Germans in all media, and an insistence on showing simply what that 12-year period [from 1933 to 1945] in German history was like," said Braeden, who was born Hans Gudegast in 1941 near Kiel, Germany.

"And I was at the centre of the town that perpetrated that image."

With a career that has spanned about five decades, Braeden has played memorable roles including John Jacob Astor in the 1997 film *Titanic*, as well as countless television roles.

Many of the acting gigs he landed early in his career had him playing a Nazi. He said the roles he played on 1960s television shows set during World War II, such as *Rat Patrol* and *Combat*, "were all bullshit.

"As an actor you play what you're given, what you're hired for, so that is the one side of it," Braeden said.

"[But] they were caricatures. If the Germans were that stupid, they would have been defeated in half a year."

He said the simplistic portrayal of Germans and Nazis in American film and television "enraged" him because he felt it was a "total distortion of history, and if you want to learn from that period, you don't deal with a caricature Nazi."

He said it is more interesting to examine how easy it is to "seduce most people if the right economic conditions are given and if the right propaganda is given."

Although he was a young child during the war, he has vivid memories of terrifying attacks near his village.

"There were bomb attacks every night and then every day and night. My most visceral memories are of seeing burning buildings, hearing animals screaming because farm houses had been fire-bombed by the Brits. And kids... had been shot at by low flying English pilots," he recalled, adding that he remembers being carried into a bomb shelter in his basement almost every night.

"But I know there is much more to the country I came from than that 12-year period run by those bastards."

In an attempt to educate the western world that there was more to Germany than Nazis and war, Braeden co-founded the German American Cultural Society in 1990. The GACS is a non-profit organization that works to promote German culture and foster German-Jewish dialogue.

"We talk to each other instead of creating caricatured images of each other," Braeden said.

He said that today, he is not as involved as he once was due to time constraints, but he also added that he's not as enthusiastic about it because he feels like the stereotypes are still being promoted in the media and in Hollywood.

When Braeden visited Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Museum, during a 2004 trip to Israel for the annual tourism conference, he was disappointed with the way some of the exhibits were worded.

When the guides asked him what he thought of the tour, he said, "as a German, you are filled with enormous anger, shame guilt, and everything else."

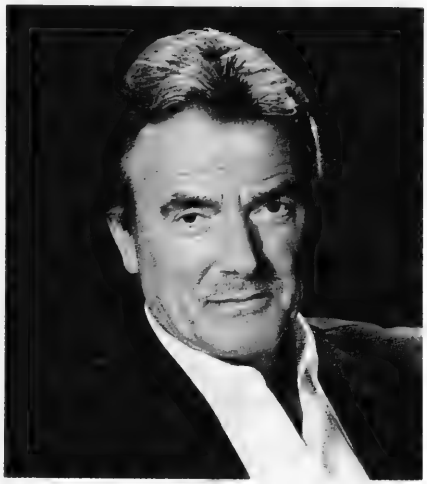
But he said the one thing that upset him was that the exhibits sometimes referred to the perpetrators as Germans rather than Nazis.

"There has to be a differentiation made. You cannot tell all young, Jewish generations that it was the Germans. You have to be specific about it and say the Nazis.

"It's not as if Germany had been a democracy and said, 'OK, now let us kill all the Jews in Europe.' That simply was not that case. And it angers me because it contributes to the stereotyping and that is what I'm so totally against."

He added that it is examples like these that dampen his enthusiasm for promoting dialogue.

"I see that there is no attempt at reciprocity, really. Certainly most of the Jewish media, I think, have contributed to perpetuating that image, so I'm no longer that interested, to be frank with you."



Eric Braeden

Despite his disappointment, Braeden maintains he is still a staunch supporter of Israel.

His connection with Israel goes back about 40 years when he played soccer with the Los Angeles Maccabees in the 1970s, a team that won the US National Soccer Championship in 1973.

"I like Israelis, I have always gotten along well with them," said Braeden. "I feel a kind of closeness with Israel and Israelis."

In 2004, Braeden's connection to Israel was solidified when he received a humanitarian award from the Israeli government, and met with former Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon and Israeli President Shimon Peres during the tourism conference.

The following year, Braeden joined Sharon and Noble Peace Prize Laureate Elie Wiesel on the March Of The Living.

He said that he has been an outspoken supporter of Israel because "Israel is the result, in part, of the Holocaust caused by Nazi Germany. It gave the moral imprimatur to the establishment of Israel, and I feel that as a German of my generation or any generation that we have an obligation to support that country."

He said he decided to visit Israel because he was "curious" about it.

"Historically, it is one of the most interesting countries. Jerusalem gives one goose bumps. You become aware of the history of that city... I remember standing at the Wailing Wall and, wow, it was such an extraordinary feeling," he said with a whisper.

As for his work on *Young and the Restless*, Braeden's contract expires in 2013, but he said it's too soon to know if he will re-sign.

"I have no idea right now... It depends on a few things."

Currently, Braeden's character, Victor Newman, is becoming increasingly estranged from his family.

"When that amount of money is involved, strange things happen, even within families," Braeden said."You know, Victor always gets even, so that is all I can say."

Braeden, who said he loves Canada and Canadians, is planning a visit to Ottawa to sign autographs at the National Women's Show at the Ottawa Convention Centre on April 30, as well as in Toronto at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on Nov. 30.

For more information about Braeden, visit www.ericbraeden.com.

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Canadian Jews urged to speak on Israeli issues

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Anat Hoffman has a message for Canadian Jews: Israel is "too important to be left to Israelis. The Jews here have a right and a duty to voice their hopes for Israel."

If they don't, she warned in a Jan. 17 interview, "they may wake up one day and see an Israel they absolutely cannot relate to... Israel is a state of all the Jews, whether they live there or not, and reflects on all Jews."

Anat Hoffman *[Frances Kraft photo]*

Hoffman – the 56-year-old executive director of the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC) in Jerusalem, who was arrested at the Western Wall last summer for carrying a Torah at a women's Rosh Chodesh service – spoke at Temple Anshe Sholom in Hamilton and also had meetings in Toronto during a two-day visit at the beginning of last week.

She was brought here by ARZA Canada: the Zionist Voice of the Canadian Reform Movement, which is IRAC's largest donor.

IRAC, the public and legal advocacy arm of the Reform movement in Israel, has taken on issues such as conversion, marriage, divorce, immigrant rights, gender discrimination, racism and corruption since its inception in 1987.

Hoffman rejects the argument that Jews must live in Israel to have a voice on such issues. "It's very important. We are a young democracy, and if you are a Jew and you live in a democracy, and you can, warn Israel. You're obliged to tell Israel."

Recently Hoffman was among the leaders of negotiations that resulted in an additional six-month moratorium of the Rotem Conversion Bill. IRAC has also initiated a court case demanding that Reform and Conservative conversions done in Israel be recognized.

> ***Hoffman was arrested for carrying a Torah at Western Wall***

Hoffman, a former Jerusalem city councillor, is convinced the overwhelming majority of Jews believe that values such as pluralism, equality, tolerance and social justice should be major values of the State of Israel. "But they are not vocal enough."

In response to a ruling last month by dozens of Israel's municipal chief rabbis that forbids renting or selling property to gentiles, and specifically to Arabs, Hoffman said she'd like Canadian Jews to protest outside the Israeli consulate. "Racism is not the Jewish way," she said.

IRAC has demanded that Israel's attorney general fire those rabbis, she said. "They are barred from incitement in their jobs... The chief rabbi of [Safed, who drafted the letter on which the ruling was based] gets money from taxes, including taxes from Israeli Arabs."

Among her priorities, Hoffman wants to obtain state funding for Reform and Conservative Judaism in Israel. She believes the non-Orthodox movements won't survive unless they take root in Israel, in large part because of Israel's dominant influence in the Jewish world.

Hoffman said that people in Israel's Orthodox community have worked with her to address issues of mutual concern. As well, she said she gets at least two or three calls a day from Orthodox people who don't identify themselves but encourage her to keep up her fight.

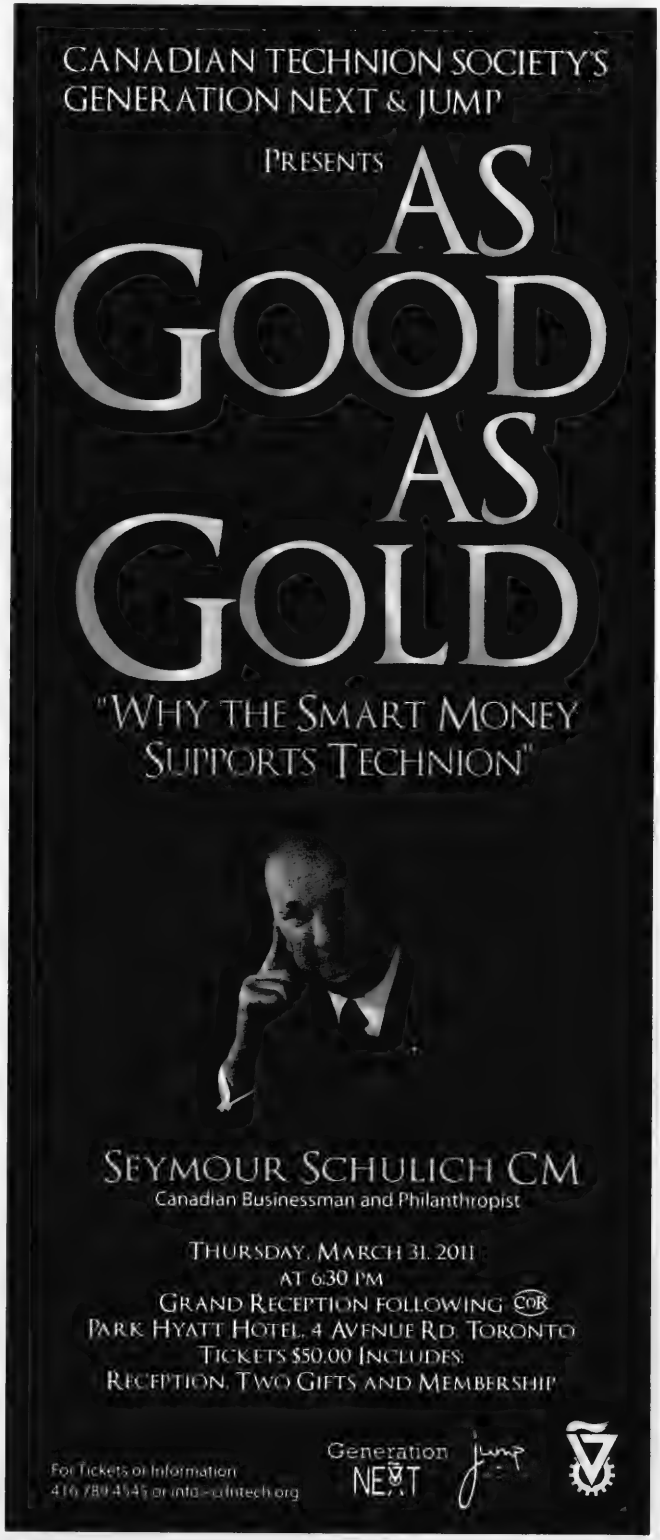
Many of the calls revolve around segregated buses, an issue on which IRAC recently published a report, which it sent to the Knesset.

A typical call, she said, was from a father of young children who can't help his wife with the baby stroller when they travel by bus, because she has to sit at the back. "This is not the Jewish way," Hoffman said he told her. "A family should sit together."

Orthodoxy has "as many voices... as many shades of black as there are colours in the rainbow, but they are silenced institutionally."

When they call her, she said, they ask her to "save us from our own rabbis."

And yet, she said, she remains optimistic. "I get pissed off. I don't get discouraged. I get really upset."



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We must sing together

By RABBI JENNIFER GORMAN

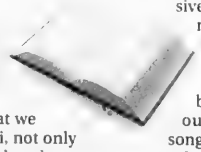
"All the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, and the voice of the shofar, and the mountain smoking, and when the people saw it, they fell back and stood at a distance." Even after all that the Israelites had witnessed in Egypt, the connection to the Holy was so overwhelming that they said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will obey, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die."

How often in life are needs put before us, but we simply don't want to see them? Whether it's a need close to home such as a kosher food bank or an injustice elsewhere such as in Sudan, how many of us offer opinions over our dinner tables, but do nothing beyond our homes? Why do we wait for politicians, rabbis and community leaders to speak for us instead of speaking directly to the needs ourselves?

The Jewish community has a history of activism and speaking out against injustice. Since the Hebrew midwives defied Pharaoh and delivered Jewish babies alive, Jews have stood up against that which is clearly wrong. We have banded together as a global Jewish community to fight antisemitism, to bring our people out of darkness into light and to fight social injustice and inequality all over the world. Our activism and unified belief in justice crossed denominational lines to bring about change.

Unfortunately, recently there has been a splintering of this Jewish unity. The question of who is a Jew is raised all too frequently. Rather than working toward inclusion, social action and the building of Jewish identity, we challenge individuals' membership in the Jewish people.

Rabbinic Reflections



The midrash states that we all stood together at Sinai, not only those physically present, but those not yet born. The message is clear: we are one community. We all stood at Sinai together.

Rambam wrote that whoever separated himself from the community, even though he commits no transgressions, loses his portion in the World to Come. Why is this? Rambam says it's because when one separates from the community, he or she doesn't perform mitzvot with the community. That person no longer feels communal pain, but merely lives a solitary life in an individual way.

This month, the Jewish community bade farewell to a strong voice of unity. Debbie Friedman, *zichronah livrachah*, whose music has become so normative in the Jewish community that many don't know she wrote it, had this to say about unity, "It was *kol isha* [the voice of women] for *col isha* [every woman] that inspired me to write inclusive music. It is beneficial not only for women, but for men and children as well. Singing helps us learn how to be vocal... The more our voices are heard in song, the more we become our lyrics, our prayers, and our convictions."

We must sing together so that we can continue to "become our lyrics, our prayers, and our convictions," and to continue to stand together as one community.

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A month of opportunity

This year is a Jewish leap year, which means there are two months of Adar. We're fortunate, because it allows us time to contemplate the significance of Adar and Purim separately.

The sages say that "from the time that Adar enters, joy is increased." It's a beautiful statement, because it speaks of happiness that abounds for an entire month. The curious part of the statement is whether it's prescriptive or descriptive.

In other words, perhaps the sages are describing the month, telling us that the month itself will bring elements of joy. Or perhaps they're prescribing joy to us, commanding us to increase our joy during this month. In the first option, we're the recipients of joy, while in the second, we're creators of that joy.

It seems the second option makes the most sense. How could the month itself bring joy? Clearly we're being instructed to "make merry" and kid around while we make others laugh. In Israel, there's a practice among young people to have an anonymous "Purim Buddy." If you're someone's "Buddy," you're charged with doing little anonymous acts of humour to bring a smile to that someone's face. It's a wonderful concept.

We make our own joy. We don't wait for someone to make us smile. We find the smile within us and bring it outward so that it's contagious to others. While it's a beautiful idea, it's rather strange

Midrashic Moments

By Rachel Turkienicz

for the sages to be instructing us in this way. Why not tell us to be joyous at all times and thus create a happier world? There seems to be something special about Adar that triggers the sages' observations and instructions.

The midrash teaches us a powerful detail about Adar. When discussing how God appears "behind the scenes" in the Purim narrative, one of the examples has to do with Haman's lottery. The holiday Purim is named for his lottery to pick the day on which to slaughter the Jews. It's interesting that Haman draws lots to choose the optimum day. He is, in effect, leaving it to the gods to decide which day is most opportune.

It's the perfect place for God to intervene. The lottery falls in the month of Adar. According to the midrash, Adar is the astrological sign for the nation Israel. It's when the stars are aligned in our favour.

When the sages instruct us to be happy in Adar, they're informing us of an opportunity. We construct our own happiness, and we should be doing so every day. But in Adar, the stars themselves are aligned to make us happy. We could truly increase and heighten our joy by mirroring below what is going on above.

We know in life that we certainly create our own happiness, but the midrash has taught us that sometimes you also need the stars to line up in your favour. Sometimes you need a little good *mazal* – the Hebrew world for constellation.

So whistle a happy tune, share your favourite joke, smile at a funny memory. Adar is coming. What an opportunity to increase our joy.

Rachael Turkienicz is director of rachaelscentre.org.

The tribe of Dan

Samson, the mighty judge, came from the tribe of Dan. He and his tribe had a love-hate relationship with the Philistines.

At the time, the Philistines were Israel's mortal enemies as they waged an ongoing war against each other for control of Canaan. It is uncanny to see the resemblance between Samson and such mythical Greek heroes as Hercules.

The tribe of Dan is particularly fascinating from an archeological and historical perspective. When we first encounter the tribe, they live near the coast of Israel, and eventually they wind up moving to the northern Galilee, where they conquer and settle in the town of Laish, now known as Tel Dan.

Tel Dan is the location of one of Israel's longest ongoing excavations, which was headed by the legendary archeologist Abraham Biran. At Tel Dan, Biran made some amazing discoveries.

One of the most spectacular discoveries was a fully preserved Canaanite gate dating to the Middle Bronze Age (circa 2000-1550 BCE). But for biblical scholars, the most exciting discovery at Tel Dan was a carved inscription found in 1993 that mentioned the "House of David." It would play a key role in the debate between the so-called minimalists and maximalists.

It was the minimalists who said that the biblical books were composed much later than the events that they discussed. The historicity of some of these events was even denied by the minimalists. They even questioned the existence of some important biblical personages such as David. The discovery of the Tel Dan stela was a major blow to their assertions.

Past Forward

By Alex Gropper

Tel Dan had some fascinating discoveries relating to the Mycenaeans. The Mycenaeans were the inhabitants of Greece in the Late Bronze Age. They have also been associated with Homer's host at the siege of Troy. Interestingly, a major Mycenaean tomb from the Late Bronze Age was discovered at Tel Dan by Biran. What makes this so fascinating is that the last phase of Mycenaean pottery in the Bronze Age is identical to the first phase of Philistine ceramics in Israel.

Even more interesting is the connection of the tribe of Dan with the Philistines. For not only have the Philistines been connected to the Mycenaean Greeks culturally through their pottery, but there is also a linguistic connection. Another name for the Mycenaeans at Troy is the Danoi. The connection to Dan here is obvious.

Furthermore, both groups are associated with ships and sailing. The Bible makes reference to Dan's nautical links. The Philistines are also shown sailing on ships as they attempted to invade Egypt by sea in the wall reliefs of Pharaoh Ramses III at his mortuary temple at Medinet Habu, which is dated to the early part of the 12th-century BCE.

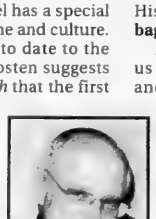
There are a number of inferences that can be drawn from this information. First, ancient Israel is not as homogeneous a group as some of us may think. It also speaks to our Mediterranean heritage and the implications that it has for our traditions. Last, it links us to the rich traditions that Homer so vividly portrayed in the *Iliad* and *Odyssey* and points to tantalizing possibilities for future study.

Bagel cuisine and culture, Pt. 1

To butter a bagel /You need to finagle /Just to inveigle /The slithering spread /To the edge of the bread **[http://bit.ly/bagels01]**

That's Alma Denny waxing poetic about the food that has conquered bakeries, supermarkets and waistlines everywhere. More than just a piece of dough that's boiled and then baked, the bagel has a special place in Jewish cuisine and culture.

The bagel seems to date to the 17th century. Leo Rosten suggests in *The Joys of Yiddish* that the first time "bagel" is mentioned in print is in the community regulations of Kracow in 1610. The food was given to women in childbirth since the circular shape was seen to represent the life cycle and an omen of good luck. **[http://bit.ly/bagels02]**



Elsewhere, we are told of a Viennese baker in 1683 "who wanted to pay tribute to Jan Sobieski, the king of Poland. King Jan had just saved the people of Austria from an onslaught of Turkish invaders. The king was a great horseman, and the baker decided to shape the yeast dough into an uneven circle resembling a stirrup (or *beugal*)." **[http://bit.ly/bagels03]**

Some of the best online periodicals have devoted thousands of words to the delicacy. At theatlantic.com, you can read about the Secret History of Bagels. **[http://bit.ly/bagels05]** At Slate.com, food writer Joan Nathan has penned a Short History of the Bagel. **[http://bit.ly/bagels06]**

Donna Gabaccia says bagels tell us a lot about business, culture and the American immigrant experience. The social historian follows the bagel from its entry into the United States in the

Jewish & Digital

By Mark Mietkiewicz

1890s and "its transformation from a Jewish specialty into an American food." Along the way, she points out some fascinating ironies such as the affinity between bagels and cream cheese, "a product introduced and developed by English Quakers in their settlements in the Delaware Valley and Philadelphia in the 18th century." **[http://bit.ly/bagels04]**

Did you know that eating bagels can be hazardous to your health? According to the head of the department of emergency services at George Washington Hospital in Washington, D.C., the greatest under-reported injury is hand cuts from slicing bagels. Peggy Trowbridge Filippone has accumulated some great bagel trivia, lore and advice on her Hôme Cooking site. She shares how to cut bagels safely and how to store them. "At room temperature in plastic bags or freeze immediately. Refrigeration hastens staleness." **[http://bit.ly/bagels24]**

Eating bagels can pose other risks as Elizabeth Mort found out the hard way. After the Pennsylvania woman gave birth last year, her baby was taken away when opiates were found in the mother's blood. According to Mort, the source of the false positive was the poppy seed bagel she ate shortly before giving birth. Baby Isabella was returned after five days in foster care. The American Civil Liberties Union is filing the suit on behalf of the angry parents. **[http://bit.ly/bagels08]**

Next week I'll tell you where you can find the best and the strangest recipes for bagels. I'll also share one for an improbable fat-free bagel.

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Sweetening lessons with cake and psychology

By Frances Kraft

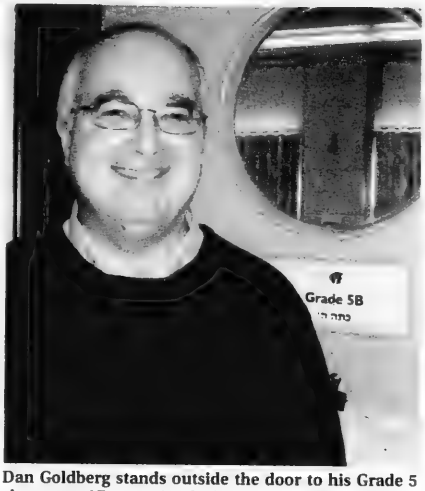
A LESSON FROM THE TEACHER

"I want my students to remember my classroom as a place where they felt valued as human beings, and where they felt inspired to value others."

Dan Goldberg – Moreh Dan to his students at the Toronto Heschel School – believes in teaching through hands-on experience.

Last week, his Grade 5 students concluded an "excavation" by assembling pottery that Goldberg had broken and labelled himself. To teach his class about a "tel" (an ancient mound, in archeology), Goldberg brought a layer cake to school. "We 'excavated' the cake," he said. "You could see the different layers."

As well, he fashioned a grid from string so that students could divide the cake into sections, and catalogue their findings the way archeologists do. The highlight, he said, was eating the cake.



Dan Goldberg stands outside the door to his Grade 5 classroom. *[Frances Kraft photo]*

At the same time, Goldberg – who is 51, but likes to tell his students he's 88 – focuses on less tangible aspects of education. Establishing a good relationship with every student is key, he believes.

A psychologist by training, with a PhD from the California School of Professional Psychology in Los Angeles, Goldberg said he thinks a lot about "what kind of childhood [students] are having under my watch."

The Berkeley native, who grew up in Phoenix, has been involved in Jewish education for many years, having put himself through university by teaching Hebrew school.

After studying European Jewish history at Harvard University, he entered the rabbinical program at Los Angeles' University of Judaism (now part of American Jewish University), but changed direction after completing four years of the six-year program.

He was drawn to psychology because of the "relationship that you form with another human being, that somehow transforms that person."

The role of an educator is similar, he believes. "We preside over a significant portion of our students' childhood."

Fourteen years ago, Goldberg segued from his work as a clinical psychologist, when he and his wife, Netta Zweig, moved back to Toronto from Buffalo, N.Y. with their daughter, who is now 18. The couple met when Zweig, a Toronto native, was studying Jewish education at the University of Judaism.

Goldberg began to work at Beth Tzedec Congregation as director of education and youth while he was waiting to be licensed as a psychologist here. He ended up staying until 2005.

Now in his third year at Heschel, he also spent two years as head of Judaic studies at a Baltimore Jewish middle school, from 2005 to 2007.

"I felt that school was a lot of fun," he said of his decision to continue working as an educator. "I love working with children."

Goldberg believes it's his obligation to do "everything I can" to ensure that children have a positive experience.

"Part of it is being happy to see them, and you can't fake that. You have to find something about every kid that you can talk about, so that when they come into the room, you see this opportunity to connect with someone that means something to you."

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Henry Waks' promise fulfilled

By Daniel Horowitz

For the past year, Henry, Fred and Jay Waks were looking for a special way to honour the family's matriarch, Sylvia, who passed away on December 20, 2009. Sylvia, a Holocaust survivor who came to Toronto in 1949 where she met her beloved Henry, to whom she was married for 57 years, was a bright, elegant woman with a passionate love and appreciation for art.

So, in order to combine Sylvia's love of Jewish values with her passion for art, they looked to UJA Federation's Tomorrow Campaign and the future Koffler Centre of the Arts. They decided that naming the Sylvia Dzialoszynski Waks Rotunda was the most meaningful way to honour Sylvia's memory.

And, despite Henry's untimely passing one year later - on December 7, 2010, his dream of honouring his beloved wife in this manner will still come to fruition.

"My parents were best friends and absolutely inseparable," said Fred. "They shared the same enthusiasm for art, yiddishkeit and tzedakah. Because of the war, mom wasn't able to receive the education she would have liked, but she always said 'if you're passionate about something, learn everything you possibly can about it.'"

And she clearly practiced what she preached.

"My mom spent the last thirty years of her life studying art at the University of Toronto," explained Fred. "Despite the lack of a formal education, she was extremely intelligent, well-read, and could take on anyone when it came to questions about art."

(l-r) Henry Waks z"l with sons, Fred and Jay

"Outside of the Basilica in Rome, this space at the new Koffler Centre would have been mom's favourite place to have her name attached to," explained Fred.

The Rotunda bearing Sylvia's name will be an area of high prominence within the new Centre. With visibility from both the external areas of the Sherman Campus as well as from the Ellen Prosserman Atrium, this uniquely designed space will welcome visitors to the rich array of programming offered at the Koffler.

"We are naming something that will be as unique as she was," said Fred. "This opportunity was the perfect fit."

"The Sylvia Dzialoszynski Waks Rotunda will be a beautiful, inspiring and welcoming space at the heart of the new Koffler Centre of the Arts," said Murray Koffler. "We share the Waks family's love of the arts and Jewish culture and are thrilled they have made this important gift to the Tomorrow Campaign."

We're sure that Henry would agree.

Young Women Determined to Make a Difference

By Suzanne Wintrob

It's a particularly good time in the life of UJA Federation's female leadership, thanks in large part to six young women who decided to engage their generation in helping to build the Jewish world.

"My mother, Lorri, is involved in UJA and she has been a model for me," says Amanda Kushnir, 34. "I saw UJA Federation as the organization with the largest influence. It covers so many important initiatives in the Jewish community, in Canada and in Israel. When I decided to get involved, it made the most sense to start with UJA because I wanted to know that what I was doing would have the most effective impact."

In recent years, the number of young adults active in UJA has grown substantially.

(l to r) Amanda Kushnir, Jillian Robins, Shelley Sonshine, Robyn Goldberg, Kimberley Walters and Dana Lerner

Impact Toronto's Young Women's Philanthropy, for instance, is geared to women aged 25 to 35 who want to connect with UJA. Chairs Robyn Goldberg, 31, and Dana Lerner, 27, are holding educational programs that will also include speakers, fitness classes, fashion events, cooking classes and much more.

"My peers and I can contribute to the strengthening of Jewish life in Toronto and in Israel by not only following in the footsteps of our parents' generation, but by trying to exceed what they have done," says Dana, an executive recruiter at Rosenzweig and Company. "The Baby Boomers have been incredible role models and we have a lot to do if we want to surpass their amazing work, which I hope we can do one day. As long as I am an active member of this community, I plan on being involved with UJA."

Robyn, a mother of three, started volunteering for UJA a decade ago by taking an active role in her university's annual campaign. When she became a mom, she returned to the fold to become a role model to her children as her parents were for her.

"Many in my peer group aren't really involved with UJA, despite the fact that their parents have been for many years," she says. "That presents a problem in the long-run because if their parents are aging and moving on and their children haven't gotten involved, where will our Jewish community be?"

Sisters Kimberley Walters, 42, and Jillian Robins, 39, echo that sentiment and, together, they chair the Women's Philanthropy Trailblazers Division for ages 35 to 45.

"Our sister Stacey and her family are living in Israel and protecting the country," says Kimberley, whose nephew is serving in the Israeli Navy. "They're doing the hard part by living there. Being involved with UJA is our way of supporting them."

Also making inroads is the Women's Philanthropy Young Women's Leadership division for ages 30 to 45. To attract new faces, chairs Amanda Kushnir and Shelley Sonshine formed a committee that came up with hundreds of new names not yet in UJA's records.

"The torch is being passed to our generation," says Shelley, a 34-year-old mother of three who admits she caught UJA fever from her in-laws, Ed and Fran Sonshine. As a woman, she was particularly intrigued watching her mother-in-law's ongoing commitment as chair of UJA's Annual Campaign and Women's Philanthropy and devoting time and energy to numerous organizations. Shelley's husband, Daniel, is chair of the Jewish Chamber of Commerce and sits on UJA's National Young Leadership Cabinet. Now it's her turn to get involved and she's excited about the opportunity to make a difference.

"Through my in-laws I've grown to see the importance of UJA to our community and to Israel, and the value of being involved in philanthropy to help carry all of these essential programs into the future," she explains. "My husband and I always knew we would continue on their path."

"We're sending personalized letters with the invitations to explain what we're doing and why," says Amanda, a lawyer and mom of two. "This will give women a better sense of what we're all about and maybe they will be inspired to come out. It's not just something to go to. It's for them, for their future and for their family's future."

Kulanu holds speed-dating event

Executive director says event serves a real need in LGBT community

By SHERI SHEFA
Staff Reporter

For the first time in Kulanu Toronto's 11-year history, the Jewish social group for bisexual, gay, lesbian, transgendered, transexual, and intersexed people will hold a speed-dating event.

Justine Apple, executive director of Kulanu, which was founded in 2000 and has been funded by Hillel of Greater Toronto since 2003, said it's about time her organization put together an event like this.

"I think there is a real need in the Jewish LGBT community to have a speed-dating event. I've spoken to a number of people who come to Kulanu events, who have said to me, 'Oh, it would be so nice to meet a guy here, to meet a girl here. Between you and me, Justine, that's one of the reasons I keep coming to these Kulanu events.'"

Apple, 34, said she is excited about the event, which will be held Feb. 10 at the Wolfond Centre for Jewish Campus Life at 7:30 p.m.

She said the participants will be separated by sex and age. The men and women will each have a group of 18- to 30-year-old people, and there will be another group for the over-30 crowd.

"We'll be giving instructions to tell people how they have to move around the table. When they come in, they're going to be given name tags and a number. They'll also be give a form that contains a line for the name and number of the person they've been talking to and a little check box to let us know if they want to be contacted by that person."

Apple stressed that while this event is a great opportunity to meet a Jewish partner, it is also a great way to make friends and connections.

Apple, who has been openly gay since she was 21, said that it has become easier for the Jewish gay community to stay connected to other Jews because there are many shuls that are inclusive and welcoming to gay people.

"But in terms of meeting people who are LGBT and Jewish on a more personal and intimate level, I find that it's harder to do. When you think about it, the LGBT community is a minority, and you've got the LGBT Jewish community, which is a minority within a minority. It's very hard," she said.

"Then you've got the challenge of finding someone who is a good fit for you – that's even harder," she added with a laugh.

"The other thing is, they have these speed-dating events in the general Jewish community and in the non-Jewish community, so why can't we have one in the LGBT Jewish community?"

Apple said that dating within the faith is very important to her and that being gay and Jewish are inexplicably connected.

"I grew up in a very traditional, warm, loving, Jewish home where we celebrated Shabbat and all the Jewish holidays, and as a result, I know my goal is to be with a Jewish partner... who can relate to who I am, what I believe and how I feel."

She said it took time for her to be able to connect the two major parts of her identity and gain the support from her family that she enjoys today.

Apple added she understands that coming out at any age can be "very challenging, very lonely, isolating and scary and we want them to know that they have a support system."

Justine Apple

She hopes Kulanu will inspire the Jewish community to embrace its message of inclusiveness, tolerance and respect.

"It is really important to respect a different part within the rich, diverse fabric of the Jewish community. All people and all Jews should be respected and treated with dignity regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity," Apple said.

"We know that gay Jews make up a sizable part of our community, so we can't be ignored."

Apple said that events like these make her feel proud to be a part of Kulanu because it provides opportunities for bisexual, gay, lesbian, transgendered, transexual, and intersexed Jews (who don't fit the typical definitions of female or male) to connect with one another.

"It's really hard for that to happen at a noisy, crowded bar. This kind of event is long overdue and much needed," she said.

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Kashrut goes corporate: COR gets new CEO

By JENNIFER M. MACLEOD
Special to the CJN

In today's global scene, kashrut agencies can no longer afford to remain small or local. "If someone sees a COR [symbol], they shouldn't have to think a second time… they should know the standards are world class," says the Kashruth Council of Canada's new CEO, Rabbi Tuvia Basser, a Torontonian who's spent years in the business world, most recently as a senior manager with Nortel.

Rabbi Basser hopes his newly created position will allow him to exercise his strengths in both the business and the rabbinic worlds. "I can bring the best of all aspirations together with the pursuit of strengthening religious observance in the community and across the country."

Creating the CEO position shows how far the Kashruth Council has come over the last 50 years. Rabbi Basser's first challenge will be creating structures within the organization to reflect its complex day-to-day operations.

While consumers may see the Kashruth Council's "COR" symbol as just a hechsher on local restaurants or packages, that's just the tip of the iceberg. "We are the largest community kashrut organization in North America," says Rabbi Tsvi Heber, director of kashrut.

Beyond approximately 140 establishments in the Toronto area that are certified by its food service division, its industrial division supervises some 625 companies from coast to coast.

Rabbi Basser believes his corporate outlook will help the COR to "upgrade its professionalism."

The organization has grown so quickly that it has not had a chance to create a formal corporate structure, leaving major gaps, such as the lack of a formal HR department or a sales and marketing division.

"You don't think of a religious organization as needing sales and marketing," says Rabbi Basser, but "in the real world, you need a financial base. You need sales and marketing."

Rabbi Basser believes his business background will be a tremendous asset. "For-profit organizations can measure their progress – it's called dollars." With a non-profit organization, analyzing success can be tougher, but a solid business background can be helpful in implementing objective measures of success, he says.

The hurdles facing the Kashruth Council in the near future are both local and global: making kosher food available to a broad spectrum of Torontonians reliably and inexpensively while maintaining standards that are widely recognized as comparable to the "big name" international agencies.

The proliferation of private kashrut agencies, as seen in other communities, is not a good solution here. Small agencies may be "world class, reliable organizations," says Rabbi Basser, but "they are nonetheless not community organizations… serving the community's needs. It's an admirable business, but it's a business." A private agency wouldn't be "here to serve the Toronto community. COR is."

Serving the Toronto community means balancing the requirements of the many types of kosher consumers here. That group ranges from haredi Orthodox communities who might require chalav Yisrael (for dairy products) or pas Yisrael (for wheat products) certification to observant Sephardim, with their own needs for cooked foods, to non-Orthodox Jews who keep kosher and rely on the COR hechsher.

Rabbi Heber says the Kashruth Council is "probably the only kashrut organization that certifies all synagogues in their respective city – all Conservative shuls that have asked for certification."

In the last few years, the organization has actually changed some of its policies to reflect this diversity. Chalav Yisrael milk, for instance, was previously a requirement of its food service division. Now, a store or restaurant may offer non-chalav Yisrael dairy products if a prominent sign indicates their status.

Also, the council previously insisted that at least one business partner be shomer Shabbat, but a new "mashgiach temidi" (full-time supervisor) system, also recently adopted by some other major kashrut organizations, allows any business owner to be certified.

Rabbi Tuvia Basser

Then there's the global arena. "Part of being a world-class organization is to have expert insights into the issues," says Rabbi Basser. "We need top expertise." COR kashrut administrator Rabbi Sholom Adler is on the standards committee of the Chicago-based Association of Kashrus Organizations (AKO), and COR experts have led the way in recent controversies over raisin infestations and fish parasites.

But the Kashrut Council is also still thinking local. "If we can get a more secure financial base, we'd like to expand into the breadth of services that the community needs,not just what's more profitable," Rabbi Basser says.

It already offers many other services, such as in-home seminars on checking produce for insects or the kashrut of alcohol products, along with supermarket tours and regular recipe publications, "kashrut alerts" and annual lists of approved Passover products. They'll even help you kasher (make kosher) your home.

Educating consumers could go a long way in a community that sometimes wrongly blames the organization for its kashrut woes, such as the high cost of kosher food or perceived inconsistencies in catering fees.

When it comes to catering, Rabbi Heber cautions that the organization's charges are standardized, but may not always be passed on accurately. "If you see a 'supervision fee' [on a catering bill], that is not necessarily our fee."

As for Rabbi Basser, he's still feeling out what this city needs from its main kashrut organization, listening to the many stakeholders, including ordinary shoppers.

"I don't know whether the consumer is my customer or my employer. I'm more inclined to think of the kosher consumer as my employer. One way or another they're going to let me know what they want."

There's no doubt he's aiming high, and looking to give the Kashrut Council's COR hechsher the kind of ubiquity on store shelves that the OU hechsher enjoys in the States. "I would like to feel that COR can do that… in the Canadian scene and perhaps beyond."

'We must preserve Israel as an option for future generations'

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"We must preserve the State of Israel as an option for the future generations. The children did not decide to leave Israel, their parents did," he added.

A similar theme was expressed by federation president and CEO Ted Sokolsky, at the opening ceremony.

"Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's attitude [pointing to the advantages of connecting with Israelis living abroad] changed the relationship between Israel and Diaspora Jewry forever," Sokolsky said.

There are believed to be about one million Israelis in the Diaspora, mostly in North America, with others in Europe and Australia.

In the GTA, 85 per cent of all Jewish immigrants are Israelis, said federation board chair Elizabeth Wolfe.

But "building an Israeli community abroad and maintaining the Israeli culture are not easy tasks", said Gidi Grinstein, president and founder of Reut Institute, an Israeli policy group that provides strategic support to Israeli leaders and decision-makers, speaking at the first plenary session.

"The Israeli identity is too weak to be preserved in the Diaspora conditions, and keeping the identity of the future generations is a great challenge. Statistically, the future generation will become either Jews or Canadians or both, but not Israelis. The third generation will probably have no close relative, no friends and no memories from Israel, and that is the major concern," Grinstein said.

Ted Sokolsky, left, and Yuli Edelstein *[Yosef Tastassa photo]*

"Israelis abroad should also fight the delegitimization that the State of Israel is going through," he added.

Israelis abroad should keep the cultural elements of Shabbat, Grinstein said. They should also see synagogues as part of their culture and their communal identity.

Other elements that Diaspora communities should focus on to help keep the link to Israel as a mother homeland strong, conference participants were told, include the Hebrew language, Jewish holidays, Israeli culture and Israeli history.

Along with UJA Federation, conference sponsors were the Jewish Agency for Israel, Mishelanu and the Israeli Ministry of Diaspora Affairs, who hope to hold similar events in the future in Israel and other Diaspora cities with an established Israeli community.

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Israel hopes to draw Christian tourists, rep says

By LAURA STRICKER
Staff Reporter

After a record year, the Israel Ministry of Tourism's new commissioner for North and South America is very pleased.

"It's become a hot destination," New York-based Haim Gutin, who has held the position since September 2010, said of Israel.

"I'm happy that this atmosphere is changing," Gutin, speaking last week at the Park Hyatt in Toronto, added.

"Canadians particularly... are looking for value when it comes to choosing travel destinations," Jerry Adler, marketing and public relations director for the Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto, said. "[They're] looking for something that's an all-encompassing experience, and that's something Israel has to offer."

Haim Gutin

Israel welcomed 3.4 million tourists in 2010, an increase of 20 per cent over 2009. Of that number, 77,000 came from Canada. The goal for 2011 is to see 100,000 Canadians visitors and four million visitors in total. By 2015, the Tourism Ministry hopes to attract five million tourists every year.

One of the markets the ministry is looking to court is the Christian one, Gutin said.

"In the Canadian market, we are going to invest about $350,000 in... advertising. A good portion of our budget is going to be invested in the Christian market. We have found that [a lot of] tourism in the next few years in Israel is going to be from the Christian market."

In the Jewish community, the office's 2010 media campaign – which featured the slogan "There's a little bit of Israel in all of us" and photos of Israeli attractions – will be used again in 2011, but with different photos and featuring new attractions. The ministry also plans to target Montreal by running the ads in French.

Over the next few years, Gutin noted, a number of luxury hotel chains are coming to Israel. The Waldorf Astoria is opening a location in Jerusalem in 2012, while a Ritz Carlton is slated to open in Herzliya. Kempinski aims to open in Tel Aviv in 2013.

"All those chains that are known all over the world are showing interest to invest money in Israel. That's a result of the good atmosphere," Gutin said.

When asked what he thinks accounts for the surge in visitors to Israel, he cited a change in the worldwide atmosphere.

"I think that... people understand that terrorism is a global issue, it's everywhere... [The 3.4 million people] coming to Israel shows that it is a normal destination.

"I think people understand that Israel... has so much to offer. The added value of it is very high," he continued.

"Something about people's perception changes [when they visit Israel]... Once they [come], they'll never be the same."

Activist compiles her speeches

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Over the past 27 years, Julia Koschitzky has given some 150 speeches as a high-level lay leader of the Jewish community in Toronto and internationally.

Prompted by the death of her mother to sort through her own files, she ended up going through her speeches and culling about one-third of them to include in a book primarily meant for family and friends.

It's Been My Privilege, published recently by Malcolm Lester in a run of just 500 copies, spans the years 1983 (when she wrote her speeches in longhand) to 2010 (by which time she'd switched to the computer), in approximately 230 pages.

"The whole theme is the centrality of Israel," Koschitzky told *The CJN* in a recent interview at her home.

A former chair of the Keren Hayesod world board of trustees, Koschitzky made her first major foray into voluntarism at Associated Hebrew Schools, which her four children attended.

It was serendipity that drew her to the greater Jewish community, when she was invited to a brainstorming session on how to involve Orthodox women in United Jewish Appeal.

"Had I said no, or found an excuse, I would have missed out on the most glorious moments of Jewish history," she said. "I've seen the good and the bad, and the ugly and the beautiful."

In one of her speeches in the book, Koschitzky recalled seeing former U.S. president Bill Clinton take a bow tie from a waiter and personally affix it to then-Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's shirt collar, after he noticed that Rabin didn't have the requisite neckwear at a black-tie event. It was evident to Koschitzky that the world leaders' relationship "went beyond the 'correct' formal exchanges."

Other historic moments covered in the book include Israel's 40th, 50th and 60th birthdays, Operation Exodus and Operation Solomon, several wars, and the Oslo accords.

Julia Koschitzky
[J. Michael LaFond photo]

Koschitzky begins with a foreword about her family background, which she also wrote about as a contributor to Rosalie Sharp's 1997 book *Growing Up Jewish: Canadians Tell Their Own Stories.*

Born in Cardiff to German-Jewish parents who fled Berlin after *Kristallnacht*, Koschitzky, née Podolski, came to Canada in 1948 at age four with her parents and sister. After six years in Montreal, they settled in Toronto.

Serendipity also played a role in Koschitzky's life when she was a young teenager. "My parents gave me money to take piano lessons," she recalled. "I thought, 'This is a waste of money. I do not have a musical ear.' I told my parents I'd rather take that money to find an elocution teacher."

Although she has forgotten her teacher's name, she can still recite by heart the words to *Theophilus Thistle*, the same tongue twister that Colin Firth recites as King George VI in the movie *The King's Speech.*

Seeing the movie recently, Koschitzky, who won a public speaking award as a student at Northern Secondary School, had a sense of déjà vu, she admitted.

Mid-interview, she retrieved a worn black book filled with carefully hand-written elocution notes, and leafed through it. "Many of the exercises were the same [as in the movie]," she said.

At one time, Koschitzky, who married her husband Henry at age 19, considered a career in radio or television.

"I never planned my career in Jewish communal life. It just kind of happened."

In retrospect, reading the speeches was "an out-of- body experience."

She recalled travels to South Africa, South America and Europe, including a speech she gave in Berlin and her awareness of how fortunate her parents were to escape when they did.

As well, she said, seeing the revival of Jewish life in the former Soviet Union – and remembering the first wave of Jewish immigrants – was "incredible" and served as a type of closure for her. Through her work, she said, the Jewish world has become her extended family.

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School project captures survivor's experiences

By LAURA STRICKER
Staff Reporter

Lea Hochman sits at a small desk facing seven students, one teacher and a video camera. The wall behind her is decorated with posters of everyone from The Beatles to Dalton McGuinty and Homer Simpson to Martin Luther King, Jr.

Hochman is at Crestwood Prepatory College, speaking to this small group as part of the school's Oral History Project, which consists of videotaped interviews with community members who share their wartime stories. Hochman, 89, is a Holocaust survivor from Pohorce, a small town in Poland.

The Oral History Project was established by Scott Masters, head of the social studies program at the school.

"I thought it would be a good idea to try setting my students up in small groups with either survivors or military veterans," Masters, whose grandfathers are war veterans, says.

As Hochman talks about her Holocaust experience in great detail, the students are hesitant to interrupt, asking questions only with her encouragement.

While she now talks about her struggle for survival during the Holocaust at length, it took many years for that to happen, Hochman's daughter, Sheila Miller, says.

"She kept it in for so many years, and when my daughter started really pushing her – not just my daughter, my sister's children too… She would always retreat. It was always hard for her. She would tell them a little bit and she would have to stop.

"For the first generation, for me, it's painful – it's painful for her to speak, it's really painful for me to listen," Miller adds. "For my daughter, who's another generation removed, it's much easier."

Her mother's testimony was first recorded by Eli Gotz, another survivor, for the Holocaust Centre of Toronto. Hochman's memory of what life was like in her small Polish town at that time provided a very clear picture for Gotz, Miller says.

"Because she still remembers so much, she was able to give [Gotz] a really good picture of what life was like in the small village at that time… The first thing she did [in the interview] was mention every person that was killed in her city. She knew every single one.

From left are Crestwood Prepatory College students Madison Brown and Samantha Wasserman with Holocaust survivor Lea Hochman.

"Now she drags other survivors to her apartment and shows them her video and begs them to record their stories."

"I want to leave the legacy for people who don't believe that something like that existed," Hochman says.

"I am very happy that I was able to come today and to let some other kids see that if you are very anxious to survive, you'll do anything for your survival," she continues. "If one child learned anything today, I'll be happy."

"I think what Lea was talking about today was fantastic," Masters says. "The kids can read about it in books, they can watch documentaries, and we do all that, but this gives them a chance to get something deeper, which I think is pretty valuable.

"[The response] has been very good. Some kids have really taken to it. Of the kids that were sitting in on the project today, I think a few of those kids have done five, six, seven interviews over the years."

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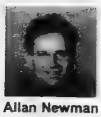
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TRIP TO MOROCCO

Information night for trip to Morocco to be led by Shaarei Shomayim **Cantor Avraham Sultan** May 15-25. 8 p.m. Shaarei Shomayim.

Monday, Jan. 31

MEDITATING MONDAYS

Program continues at Temple Har Zion, Jan. 31 and Feb. 28. 8:15 p.m. Beginning and experienced meditators welcome. 905-731-3092.

Tuesday, Feb. 1

MOVIE AFTERNOON

Tuesdays with Larry film series presents *Holy Rollers*, a film about a group of chassidic Jews lured into dealing drugs. 2 p.m. at Beth Tikvah. $5.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

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Beyond the Chuppah. Becoming a couple – marriage preparation group. Topics include finances, conflict negotiation, Jewish family life. Feb. 9, 7-9 p.m., Beth Tzedec.

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MNJCC Active Seniors. 416-924-6211, ext. 155. Computers, Beyond the Basics, 4 classes, Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m. **Harold Troper** on "Return to Downtown: Revitalization of the Jewish Inner City," Jan. 27, 1:30 p.m. Seniors' Choir being formed, Tuesdays, 1-2:30 p.m., starting Feb. 22, no experience necessary. **Gillian**, gillians@mnjcc.org, or **Harriet**, ext. 133.

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PROSSERMAN JCC

Sherman campus, 4588 Bathurst St., www.prossermanjcc.com. 416-638-1881.

Ice rink open to the public. Official opening, Jan. 30, 10a.m.-2 p.m. Family entertainment and hot chocolate. No charge

Bridge for Beginners. Tuesdays, Feb. 1-Mar. 22, 10 a.m.-noon. For introductory price, call ext. 4235.

Movie Mondays with Larry. Jan. 31,1:30 p.m. *Triumph of the Spirit*. $5 at the door, Room 205.

Creativity Club. **Evelyn Tauben** will discuss the sculpture *Joseph Wrestling with Angels*. Jan. 26, 12-1 p.m. The lounge. No charge

Lunch 'n' Learn with **Rabbi Meir Rosenberg**, Feb. 4, 12-1 p.m. Bring your own lunch – coffee and tea provided.

Kolel winter semester classes start first week in February, including Jewish Cooking, Hebrew, Israel Reflections, Basic Judaism. Daytime and evening courses at both Miles Nadal JCC and Prosserman JCC. www.prossermanjcc.com/Programs/JewishLearning/Kolel.

MILES NADAL JCC

750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211, www.mnjcc.org.

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Media Mondays. Contemporary New Wave Cinema. Jan. 31, "France." 7-9 p.m. $12 drop-in per lecture. Students $6. For information, ext. 606 or esthera@mnjcc.org.

Music Workshop: singing and v ocal percussion. With FreePlay Duo, **Suba Sankaran** and **Dylan Bell**. Feb. 27, 2-4 p.m. $30 general, $25 CAMMAC/MNjcc members. Registration deadline Feb. 10. Register and information at toronto@cammac.ca.

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MONTESSORI – 10 YEARS OLD: Toronto City Councillor James Pasternak was a guest at the Montessori Jewish Day School's recent 10th anniversary celebration. Seen from left are Regina Lulka, Pasternak and Lilach Golan.

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JDL protests against Peto outside anti-Israel lecture

By SHERI SHEFA
Staff Reporter

Members of the Jewish Defence League gathered in the rain last week to protest Jenny Peto, a featured speaker at an anti-Israel event and the author of a controversial master's thesis that accuses Jews of using Holocaust education to maintain a victim identity.

On Jan. 18, Peto, a Jewish pro-Palestinian activist who recently published a widely criticized thesis titled "The Victimhood of the Powerful: White Jews, Zionism and the Racism of Hegemonic Holocaust Education," spoke at a lecture titled "Speaking the unspeakable: Exposing Israeli Apartheid and the violation of Palestinian rights."

The event, held at the University of Toronto, attracted an audience of about 200, as well as 35 members of the JDL, who protested by waving Canadian and Israeli flags and carrying a banner that read "Stop supporting the Muslim Brotherhood," said Meir Weinstein, JDL's national director.

"We stood out in the rain... outside the venue," Weinstein said. "It was peaceful. We had one guy on a megaphone."

He said they chanted slogans such as "Say no to hate."

The *National Post* reported that some of the JDL protesters wore balaclavas and masks, but Weinstein said they were just wearing hats and ski masks to protect themselves from the rain.

According to the *Post*, Peto said the controversy surrounding her thesis and attempts by the pro-Israel community to speak out against it simply strengthens the Palestinian solidarity movement.

Peto, a member of the Coalition Against Israeli Apartheid, said that the criticism stems from "the desperation of pro-Israel groups who are frantically trying to crush criticism of Israel... through bullying and intimidation."

But Weinstein countered that Peto is the bully in this situation.

"It's a complete fabrication what she's saying. This is just another excuse to try to silence the Jewish community," he said.

Other featured speakers at the event, which was organized by the Ontario Public Interest Research Group Toronto and the Palestine Freedom of Expression Campaign, included *Toronto Star* columnist Antonia Zerbisias and Canadian Arab Federation president Khaled Mouammar.

New 'centre-right' McGill news website backs Israel

By RIVA GOLD
Special to The CJN

Frustrated students at McGill University founded a new online student news source this month to counter what they call "left-leaning" and "anti-Israel" tendencies in other campus media.

The new centre-right outlet, called the Prince Arthur Herald – which bills itself as "Canada's premier student news source" – will offer alternative coverage of Israel and other news from a conservative editorial perspective.

"Unfortunately, McGill suffers from the same grave misunderstandings of Israel that many Canadian campuses do," co-editor Brendan Steven said.

Although the Prince Arthur Herald will feature student life, culture, and Canadian politics, part of its mandate is to cover Israeli and international politics.

"The evidence was all around us that our ideas and our values had no forum to be heard," co-founder Kevin Pidgeon wrote in his first editorial.

"Council has, semester after semester, been a repository of centre-left moderates to the most radical and far left ideologies university can offer."

Prior to the Herald's establishment, students could choose to read either the *McGill Daily* or the weekly *McGill Tribune*.

Brendan Steven
(David Huehn photo)

Steven described the *McGill Daily* as a left-wing newspaper with an anti-Israel editorial stance.

Pidgeon wrote in the Herald that "the *McGill Daily* continues to happily opine against not simply the right wing, but against capitalism, democratic institutions, the Israeli state, and anything remotely related to the right wing."

The *Tribune*, according to Steven, is a moderate centre-left paper that generally avoids Middle Eastern politics in order to steer clear of controversy. But both papers have published articles that describe Israel as an "apartheid state"and have accused Israel of ethnic cleansing.

"The anti-Israel movement on campus is extremely strong and well organized," Steven said.

"An [Israel Defence Forces] soldier once came for a simple lunch to meet with Jewish students, and a group of activists protested outside complaining that he was recruiting for the Israeli army."

In the last few years, events such as Israeli Apartheid Week have grown in popularity on campus, and a McGill radio program reportedly blamed Israel for the 2004 atrocities at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison.

In contrast, the Herald recently published an opinion piece called "The Left vs. Israel" which accused the political left of baselessly denigrating the Jewish state.

"We are fortunate at McGill to have a very strong Jewish community that is vigorous and passionate in its defense of Israel," said Steven, who runs the Herald with Pidgeon.

According to its homepage, the Herald will provide a home for moderate students to offer hard-hitting analysis and real debate.

The Herald can be found at princearthurherald.com.

Politicians support boycotted Montreal shoe store

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

Conservative member of Parliament Steven Blaney has accused those demonstrating for the boycott of a Montreal store selling Israeli shoes of acting like "economic terrorists."

Blaney came in from the Quebec City area Jan. 14 to show his solidarity with the owner of Boutique Le Marcheur, whom he feels is being unfairly targeted by anti-Israel protesters.

On Jan. 20, Blaney issued the statement: "By distributing fiery tracts, accosting and haranguing customers and passersby to discourage them from entering the store, and threatening the store owners, these activists are engaging in practices verging on economic terrorism."

Blaney, who represents Lévis-Bellechasse, maintains that the civil rights of the store's owners, the Archambault family, are being jeopardized by this "economic terrorism."

Earlier he had stated, "In Quebec, free circulation of goods is a fundamental right. M. [Yves] Archambault has the right to choose the product that he wants to offer his clientele without having to be subjected to intimidation and threats... that are in total opposition to Quebec values."

Blaney said he admired Archambault's "courage" in not yielding to the demand that he stop selling Israeli-made footwear, a tiny proportion of Le Marcheur's inventory.

Liberal MP Marlene Jennings, left, admires the Israeli-made shoes she bought at Le Marcheur. With her, from left, are store owner Yves Archambault ADQ MNA François Bonnardel and MP Marc Garneau.

The pro-Israeli boycott group Palestinian and Jewish Unity (PAJU) has been picketing outside the store on most Saturdays since the beginning of October.

Blaney was among several Quebec federal and provincial politicians who have stopped by the store recently to lend their support and, at least in the case of Marlene Jennings, Liberal MP for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine, to buy merchandise.

On Jan. 15, she joined a group of politicians at the store while a small number of PAJU picketers were outside.

The others were Marc Garneau, Liberal MP for Westmount-Ville Marie; Howard Liebman, assistant to Mount Royal Liberal MP Irwin Cotler, who was out of town; D'Arcy McGee Liberal MNA Lawrence Bergman, and Action démocratique du Québec (ADQ) Shefford MNA François Bonnardel.

ADQ leader Gérald Deltell and Martin Lemay, the Parti québécois MNA who represents Ste. Marie-St. Jacques, the riding in which the store is located, earlier visited to show their support.

The Quebec-Israel Committee also received letters last week from PQ leader Pauline Marois and Bloc Québécois leader Gilles Duceppe affirming their support for Archambault, and the PQ's refusal to support any boycott of Israel.

"The boycott... is actually anti-democratic and it actually fuels and supports anti-democratic movements," Jennings said. "Israel is a democracy. The shoes that are being sold are being produced legally in Israel, imported into Canada legally and sold by Le Marcheur legally."

One politician who has not returned is Québec solidaire co-leader Amir Khadir, MNA for neighbouring Mercier. Khadir took a drubbing in the Quebec media for his participation Dec. 11 in one of the pro-boycott demonstrations.

Khadir did, however, speak out against the recent vandalism of Jewish institutions in Côte St. Luc and Hampstead. In a joint statement with party president Françoise David, he denounced the attacks as "scandalous" and "odious."

"Such acts have no place in a democratic society... As a society, we must reject the least expression of antisemitism, or of hatred based on religion or ethnic origin."

Anti-boycott activist Sharon Freedman said the presence of politicians of different stripes shows "this is a non-partisan issue, because it tears at the values that make Canada the envy of the world."

Quebec-Israel Committee communications director David Ouellette hailed the politicians' participation as "demonstrating the marginality of the anti-Israel boycott campaign in Quebec and the obsessive anti-Zionism of Amir Khadir."

"Shame on Amir Khadir," Bonnardel declared. "There are causes far more commendable than attacking a small businessman who participates in the economic life of Montreal for 25 years, who gives work to people and pays his taxes."

He said Archambault is the victim of "injustice at the hands of pro-Palestinian fanatics."

WINTER WORDS: Robbins Hebrew Academy Beth Tikvah campus students Zachary Wayne, in Grade 2, and Ashley Krakower, in Grade 1 worked co-operatively to make a winter word bank, which they turned into a winter acrostic poem.

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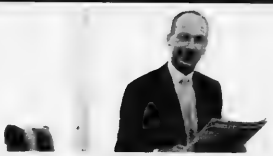

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Pier 21 monument to St. Louis unveiled

By JOEL JACOBSON
Atlantic Correspondent

HALIFAX — "If Canada had taken a stand [in 1939] and opened its doors to people on the MS St. Louis, probably 620 of them would have passed through these halls [at Pier 21 in Halifax] seeking Canada's promise of peace and prosperity."

With those words, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism Jason Kenney bemoaned the actions of Canada's government in the 1930s.

"My predecessors led to the tragedy of the St. Louis," he continued at a Jan. 20 ceremony at Canada's Immigration Museum at Pier 21. The St. Louis sailed from Germany in 1939 with 937 Jewish passengers seeking a life free of persecution. The ship was refused admittance to Cuba, the United States and Canada, and sent back to Europe, where two-thirds of the passengers eventually perished in concentration camps.

"'None is too many' became the policy of the Canadian government because of indifference and political subterfuge," said Kenney. "Today I say Canada will never close its doors to legitimate refugees who need our help."

A monument, called *Wheel of Conscience*, was unveiled by the minister and designer Daniel Libeskind, a world-renowned architect and the son of Holocaust survivors. The large round metal sculpture has moving intermeshed cogs denoting hate, xenophobia, racism and antisemitism on one side and the names of those who sailed on the St. Louis engraved on the other.

"Today we remember those who were consumed by the Holocaust and those who survived it," Kenney said. "Today, we are learning our own history of antisemitism and teaching people to contemplate this memorial, teaching that hate can lead to xenophobia which leads to racism and can lead to antisemitism."

The unveiling was witnessed by more than 200 people, including members of Parliament, members of the provincial legislature and city officials. Canadian Jewish Congress president Mark Freiman and CJC executive director Bernie Farber also addressed the audience.

Freiman said he came to Canada through Pier 21 at age four, 59 years ago. "My parents told me it was a place of safety, possibility and a home."

He praised Kenney's vision in 2009 to take the initiative "to eliminate the stain of [the St. Louis incident] and learn from it. This project is emblematic of the partnership between government and the Congress."

Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism and architect Daniel Libeskind unveil the *Wheel Of Conscience*.

[Joel Jacobson photo]

Through the Community Historical Recognition Program, the government allotted $475,000 to CJC to memorialize the events. Part of the funds will go to a St. Louis education program that will go to every high school across Canada, Farber said.

In an interview, Farber said that the monument and education program are "a fulfillment of a long-standing dream. It's not necessarily to memorialize the victims of the St. Louis and the Holocaust but to act for future generations. It's not really enough to create a monument but to engage the public in a productive, democratic way of responding to genocides and crimes today."

Ruth Goldbloom of Halifax, who was vitally responsible for the development of Pier 21 from a shabby waterfront shed in the late 1990s to its museum status today, and is now on the board of trustees, said, "This has such historic value. I feel as excited today as I did July 1, 1999, when 10,000 people saw us cut the ribbon to re-open Pier 21. The St. Louis happened in a dark and tragic time in our government's outlook. Today symbolizes how every ethnic group entering our country has suffered, and I hope young people will see how tragic it was to turn away people because of their ethnic background."

The manager of development and partnerships of the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic in Halifax, John Hennigar-Shuh, developed a St. Louis exhibition two years ago in conjunction with the Atlantic Jewish Council.

"The display includes a scale model of the ship and many pictures and artifacts," he said. "We want to develop a travelling exhibit and are trying to arrange use of the film about the St. Louis tragedy produced by CJC."

MC Irving Abella of Toronto, a noted author and history professor, said after the event that it "was unique. It reminds us of a time when Jews in Canada were at the bottom of society and were not always comfortable. Today, things seem to be going well in Canada with multiculturalism and openness. It used to be a very different Canada."

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1. וואָרטער זאָל מען וועגן און ניט צייַלן.

Verter zol men vegn un nit tseyln.

Words should be weighed, not counted.

2. קיינער זעט ניט זײַן אייגענעם הויקער.

Keyner zet nit zayn eygenem hoyker.

No one sees the hump on his own back.

3. אויב די באָבע וואָלט געהאַט אַ באָרד, וואָלט זי געווען אַ זײדע .

Oyb di bobe volt gehat a bord, volt zi geven a zeyde

If grandma had a beard, she would be a grandpa.

4. מיט אײַן הינטן זיצט מען ניט אויף צוויי פֿערד.

Mit eyn hintn zitst men nit oyf tsvey ferd

You can't sit on two horses with one behind.

5. נײַן רבנים קענען קיין מנין ניט מאַכן אָבער צען שוסטערס יאָ.

Nayn rabonim kenen keyn minyen nit makhn ober tsen shusters yo.

Nine rabbis can't make a minyan but ten shoemakers can.

6. לויפֿן זאָלסטו אין בית־הכסא יעדע דרײַ מינוט אָדער יעדע דרײַ חדשים.

Loyfn zolstu in beys-hakise yede dray minut oder yede dray khadoshim.

May you run to the toilet every three minutes or every three months.

7 . אַלץ קען דער מענטש פֿאַרגעסן נאָר ניט עסן.

Alts ken der mentsh fargesn nor nit esn

A person can forget anything but food.

8. אַ דאָקטער טאָר מען ניטווינטשן אַ גוט יאָר.

A dokter tor men nit vintshn a gut yor.

One must not wish a doctor a good year.

9. אַפֿילו דער רײַכסטער זייגער האָט ניט מער ווי זעכציק מינוט.

Afile der raykhster zeyger hot nit mer vi zekhtsik minut.

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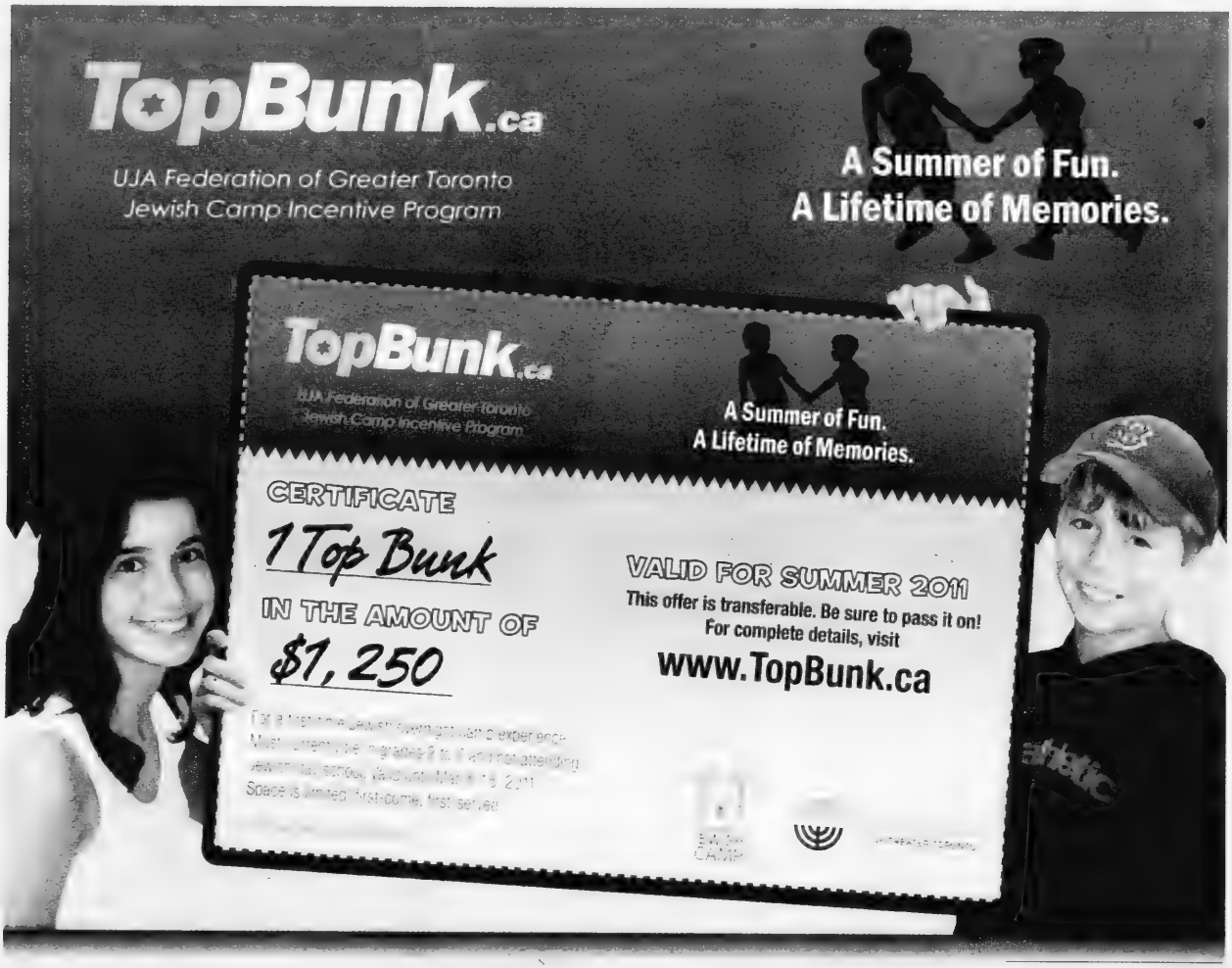

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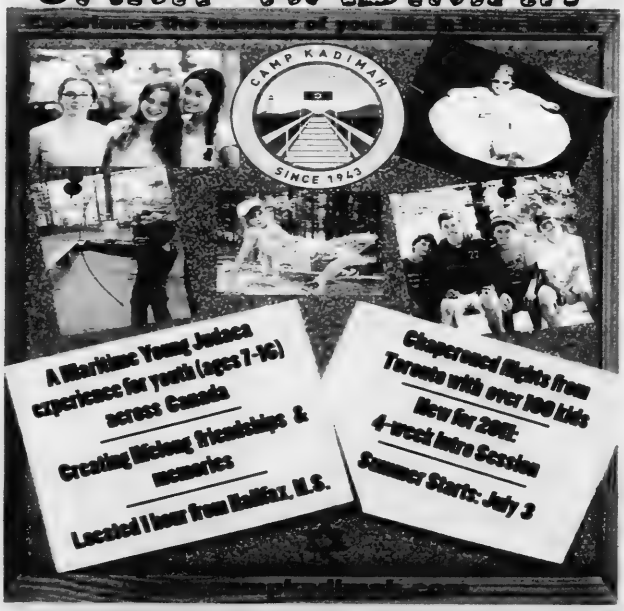

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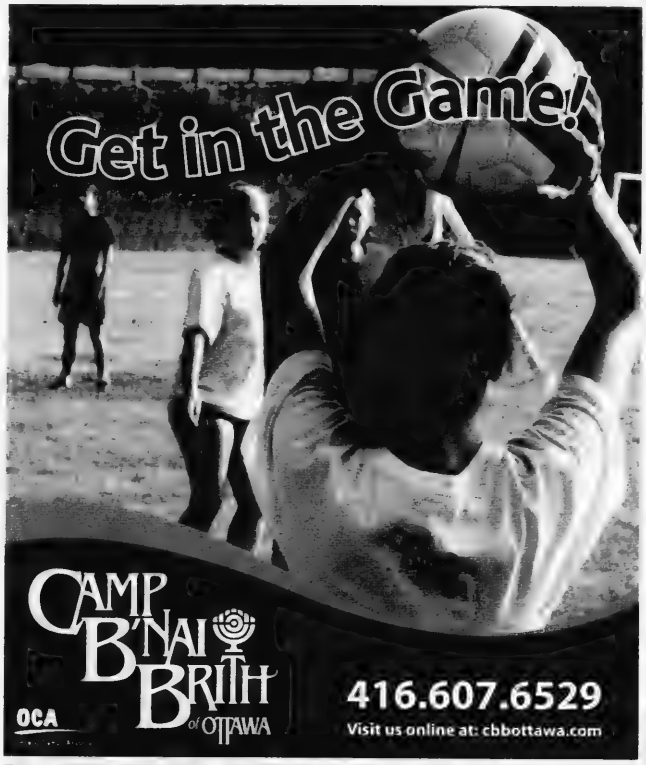

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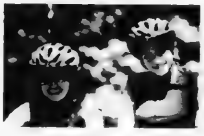

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Palestinians deny 'leaks' published by Al Jazeera

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JERUSALEM — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on Monday denied offering secret concessions to Israel and said that reports found in purportedly leaked documents had presented Israeli positions as those of his own negotiators.

"What is intended is a mix-up. I saw them present things yesterday as Palestinian, but they were Israeli... This is therefore intentional," Abbas told reporters in Cairo after a meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

"We say things very clearly, we do not have secrets." Abbas stressed.

On Sunday, Al Jazeera television published what it said were extracts of 1,600 documents it had obtained that cover Israeli-Palestinian negotiations in recent years.

The documents leaked so far mostly reveal secret concessions offered by Palestinian negotiators on the issues of the right of return of Palestinian refugees, territorial concessions and the recognition of Israel.

Following the release of the documents on Al Jazeera TV, the Palestinians quickly denied the reports, saying that parts of the documents were fabricated.

The chief Palestinian negotiator in the 2008 talks, Ahmed Qureia, told the Associated Press that "many parts of the documents were fabricated, as part of the incitement against the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian leadership."

He denied making an offer about the Jewish enclaves in east Jerusalem, claiming that Israel refused to discuss the issue.

Abbas told Egyptian newspaper editors in Cairo on Sunday that he kept the Arab League updated on all details of the negotiations with Israel, according to the Palestinian news agency Wafa. "I don't know where Al Jazeera came from with secret things," Abbas was quoted as saying. "There is nothing we hide from our brothers, the Arabs."

The current chief negotiator, Saeb Erekat, dismissed the TV report as "lies and half-truths."

Al Jazeera said the Palestinians offered to let Israel keep all but one of the Jewish enclaves it built in east Jerusalem after capturing it in the 1967 Mideast war. About 200,000 Israelis live there now.

In return, according to the quoted documents, the Palestinians wanted Israeli land, including a section close to the West Bank-Israel line where many of Israel's minority Arab citizens live.

They also proposed international control of the key Jerusalem holy site as a temporary measure. The Palestinians, Israel, the United States, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Jordan would administer the site where the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound sits atop the ruins of the biblical Jewish temples, until Israel and the Palestinians could work out a permanent arrangement.

On the issue of refugees, the documents said the Palestinians agreed that Israel would take in 10,000 refugees a year for 10 years – a total of 100,000. The Palestinians have insisted that all refugees from the 1948-49 war and their descendants – several million people – have the right to return to Israel. The Israelis have always rejected that as a threat to the Jewish character of the state.

The peace talks referred to in the documents went on through 2008, but ended without agreement when Israel attacked Gaza to try to stop daily rocket attacks by Palestinian militants.

On Sunday, Al Jazeera TV and the *Guardian* revealed the details of 1,600 confidential documents on negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians over the last two decades.

Erekat reportedly also proposed in an October 2009 meeting that Jerusalem's Old City be divided, giving Israel control over the Jewish Quarter, part of the Armenian Quarter and part of the neighbourhood of Sheikh Jarrah.

Further details reveal that Erekat agreed to the Israeli demand that Israel be recognized as a Jewish state.

Among other documents due to be released is an Israeli offer to transfer Israeli Arabs citizens to the territory of a future Palestinian state.

Moreover, Al Jazeera claimed that Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas was personally notified by a senior Israeli official that Israel was planning an attack on the Gaza Strip, the night before Operation Cast Lead. Israeli and Palestinian officials reportedly discussed targeted assassinations of Hamas and Islamic Jihad activists in Gaza.

Al Jazeera reported that it plans to dedicate one day to every issue detailed in the thousands of pages of documents, which are regarded as the largest leak in the history of the Middle East conflict.

The documents already released on the Al Jazeera website can be seen as official documents with Palestinian Authority stamps and signatures of several PA senior officials, in particular Erekat.

Sonia Peres laid to rest

JTA

JERUSALEM — Sonia Peres, the wife of Israeli President Shimon Peres for 66 years, died Jan. 20 in her Tel Aviv apartment at the age of 87.

Sonia Peres was a private person and was rarely seen at political events frequented by her husband. In 2007, when Shimon Peres moved into the President's Residence, Sonia Peres chose to remain in the family home in Tel Aviv.

Sonia Peres moved to pre-state Palestine from Poland in 1927 at the age of four and met her husband shortly afterward in the Ben Shemen Youth Village.

She served as a nurse in the British army, working in an army hospital near Cairo and later as a driver for the army throughout Europe.

Sonia and Shimon Peres married in May 1945, and were the founders of Kibbutz Alumot. They had three children.

Israeli President Shimon Peres, accompanies his wife's coffin to its final resting place. ***[Israel Sun photo]***

Pearl's real murderer was 9-11 mastermind: probe

JTA

LOS ANGELES — Four men were wrongfully convicted of the murder of *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl nine years ago, while the actual killer is the suspected mastermind behind the 9-11 terror attacks, a new investigation alleges.

The revelations, which include the allegation that a dozen terrorists involved in the killing are still at large and operating, are based on a three-year investigation by the Pearl Project conducted by journalism students and faculty at Georgetown University and the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists.

Heading the probe was Asra Nomani, Pearl's colleague, from whose house in Karachi, Pakistan, the reporter left on the day of his 2002 disappearance supposedly for an interview with a high-level terrorist source.

The four men convicted in the slaying remain in jail, but the actual killer is Khalid Sheik Mohammed, the key figure in the 2001 attack on New York's World Trade Center, according to the project analysis.

Mohammed told U.S. investigators at Guantanamo Bay that he slit Pearl's throat and severed his head, the report said, with independent forensic evidence pointing in a similar direction.

However, Washington officials decided not to charge Mohammed, fearing it would complicate their case against him in the 9-11 prosecution, the report stated.

Judea and Ruth Pearl, Daniel Pearl's parents, said they are still "trying to digest" the report and did not wish to go into details at this point.

Judea Pearl said, however, that the authors were "good and honest people who [conducted the project] with love." Ruth Pearl added that the project investigators had phoned frequently and that she and her husband had provided valuable contacts.

U.S. and Pakistani officials are accused of bungling the pursuit of Pearl's killers and then covering up the actual facts.

Turkish witnesses refused to testify

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The first part of the report focuses on the legality of the blockade and on Israeli efforts to enforce it, including the raid on the six-ship flotilla. It also analyzed the identity and goals of the flotilla's organizers and passengers.

Israeli naval commandos boarded the Mavi Marmara, the flagship of the Turkish-sponsored flotilla, on May 31. The passengers on board resisted, and nine Turkish citizens were killed. The commission determined that the incident did not constitute an offence against international law, as there were clear indications the flotilla intended to break the naval blockade.

The report also determined Israel had been in compliance with the formal conditions of enforcing a naval blockade on Gaza, adding that it had also complied with the humanitarian conditions for such a blockade.

However, the report was critical of Israel's land blockade of the coastal enclave, calling on it to "examine the medical needs of the people of Gaza in order to find ways to improve the current situation."

The commission also urged the Israeli government to examine ways to "focus its sanctions on Hamas [the terror group that rules Gaza] while avoiding harm against the civilian population."

During the time of the panel's work, the report says, many Turkish witnesses were asked to speak before the commission, including the crew of the Mavi Marmara and Bolent Yeldrom, the leader of IHH, a Turkish humanitarian relief group that owned three of the six ships in the flotilla. None of the invitations were answered, the panel said.

In one case, the report went on to say, U.K. citizens who had taken part in the flotilla expressed interest in testifying before the commission. An arrangement was then made through the British government for them to testify via video conferencing, but the U.K. civilians refused the offer.

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan condemned the Turkel Comission report.

The panel's two foreign observers, retired Brig.-Gen. Ken Watkin of Canada and David Trimble of Northern Ireland, both signed off on the report's conclusions.

An English translation of the 300-page Turkel document will be submitted to the UN panel that's also probing the incident. That panel, chaired by former New Zealand prime minister Geoffrey Palmer, includes Israeli and Turkish representatives.

The Turkel report's second part, to be submitted in a few months, will discuss Israel's mechanisms for investigating suspected violations of international law, as well as the government decision-making process ahead of the raid.

Meanwhile, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Sunday rejected the Turkel Commission's findings, dismissing its conclusions that the IDF soldiers acted in self-defence on the Mavi Marmara.

Erdogan told reporters in Ankara that the Israeli report had "no value or credibility." The Turkish foreign ministry also issued a statement, saying it was "appalled and dismayed" at the findings, which cleared Israel of wrongdoing in the raid.

Turkey has already submitted its report on the raid to the UN panel, blaming the incident entirely on Israel.

Talmud to be translated into Italian

JTA

ROME — The Talmud will be translated into Italian for the first time thanks to an official collaboration between the Italian government and the Italian Jewish community.

A protocol launching "Project Talmud" was signed Jan. 21 in Rome by cabinet ministers, the president of Italy's National Research Council, the president of the umbrella Union of Italian Jewish Communities (UCEI) and Rome's chief rabbi.

The project foresees the translation of the original Aramaic version of the Babylonian Talmud, with commentaries, as well as an introductory volume about the structure, contents and language of the Talmud.

UCEI president Renzo Gattegna said the initiative demonstrated how "the cultural collaboration between state institutions and the reality of Italian Judaism has assumed new awareness and meaningful commitment."

Yad Vashem launches Farsi YouTube channel

JTA

JERUSALEM — Yad Vashem has launched a YouTube channel in Farsi and an expanded version of its Farsi website.

The Farsi YouTube channel launched Sunday contains survivor testimonies, archival footage and minilectures by Holocaust historians on topics such as contemporary antisemitism and what makes the Holocaust a unique historical event.

The comprehensive new website includes a chronological and thematic narrative about the Holocaust with related video, photos, documents and artifacts, as well as frequently asked questions about the Holocaust, a lexicon of terms; online exhibitions, including a multimedia presentation of the Auschwitz Album in Farsi, and stories of Righteous Among the Nations.

Addressing viewers on the YouTube channel, Israeli President Shimon Peres welcomes visitors to the site.

"History is rich in events, but there is one event that is exceptional, which is a watershed. That is the Holocaust, when a cultured nation in an organized manner killed six million people because they were Jews, including a million-and-a-half babies and children," Peres says. "What we suggest is that each of you will see the material, which is based on records and on photos, to understand what happened, and also to be able to tell your own children to beware, not to let history fall again to such a depth, to such shame," he said.

"One of our primary goals is to make credible information about the Holocaust accessible to as wide an audience as possible," said Avner Shalev, chairman of Yad Vashem. "Today, when there is so much disinformation and distortion easily available online, we provide an alternative to anyone who is interested in the truth."

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Iran's regime is 'really a paper tiger'

By ARIE RAIF

If Israel takes military action against Iran, it will be one of the most significant decisions in the history of Israel and the most dangerous.

Iran's nuclear capability is questionable. According to senior Mossad officials during prime minister Ehud Olmert's as well as the current Netanyahu administrations, Iran's goal is primarily to boost its influence in the Muslim world.

Attacking Iran now will drag Israel and the world into an all West-Islam confrontation.

Israel's enemy today is the Iranian regime not the Iranian people. According to a senior Israeli official, "Iran's regime is creating an image of itself as a scary superpower when it's really a paper tiger…"

Iran's "warships" are more than 30 years old. Its combat aircraft, including F-4s, Mirages, F-5s and F-14s, have not flown in years for lack of spare parts, and the army divisions and brigades are so only in name. The Pasdaran revolutionary guards, always described as "elite," walk around as if they have won many a war, but have actually fought only one war, against Iraq, which they lost.

An attack on Iran will lead Israel into a trap that will destabilize the region, eliminate the prospects for a future solution between Israel and its neighbours and will cost more Israeli lives.

Launching a long-range air strike against some 225 hidden targets in Iran entails huge risks and uncertain rewards. The claim that the Iranian people are united in patriotic support for the nuclear program is nonsense.

In the first place, the Iranian people is a complicated national grouping. Out of a population of 70 million, 51 per cent are ethnically Persian and 24 per cent are Turks or Azeris, with other minorities comprising the remaining quarter.

In addition, there is considerable unrest in the country. Many of Iran's 16 to 17 million Turks are in revolt against Persian cultural imperialism. The country's five to six million Kurds have started a serious insurgency. The Arab minority detonates bombs in Ahvaz and Baluch. Tribesmen attack the regimes gendarmes and revolutionary guards. Many of the Persian majority oppose the theocratic regime, either because they have become post-Islamic in reaction to its many prohibitions, or because they are Sufis, whom the regime now persecutes almost as much as it does the small Baha'i minority.

Therefore emphasizing the country's national unity is a myth. But by attacking Iran, Israel might in fact unite the disparate groups.

If – and this is a major if – Iran attains nuclear military capability, will it use this capability?

There are many factors to take into account.

It has realistic fears of a retaliatory or a pre-emptive strike by other nuclear-armed countries. There is a realistic, valid concern over a widespread destabilization of the whole region.

The last Iranian elections – widely considered stolen by the regime from the rightful winners – exposed large cracks in public support for President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's regime. The West must not stir things up in Iran now. Any agitation would only close divided ranks and possibly wipe out the opposition, which has yet to say its final word. The subversive, domestic processes must be allowed to do their work. Outside sources must refrain from interfering under any circumstances.

An Israeli attack would abruptly destroy the opposition and unite the people in support of their leader. Military humiliation would lead to increased support for the ruling ayatollahs.

There is no need to hear the repeated declarations by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his aides (in particular his national security adviser Uzi Arad) to understand that the state of the Iranian regime and the perception of the looming Iranian nuclear threat has become a political tool for the Likud.

According to a U.S. embassy cable released recently by WikiLeaks, a leading expert on Iran advised the United States to use "covert sabotage" rather than military action to destroy the Islamic Republic's nuclear facilities. Citing a January 2010 cable dispatched by U.S. Ambassador Philip Murphy, the *Guardian* reported that Germany's state-funded Institute for Security and International Affairs had told U.S. officials that a policy of sabotage would be "more effective" than a military strike in stopping Iran from developing a nuclear bomb.

According to the cable, Volker Perthes, director of the institute was referring to actions such as "unexplained explosions, accidents, computer hacking, etc." He said they would be more "effective than a military strike, whose effects in the region could be devastating."

Comment

The *Guardian* reported that the cables showed that U.S. officials, including former secretary of state Condoleezza Rice, had "distinctly deferred" to Perthes for guidance on Iran-related matters.

In an interview with the *Guardian*, Perthes confirmed the details of the cable, saying that indeed "'unexplained accidents' or 'computer failures,' etc., are certainly better than military strikes," adding that "a military escalation with Iran must be avoided."

The *New York Times* reported that Israel had tested a computer worm believed to have sabotaged Iran's nuclear centrifuges last year and slowed its ability to develop an atomic weapon. In what the *Times* described as a joint Israeli-U.S. effort to undermine Iran's nuclear ambitions, it said the tests of the destructive Stuxnet worm had taken place over the past two years at the Dimona complex in the Negev desert.

The newspaper cited unidentified intelligence and military experts familiar with Dimona who said that Israel had spun centrifuges virtually identical to those at Iran's Natanz facility, where Iranian scientists are struggling to enrich uranium.

"To check out the worm, you have to know the machines," an American expert on nuclear intelligence told the newspaper. "The reason the worm has been effective is that the Israelis tried it out."

Outgoing Mossad chief Meir Dagan recently stated that the timetable for an Iranian bomb has been pushed back to 2015. There is therefore no present need to send bombers to Natanz. His conclusions may have undermined the preferred views of Netanyahu and his defence minister Ehud Barak.

Support for Israel does not mean blanket approval for its government's polices. One does not show one's love of and support for someone by remaining silent when he or she is doing something counterproductive.

The policies of the government of Israel are distinct from the country and the people of Israel. To be sure, they overlap. But they are not the same.

Israel has been at war every seven years. It replaces its government approximately every two years. Yet it is a country full of life, restless and stronger than its leaders.

The country has suffered 22,570 casualties in its many wars and daily struggles. As the poet Nathan Alterman has written, they are the "silver platter" on which the country has been delivered to its people.

To undermine Iran's threats, Israel should make peace with Syria and the Palestinians. Senior Iranian officials have said that any peace between Israel and the Palestinians would be acceptable to them. This would destroy the basis for Iran's threats. So, why attack?

Are we repeating former U.S. president George W. Bush's stories of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq?

Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored.

We need statesmen who think about the next generation and not politicians who think about the next elections.

Arie Raif is an Israeli political activist and diplomat. In 1974, he was a Liberal party (Miflega Libralit Yisraelit) candidate for the Knesset. He is president of the Peres Center for Peace-Canada.

Israel Briefs

Ross tries to restart talks

Senior White House adviser Dennis Ross arrived in Israel to discuss security arrangements under a possible peace deal with the Palestinians. Ross and David Hale, deputy to Middle East envoy George Mitchell, arrived in Israel last week. They were to meet with Israeli officials to discuss maintaining the country's qualitative military edge in the region under any proposed peace deal, according to a statement issued by the Israeli Prime Minister's Office. Ross was making his third visit to Israel in a month.

Livni cancels S. Africa visit

MK Tzipi Livni cancelled a scheduled trip to South Africa due to a strike by Israel's Foreign Ministry workers, the ministry said. Palestinian activists' groups disputed the reason given by the Foreign Ministry to the South African media, saying the threat of being arrested on war crimes charges for her role in the Gaza war is what made her decide to nix her trip. Livni, Israel's opposition leader and head of the Kadima Party, was slated to visit South Africa at the end of the month as a guest of the Jewish Board of Deputies, the South African Press Association reported. The Media Review Network, a South African group dedicated to dispelling stereotypes about Muslims, told the Press Association that it had instructed its attorneys to secure an arrest warrant in accordance with the Rome statutes, to which South Africa is a signatory, "which obligates all member states to honour their responsibility in the prosecution of war criminals."

Land exchange proposed

Israeli media reported that a pro-Israel U.S. think-tank released proposals that would reconcile allowing a majority of the settlers to stay in place with a Palestinian state through commensurate land swaps. The detailed proposal released by the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, nods to longstanding Palestinian demands for a return to 1967 lines by adhering to one-to-one land swaps. Under the proposal, 68 to 80 per cent of settlers would remain in place, and the Palestinian state would receive Israeli land adjacent to the Gaza Strip, the Sinai Desert and parts of the West Bank.

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Functional training improves balance, strength

FITNESS CORNER
BY FELYCE ZOMPARELLI

A 2009 study in the *Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research* found that people who exercised using functional training methods increased their strength by 58 per cent, improved their balance by 196 per cent and decreased joint pain by 30 per cent.

What is functional training? Why is it important and how can it help us in our daily lives? Functional training is defined simply as any physical activity that trains your body for everyday, real-life situations. Basically, if you want to be able to climb stairs as you age, you must do step-ups. Functional training uses body-weight exercises that teach your muscles to work together as a team, which enables you to move freely and avoid injury.

Originally developed and used by physiotherapists to restore strength and response to the body after injury, functional training can be performed by anyone at any fitness level and will increase range of motion, strength, ability and balance.

Traditional isolated training such as seated exercises or movements involving single muscles, such as bicep curls, doesn't require core muscles to stabilize. Weak core muscles lead to poor balance, posture and back pain.

Isolation exercises increase muscle mass and strength by fatiguing individual muscles, but they don't teach the muscles to work together. Therefore, isolation exercises are not very effective in strengthening our ability to do everyday activities, such as lifting, bending or both. Functional training emphasizes the body's ability to move in the way we were designed to move.

For instance, if you want to continue to get out of a chair without help, squat. It helps train your muscles to work together as a team to increase strength, co-ordination and balance.

Functional exercises are tailored to your daily activities or sports interest and can be done anywhere without equipment. (If you've never exercised before, make sure you consult your doctor and hire a professional to help you.)

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'Bear' adviser tells clients to invest overseas

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

At a time when many analysts and money men are predicting good times ahead for investors in the United States and Canada, one prominent bear is sounding a note of caution. Actually, it's more like a shout than a gentle warning and more of a prediction of doom and gloom than a gentle hint to take care.

Peter Schiff is a Connecticut-based economist and investment guru who is telling his clients to take their money and put it abroad: in emerging markets, Asia, parts of Europe – the countries with sound financial structures – pretty much anywhere but the United States.

Peter Schiff

For all the fiscal stimulus, monetary easing and stable tax rates that have other analysts drooling, the United States is going down, he believes.

"The U.S. economy is in major trouble and getting worse every day, and the government is interfering every day, stimulating artificially and making it worse," he said.

Canada has imported some of the Americans' "irresponsible monetary policy" [of low interest rates], with the risk of inflation picking up in the future as well.

Schiff, CEO and chief global strategist of Euro Pacific Capital Inc., a brokerage based in Westport, Conn., was in Toronto recently to launch the firm's Canadian office.

A regular presence on U.S. business programs, Schiff also hosts an online radio show and is author of four books, including the 2007 *Crash Proof: How to Profit From the Coming Economic Collapse*. A follower of the Austrian school of economics, Schiff favours free enterprise, reduced regulation, limited government intervention in the economy and letting the market take its course.

He believes government interventions of the past couple of years designed to head off an economic catastrophe are completely wrongheaded. In fact, he said, they're going to make the problem worse. What's needed instead is for the government to get out of the way and allow a recession to correct all the misallocations of capital and overspending.

Though the stock markets in both the United States and Canada have soared since their lows of mid-2009 (the Dow is up about 79 per cent since then, though still off by double digits from its all time high), "there's no recovery. That's why it's jobless," he said. "The economy is not getting better, because we're spending more borrowed money. That makes gross domestic product [GDP] go up, but it actually means it's getting sicker. We'll need to pay it back with interest and that's when the trouble arises."

Being a bear in a bull environment is nothing new for Schiff. In 2006, he sounded a warning about the housing bubble and its deleterious effect on all manner of consumer credit. He warned against owning financial institutions, which he called "toxic."

A regular on a number of American business shows on Fox, CNBC and Bloomberg Television, he was subjected to plenty of ridicule from experts who predicted sunny skies ahead when he was forecasting disaster.

On one episode of CNBC's *Kudlow & Company*, he made the case, far in advance of the recession, that a major downturn was coming because Americans were doing too much consuming and borrowing and not enough producing and saving.

Eventually, he predicted, consumers, who accounted for 70 per cent of GDP, would spend less and save more, especially "when they see their home equity evaporate."

That's a pretty accurate representation of what eventually transpired, though at the time, fellow panellists scoffed at him and chuckled on air at his apparent outlier beliefs.

His prognosis at the time: "The disease is all this debt-financed consumption. The cure is that we stop consuming and start saving and producing again. And that is a recession. Sometimes medicine tastes bad, but you've got to swallow it."

Now, several quarters after the economies of Canada and the United States went from contraction to slow growth, many advisors and analysts are predicting a good year ahead for the stock markets in Canada and the United States. Schiff, however, isn't buying it. Stock prices are going up, he acknowledged, but that's because of all the loose money being inserted into the economies that drives prices up. In the United States, he continued, the dollar continues to erode, making all gains merely paper gains, as the dollar's purchasing power goes down.

With quantitative easing – the Fed's insertion of hundreds of billions of dollars created by their printing presses – inflation will result, he said. "Inflation is already here. It's just a question of recognizing the fact."

But aren't inflation rates in Canada and the United States still only around two per cent or less he's asked.

"The government's way of tracking inflation is flawed," he replied. The government underestimates inflation to produce "the illusion that it is lowering it so people think it's doing better than it is."

What you'll see by next year, he continued, is a yield of more than six per cent on 10-year government bonds (3.33 per cent last week), reflecting inflationary pressures.

"The United States is now a drag on the world because we spend too much and borrow too much."

As for Canadian investors, "there's a lot less risk in the Canadian market, but I still think it makes sense to diversify overseas." He is advising his Canadian clients to "have some exposure to agriculture, mining and oil," and other resource and commodity stocks, particularly abroad.

When the U.S. "implodes," that will put Canadian investors in a better position to ride out the storm, he suggested.

Intel to produce next generation chip in Israel

JTA

JERUSALEM — U.S. chip-maker Intel Corp. will invest $2.7 billion (all figures US) to upgrade its plant in southern Israel.

The Kiryat Gat plant will start producing the next generation of 22-nanometre chips in December, Intel announced last week.

The investment in upgrading the plant includes a $210-million grant from the Israeli government.

Intel also will be hiring 1,000 new workers for the new production line. It will be the second plant in the world to manufacture the new chips.

The company already employs more than 7,000 people in Israel. In October, Intel said it would invest up to $8 billion to develop and fabricate its first 22-nanometre processors, known as "Ivy Bridge." The Ivy Bridge design will be what's known as a process shrink – an existing design manufactured on a finer manufacturing process, with a corresponding cut in power or increase in clock speed – of the upcoming "Sandy Bridge" chip, *PC Mag.com* reported.

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Casino Jack is smart, sassy and sardonic

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

George Hickenlooper's *Casino Jack* riotously traces the downfall of the savvy political lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

The film, which opens in Toronto Jan. 28, is smart, sassy and sardonic, examining the baneful influence of lobbyists in Washington, D.C.

Abramoff, a born-again modern Orthodox American Jew who was born into a wealthy family in Atlantic City, was the ultimate lobbyist, a staunch Republican who ingratiated himself with members of the U.S. Congress and had direct access to the White House.

A fast-talking, charming corner-cutting operative known for his bang-on celebrity impressions, Abramoff took a great fall when he was caught up in a scandal. Convicted of defrauding U.S. Indian tribe casinos and corrupting public officials, he was sentenced to a six-year term in a federal prison.

Kevin Spacey, in a brilliant performance, portrays the roguish, ethically challenged wheeler-dealer, who was recently released from jail. He has plenty of juicy material to work with, thanks to Norman Snider's first-rate screenplay, which is inspired by real events.

Hickenlooper, who died shortly after finishing the movie, directs it with wit and panache. He has a cynical attitude to U.S. domestic politics, and judging by the sharp and sleazy characters who inhabit *Casino Jack*, his approach is justifiable.

Kevin Spacey turns in a brilliant performance in *Casino Jack*.

In the film, Abramoff lobbies hard for U.S. garment manufacturers based in the Mariana Islands who blatantly flout American labour laws and for Indian tribes seeking to protect their gambling interests through tax evasion.

Paid an unconscionably exorbitant fees to service their accounts, Abramoff is portrayed as an observant Jew and dedicated family man who bought influence in Washington by means of payoffs to well-placed politicians, including the powerful Tom DeLay, the former House of Representatives majority leader who once described Abramoff as "one of his closest and dearest friends."

Abramoff's partner in crime, Michael Scanlan (Barry Pepper), a showman par excellence, shares his appetite for razzle-dazzle deal-making.

Apart from courting pols such as DeLay, who was recently convicted of money laundering, Abramoff associated with a less-than-honest businessman, who is played robustly by Jon Lovitz. A disbarred lawyer who sells mattresses, he is so shady that Abramoff's long-suffering wife (Kelly Preston) urges her husband to cut him loose.

The late Canadian actor, Maury Chaykin, in a cameo role, depicts a rumpled Italian American hitman hired to rub out a recalcitrant Greek American gambler who rebels when he discovers he has been fleeced by one of Abramoff's loutish associates.

Although *Casino Jack* deals with a sober subject in political corruption, it never takes itself too seriously. The sly humour, taking aim at hypocrisy in high places, is omnipresent and entertaining.

But the star of the show is Abramoff, who usually wears a black fedora, kippah or baseball cap. He's a likeable cad, rationalizing lobbying as "American-style democracy in action," buttering up allies on Capitol Hill with fat checks and pretending that tax evasion is merely a "technicality." He also channels tainted funds into a Hebrew school he has established, the Eshkol Academy and Sports Center.

Turfed out by his employer, Abramoff – a former movie producer best known for the low-budget shlock flick *Red Scorpion* – goes to Hollywood to pitch a film, a biblical epic in which Russell Crowe stars as Moses leading his people out of Egypt to the Promised Land.

When his machinations unravel in scandal, he finally admits he was a tad too "greedy" and "let down God." Consigned to prison after his "friends" abandon him, he's forced to admit that a pet like a dog is better than having a "friend" in Washington.

Shot through with wild humour, snappy dialogue and trenchant observations, *Casino Jack* is a stellar feat of filmmaking.

Singer to perform in Israel despite boycott pressure

JTA

R&B and soul-singer Macy Gray will be performing in Israel after all.

After asking her fans on her Facebook status whether to cancel a scheduled concert in Tel Aviv, the singer of the 2000 hit *I Try* said in a Twitter message that she would make it to Israel.

"Dear Israel fans. Me and the band will be there in 20 days. Can't wait. See you then. Peace," read the Twitter message sent last Wednesday night.

On Jan. 17, Gray asked her fans in a Facebook status whether she should cancel scheduled concerts in Tel Aviv "in protest of apartheid against the Palestinians.

"I'm booked for two shows in Tel Aviv. I'm getting a lot of letters from activists urging/begging me to boycott by *not* performing in protest of apartheid against the Palestinians. What the Israeli government is doing to the Palestinians is disgusting, but I wana go. I gotta lotta fans there I don't want to cancel on and I don't know how my not going changes anything. What do you think? Stay or go?" read the Facebook status update.

The status got more than 4,000 responses. Most urged Gray to stay away from Israel and thanked her for supporting the Palestinian cause. Others urged Gray to come and see the situation for herself.

Gray is scheduled to perform in Tel Aviv on Feb. 11 and 12.

Another Facebook page called Macy Gray: Please Cancel Your Show in Israel, established late last year, had more than 307 likes.

Gray performed in Israel in 2008 and 2009. She also performed in Caesarea in 2000.

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Play examines the cost of denying one's identity

By DAVID SILVERBERG
Special to The CJN

What does it mean to be Jewish? How does our identity define us? These are some of the heady questions raised in *Eternal Hydra*, co-produced by Crow's Theatre, and opening at Factory Theatre tonight.

Written by Toronto playwright Anton Piatigorsky, *Eternal Hydra* follows a fictional book written by Gordias Carbuncle, the pseudonym of an Irish Jewish writer who lived in Paris in the 1930s. A modern-day academic finds this manuscript and brings it to her publisher. One of the publisher's other writers is interested in the find as well, because her new novel features Carbuncle as a main character.

From this launching point, other narratives begin to blossom, shuttling the audience from 1930s Paris to Civil War-era New Orleans.

In an interview, Piatigorsky, 38, says Judaism plays a role in the play. "Carbuncle has abandoned his Judaism, and he's tried to hide it and obscure it from himself and other people," he says.

"This play examines the costs and effects of denying your own identity." He adds how antisemitism also surfaces in the production, saying, "It affects the personality and problems faced by this Jewish writer in the '30s and is used as point of comparison between the black experience."

The question of identity is not only pointed at Jewish characters but also at the black author who wrote about Carbuncle.

Anton Piatigorsky

Eternal Hydra is structured like a detective story with suspense to keep the audience hooked, the playwright says. Flashes of humour add some necessary levity, too, he adds. "All the characters are obsessive people, and very quickly their obsessions become funny and make them do and say irrational things in absurd situations."

Piatigorsky first wrote the play as a one-act production in Stratford in 2002, inspired by "big modernist books written by James Joyce," he says. He began thinking about the personalities behind the writer, and the historical circumstances involved in creating such weighty novels. He infused the play with research he conducted on 1866 New Orleans and 1930s Paris, making sure the dialogue and mannerisms of each era were reflected accurately in the play's flashbacks.

He later brought the play to Toronto's Buddies in Bad Times Theatre in 2009, where it earned four-star reviews and was lauded for its balance – several asides provided enough humour to temper the denser themes coursing through the play, one reviewer noted.

Piatigorsky says the play's message resonates with him strongly. "There are questions about what rights does a writer have to a story, and that's something I've thought about with my own writing."

And what should the audiences be left with after watching *Eternal Hydra*? "They should leave with a heightened sense of the complexity of the moral issues surrounding ownership and identity."

As heavy as that sound, Piatigorsky says "it's also a lot of fun, too."

Eternal Hydra runs from tonight to Feb. 12 at Factory Theatre, 125 Bathurst St. For box office information, call 416-504-9971.

The Montreal rapper behind iPad commercial riff

By ROBERT COLLINS
Special to The CJN

You've heard that insistent piano riff that accompanies the ever-present iPad TV commercial?

That's the creation and latest triumph of Montreal's Chilly Gonzales, whose real name is Jason Beck.

He is a rapper and comedian, and also happens to be a virtuoso pianist. His bestselling album remains 2004's all-instrumental *Solo Piano*.

His latest album, *Ivory Tower*, is partnered by a movie of the same name that he co-wrote. The film recreates the movie *Rocky* in the world of tournament chess. He's come a long way since launching himself as the sole Berlin-based Jewish-Canadian rapper.

"Calling myself a Jewish rapper had a nice ring to it," he says. "It carries with it a lot of cultural weight. We can argue about whether it's appropriate, or funny or poetic, but it gets a reaction. It's not my job to argue one way or another. It's my job to start arguments."

Perhaps Gonzales' most striking argument is that what he's doing isn't art, but entertainment. And for an entertainer, he can come across as taking himself overly seriously, whether he's discussing his Guinness World Record for longest solo performance in May 2009 or his well-publicized piano battle with American punk rocker and entertainer Andrew WK that same year.

"To me, being competitive is the most dramatic way to differentiate my approach from most people in the world of hipster music, for lack of a better term. I look for things to make me different," Gonzales says.

"I'm a Guinness World Record holder. That tells people I'm competitive, and I have a prodigious musical memory. I played 222 songs in 27 hours, and I got better as time went on."

The paradox of being a brilliant musician who's also a talented self-marketer isn't lost on Gonzales. It's all part of the creative entertainment process.

"I have an ability to imagine myself through the audience in front of me. The act of marketing, which is a creative fun thing, is a way to pre-emptively say things that people could say about you. Anything an audience can think about me, I've already thought of it. No one can ever accuse me of being self-indulgent or doing it for myself. That's what defines an entertainer rather than an artist," Gonzales says.

"I'm not against artists. Some of my best friends are artists! But you haven't heard of them. And the reason is they don't care. The reason I'm talking to you is because I care what people think. Someone who doesn't care what people think wouldn't bother doing an interview or a concert. That's a real artist, the real deal. That's what everyone else pretends to be. People become entertainers the minute they try to communicate. You can't say you care what people think but only to a certain degree so you can live from what you do. That's selfish."

The independent movie *Ivory Tower*, which premièred last year at the Locarno Film Festival in Locarno, Switzerland, may introduce Chilly Gonzales to entirely new audiences. Early signs are more than promising.

"We won second prize and came within an inch of winning first prize," he says. "It appears that the freshness of our rule breaking edged out the sloppiness of that rule breaking. We've fooled people on this one."

Gonzales stars in the movie along with other Canadian singers Feist and Peaches and Montreal DJ Tiga Sontag.

It's about two chess-loving brothers who fight over the chessboard and a woman.

"Chess is one of those areas, like jazz music or religion, where you can really run your life around the rituals of its little world. It's a good starting point to talk about self-indulgent, naive, purist expression versus cold, hard, capitalist revenge fantasy pragmatism. The movie talks about those two things."

Gonzales, who currently lives in France, is on the road a lot performing mostly in Europe. "What works best for me is going out and playing live. That's why I do between 100 and 150 shows a year. That's what I'm an expert at," he says.

"[But] to be a uniquely live phenomenon, a comedian playing live at festivals, isn't what I want. For better or worse, making albums is where I need to be."

Chilly Gonzales

CYNTHIA OZICK, GAL BECKERMAN TAKE TOP HONOURS AT AMERICAN NATIONAL BOOK AWARDS

God bless book awards. Like showy spectacles such as the Oscars or the Golden Globes, they shine a spotlight on worthy books that otherwise might not get all of the attention they deserve.

The American National Jewish Book Awards, which are given out annually by the U.S.-based Jewish Book Council, recently announced its winners for 2010. Topping the list is American novelist-essayist **Cynthia Ozick**, who reaped a Lifetime Achievement Award for her many works of fiction and criticism. Ozick's most recent novel is *Foreign Bodies* (2010).

Journalist **Gal Beckerman** won the Jewish Book of the Year Award for *When They Come For Us, We'll Be Gone: The Epic Struggle to Save Soviet Jewry*, which chronicles the campaign to obtain freedom for Jews in the former Soviet Union.

Other winners in various categories include *The Rebbe: The Life and Afterlife of Menachem Mendel Schneerson*, by **Samuel Heilman** and **Menachem Friedman**; **Martin Fletcher**'s *Walking Israel*; **David Grossman** for his translated novel *To the End of the Land*; **Ruth Harris** for *Dreyfus: Politics, Emotion and the Scandal of the Century*; **David B. Ruderman** for *Early Modern Jewry: A New Cultural History*; and **Isa Aron**, **Steven M. Cohen**, **Lawrence Hoffman** and **Ari Kelman** for *Sacred Strategies: Transforming Synagogues from Functional to Visionary*.

Hillel Halkin also won for *Yehuda Halevi*, as did **Pauline Wengeroff** for *Memoirs of a Grandmother: Scenes from the Cultural History of the Jews of Russia in the 19th Century*. The awards ceremony takes place March 9 in New York.

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Broadway and Yiddish Gems: Toronto-born singer-cantor **Deborah Staiman**, who has served congregations in New Jersey and Florida and given performances around the world, is presenting a concert, Cabaret of Love Songs, featuring Broadway and Yiddish theatre gems by **Irving Berlin**, **Rodgers & Hart**, **Kurt Weill** and others.

The Annex Live, 296 Brunswick Ave. Sunday, Feb. 6, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The first 50 people to book in advance will receive a free copy of her new CD, *Mosaic*. Tickets $20 in advance, $25 at the door. 416-483-9532, www.singingstudio.ca

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At the Miles Nadal JCC

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• Critic **Mark Clamen** presents "Jews on Contemporary TV," a lecture with TV clips. Sunday, Jan. 30, 11 a.m. $9 drop-in, includes light refreshments. 416-924-6211, ext. 606.

• Israel's Save a Child's Heart Foundation presents Sing Your Heart Out. Al Green Theatre, Sunday, Jan. 30, 9:30 a.m. $20 or $65 for family of four. 416-324-9113. www.algreentheatre.ca

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Arts in Brief

• **David Seidler**'s brilliant screenplay of the film *The King's Speech* is available for reading on the Internet at www.deadline.com. (Do a search using the keyword "Seidler.") The site, Deadline Hollywood, is a good source of insider news about the entertainment industry in New York, London and Hollywood.

•Amicus Productions presents **Neil Simon**'s award-winning play *Barefoot in the Park*. Fairview Library Theatre, Jan. 27 to Feb. 5. $20, $18, $10. 416-860-6176.

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At the Galleries

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• *Expansion*, an exhibition of works by **Julie Gladstone**, has been on view all this month at Grateful Head, a hair salon at 1006 Dundas St. W. An artist's reception takes place Thursday, Jan. 27, 7 to 10 p.m.

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Barney's Version's acid satire softened in the movie

The recent release of a film adaptation of Mordecai Richler's *Barney's Version*, alongside the resurgence of interest in the novel and Richler's writing life, position him at the pinnacle of the Canadian Jewish literary tradition.

A surprising outcome this, considering his comments in a London-based 1961 interview regarding the needlessness, not only of a Canadian writing life but of Canada itself. "Nobody's quite sure what our culture is," he told his CBC interviewer, "or indeed if we have a national culture." It was time, in Richler's view, to "join the United States and stop defying the logic of politics and geography."

In retrospect, one can see that such provocative views attracted interest to Richler's work throughout his career. This stance was his version of a countercultural view, since he tended to dismiss the broader counterculture. He was unmoved by the student movement, by Toronto's Yorkville folk music scene, or by the rise of leftist anti-Americanism in response to the Vietnam War. Nor did he find common cause with the rise of feminism or post-structuralism in the 1970s and '80s.

A decade after his death in 2001, Richter has come into his own as a national icon, a part of the mainstream cultural industry and pop culture that he lampooned in early novels like *Cocksure* and *The Incomparable Atuk*. When these books came out in the 1960s, Canadian national identity was feeling its oats and neither made much of an impact.

Ironically, *Barney's Version* (Random House) returns to a similar kind of fun-making and eye-poking – mass culture and Canadian cultural authorities come in for repeated drubbing – but Canadian readers since the novel's publication have been willing to take it on the chin and laugh.

Richler's Barney Panofsky, before the edges were softened by cinema, is a tart curmudgeon who shares many of Richler's own dislikes. Barney directs jibes at "mediocrity's holy trinity: the Canada Council, the Ontario Arts Council, and the City of Toronto Arts Council." Toronto is presented familiarly, as a tight-laced no-fun zone. Arriviste Westmount Jews, late in life, wear laquered hair, designer gear and talk like faux British lords and ladies. Student rebels are pampered, their mommas on the fringe of demonstrations with warm sweaters and cocoa. Westerners who write letters to CBC shows are boobs (Edmonton, Richter famously quipped, is the "boiler room" of the country) with vapid, sentimental memories.

In a book that depicts the enduring charms of family and street life in Montreal, Barney cannot resist a detailed description of the early '40s, when a "merry throng... marched down the Main... smashing plate-glass windows in Jewish shops and chanting, 'Kill them! Kill them!"

Like Richter over the course of his career, Barney returns repeatedly to Auden, Spender and Yeats for wisdom. As voices from a wiser and sadder time, these poets' words support Barney's characterization of the "young today" as historyless and privileged. Writers representative of youth culture in the postwar era, such as Jack Kerouac and Allen Ginsberg, are mere typers, howlers, lacking the weight and craft of their forebears.

This sort of nostalgic cultural critique haunts previous Richter novels, in particular *St. Urbain's Horseman*, which is arguably a more satisfying read than *Barney's Version*. But in the earlier book these ideals belong to a character – Jake Hersh – whose own insecurities make his views of the past haunting, linked as they are in complicated ways to World War II.

Reviewed by

Norman Ravvin

In Richler's final novelistic take on these themes, readers have tended to take Barney's musings as a ripe and wily cultural critique that stands on its own terms. In Italy, "Barneyano" – the spirit and form of Barney's wit and politically incorrect views – has been celebrated by journalists as a position from which to lampoon contemporary foibles.

To make the movie adaptation of the novel travel, much of the narrative's local colour had to be erased. Montreal itself is present, but the Quebec-related commentary is entirely gone to ensure an audience in the United States, where Quebec separatism is not a hot sell. And Paul Giamatti's portrayal of Barney is less Falstaffian, less roguish than Richler's character. In the movie, Barney is a generation younger, so his nostalgia is necessarily for a different time and place. The core of the novel, according to the film's screenwriter, is a love story, and surely this is a key aspect of the book – Barney's touchingly deep respect and care for his third wife, Miriam.

It is serendipitous for Richler's legacy that his often acid satire is softened and transformed into a more generic story of love lost and then pined after. Richler's career followed this route, as he stood out first as the country's critic-in-chief, became a cultural icon before he died, after which he has been fondly remembered. The late-career creation, Barney Panofsky, fits the way many readers want to remember Richter himself.

Norman Ravvin's new novel is The Joyful Child, *from Gaspereau Press. He is chair of the Concordia Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies.*

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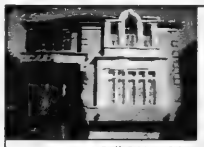

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Suicide bombing bill passed

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

A private member's bill that explicitly includes suicide bombings in the Criminal Code has received royal assent and awaits government proclamation.

Bill, S-215, championed by former senator Jerry Grafstein and shepherded through parliament by Senator Linda Frum and MP Kelly Block, passed six years after it was first introduced.

It's a "made in Canada solution to a problem that is plaguing western countries... Its effect is far-reaching," Grafstein said.

The bill, the first of its kind anywhere, will criminalize any action that assists or promotes suicide attacks, including recruiting bombers and inciting the crime. "So, if you justify suicide bombing under a religious code, that would offend the criminal law," he said.

As the bill proceeded through the Senate and House of Commons, it found support from a broad cross-section of Canadians, including five former prime ministers. Jean Chrétien, Kim Campbell, Paul Martin, Joe Clark and John Turner all backed the bill through a support group called Canadians Against Suicide Bombing (CANASB). They were joined by other prominent political figures such as Ed Broadbent, former NDP leader; Roy McMurtry, former chief justice of Ontario; Ralph Klein, former premier of Alberta, and Preston Manning, former Reform Party leader, as well as many others.

Jerry Grafstein

Grafstein said the law goes beyond providing law enforcement officials with another tool against terrorists. "The purpose of the criminal law is not just to put people in jail if they break the law," he said, "but to act as an educational tool for the public to move it to a different standard of conduct."

The bill received all-party support, indicating there is broad consensus to explicitly make suicide bombing "unacceptable" in Canadian society, Grafstein said.

During its long voyage through parliamentary committees and hearings, concern was raised that a conflict might develop between the criminal law and religious freedom. Passage of the bill puts that argument to rest, Grafstein believes.

"You can't have a religious defence for advocating suicide bombing. Not in Canada."

CANASB vice-president Salim Mansur said the bill gives the government the legal basis to go after the entire organizational structure of those who advocate suicide bombing.

Mansur, a professor of political science at the University of Western Ontario, said the bill "became a test case of where Canada stands in dealing with this kind of horrendous activity. The fact is we are also on the radar of Al Qaeda" and its local supporters, such as the Toronto 18, the group that planned to bomb a number of Toronto targets and behead the prime minister.

As if to reinforce the case for the bill, last week police arrested an Edmonton man, Sayfildin Tahir Sharif, on allegations he orchestrated 2009 suicide bombings in Iraq that claimed the lives of American soldiers. The arrest was made pursuant to an extradition request from the U.S. government, not under the new law.

Mansur said the all-party support for the bill sends the message that Canadians will take a stand "and send the message to those people who want to harm us."

"We're the only country in the world that put onto the books a law that names the problem and that can hopefully be a model for other countries," he added.

Grafstein said he planned to contact legislators in the United States to see if there's an appetite to push for a change to U.S. law to specifically criminalize suicide bombing. He'll then take his effort to other Commonwealth jurisdictions, starting with Britain.

Shul attacks went unreported

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The committee "did not want to pre-empt them," he said.

Additionally, there was concern over triggering copycat incidents and handing a "victory to the vandals" by generating publicity, but that changed after the Jan. 16 vandalism due to the "cumulative effect" of having several incidents take place since September 2009.

On Jan. 16 this year, three synagogues and a school in Cote St. Luc, one synagogue in Hampstead, and another synagogue in NDG – the Shaare Zedek, discovered only the next day – were hit between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m., all with single rocks thrown through their windows.

All the targets were within a few minutes drive of one another.

Police were expecting to be able to confirm the sequence of this year's attacks based on video evidence.

The story quickly "went viral" around the world. B'nai Brith Canada described the vandalism as a "wave of attacks on Jewish institutions" and said it summoned up memories of the 2004 firebombing of the United Talmud Torahs school in St. Laurent.

But Bissonnette said while the vandalism of synagogues could be a potential hate crime, once an arrest is made, "we will know for sure.

"We will know that only when we have all the facts."

Bissonnette said police had planned to wrap up "most of its investigation" of the Jan. 16 attacks by last Friday, with the odds of making an eventual arrest hinging on being able to clarify surveillance camera images enough to see the face of the perpetrator and confirm his car's model and year.

Bissonnette said there was still no evidence to indicate that the attacks this year, despite being co-ordinated and planned, were the work of an organized group "with a particular cause," since no one has claimed responsibility or left behind any notes at the scenes to that effect.

Bissonnette said solving the case is a priority. Officers from Station 9 have extensively interviewed those living in the neighbourhood of the institutions hit, as well as municipal workers and anyone else who might have seen or heard something in the early morning of Jan. 16, a particularly cold night when people tended to stay inside.

The station also has its own detective focusing on the case and is using its own "specialist" to get more detailed images from the surveillance video – a challenge, Bissonnette said, given the nighttime darkness at the time of the vandalism.

Police have also been in constant and close consultation with relevant police stations – such as PDQ 11 in NDG and PDQ 26 on Decarie Boulevard – and with community and security officials at Quebec Jewish Congress (QJC), Federation CJA and B'nai Brith.

The Jewish community entered a more heightened state of alert in the wake of the vandalism. Police boosted patrols around synagogues in Cote St. Luc, Hampstead, and Notre Dame de Grâce and met with synagogue and Jewish school officials. As well, teachers were asked to review lock-down procedures with students.

Bissonnette said that while there was an understandable sense of trauma felt by the Jewish community, some solace could be taken from the fact the attacks were against buildings and not people.

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After a workout, what's better than a nice nosh?

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

Is there any group of finely tuned, elite athletes that doesn't like to end a strenuous workout with a little nosh.

Maybe a little tuna salad, some home-cooked potatoes, a bagel with shmeer. How about a nice cup of coffee to round it out? After all, you need energy to keep your physique in fighting trim.

OK, so no one will mistake any of the participants at the Bloor Y's monthly breakfast shmooze-arama for Olympic-calibre athletes. They may not even be the best sportsman or woman on their street. But who cares? The food is good, and the camaraderie is even better.

One Tuesday a month, except in the summer, about 30 to 40 members of the Miles Nadal Bloor Jewish Community Centre get together after their morning workouts for breakfast and a shmooze. It's a tradition that's been going on "for decades," said Harvey Kolodny, whose efforts pull the whole thing together.

Although Kolodny, a retired professor at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management, can't pinpoint exactly when the breakfasts began, they evolved out of a tradition in the centre's men's health club. A bunch of guys used to gather Sunday mornings, play cards, have breakfast and discuss pressing issues of the day, sometimes in the steam room. Women were eventually allowed in, "after warning the men to put their towels on," he said.

Those were the days when participants "used to give out awards" as well as commemorative T-shirts.

"We gave out weight awards called 'piggies' for those who didn't meet their weight targets," Kolodny explained.

Sometimes, in the spirit of neighbourliness and, no doubt with the welfare of the overweight sportsmen in mind, "we wrote letters to their wives explaining that their husbands were piggies," Kolodny said.

Why the women wanted to become party to these hijinks remains unclear, but eventually the Sunday morning shmooze-fest developed into a fully gender neutral event.

Kolodny believes opening up the breakfasts to a wider range of members "created a more social atmosphere. I know a lot of people on a first-name basis now," he said.

Eleanor Levine loves the monthly gatherings. A member of the JCC for 37 years, she lives a 10-minute walk away, allowing her to attend as many as six times a week.

Her routine includes a workout, "but in all honesty I spend as much time in the shower and socializing as in the gym," she said.

"There is a group of women who come first thing in the morning, who get together for their workouts from 7:15 to 8:15. By 8:45, we're in the Second Cup [part of the centre] having coffee, and then we go to work."

She loves the monthly breakfasts. "It's a very welcoming place," she said.

Unlike Levine, who lives nearby, Annette Segal faces a daunting journey to get to the JCC. For the past 20 years, for five days a week, she's gotten in her car at 7 a.m. for a 45-minute drive that starts out at Bayview and John in Thornhill.

For years until she retired recently, she worked at King and Bay streets, so the JCC was on her route. She still makes the trip. "My family all think I'm nuts."

Despite what they think, "I can't give up this place."

She enjoys the sense of community at the centre. "If you're not around for two or three days, someone calls to see if you're alright," she said.

Friendships and confidences develop in the women's dressing room.

"We all talk, and if you have a problem, you can bring it here. They'll all help you," she said. "It's a support system. They'll help you with everything, except the names of their cleaning ladies."

At 81, Coleman Bernstein is one of the more senior members of the centre, which he first joined some 35 years ago. He's at the JCC on average four times a week, where he walks the treadmill and rides a stationary bike.

The place has changed a lot since he first joined, with a lot of the members now not being Jewish, he said.

Bernstein, who also runs the chapel – a lovely room on the third floor dedicated to his brother, Michael, killed in action during World War II – chats up the members to ensure there's a minyan every Thursday and Sunday.

Like the others, he enjoys the monthly breakfasts. "I see the buddies I've known for years," he said.

Miles Nadal JCC members at a recent breakfast get together included, from left, Harvey Kolodny, Annette Segal, Eleanor Levine, Coleman Bernstein and JCC general manager Karen Turack.

A TALL GUEST: Sacramento Kings' Omri Casspi was the special guest at a recent UJA Federation of Greater Toronto/El Al Canada event where he schmoozed with students from UJA's Kachol Lavan supplementary school and Tzofim Israeli Scouts. Casspi is the first Israeli to play in the NBA.

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Students live in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem during gap year

By CARA EDELL
Special to The CJN

If you're a Jewish young adult looking for a meaningful, life-changing experience filled with fun, learning and self-discovery, then Aardvark Israel is for you.

Aardvark Israel was founded in Feb. 2010 by Keith Berman and Debbie Goldsmith to maximize the number of young Jews coming to Israel. With more than 150 years of combined experience in Zionist educational endeavours, the staff of Aardvark provide a dynamic and exciting program that allows students to connect more deeply with their homeland.

Deena Hassan, recruitment co-ordinator, said Aardvark Israel is a unique program that deserved a unique name.

"We looked at names and youth culture and determined that unusual names were popular – Lady Gaga, *Glee*, *Avatar*," Hassan said.

"Also, we see the aardvark as an animal that is grounded – close to the earth in a way we want to see our students connected to the land of Israel."

The premier program of Aardvark is the Aardvark Israel Gap Year. It's a nine-month university program for students ages 17 to 20. The Aardvark Israel Semester Program offers a five-month option to students ages 18 to 22 who can't spend a full year away from their home campus.

The Aardvark Israel Gap Year combines immersion into Israeli society, service to the community through volunteer work and internships, and learning about Israel and Judaism through formal academic and informal educational encounters.

As a fully accredited university program, students may earn college credit for their coursework.

Hassan said that of the 70 students currently enrolled in Aardvark Israel, 11 are Canadian. In recent years, there has been an upsurge in interest in gap-year and semester programs as high school graduates are being encouraged to invest in personal growth for a year before entering university, she said.

Recent studies have shown that students are better prepared for success in university if they spend a year maturing and learning about themselves after high school, Hassan said.

In this program, students are immersed in Israeli society, serve their communities and learn about Judaism, through internships and field trips.

The Aardvark experience provides a forum for students to decompress, do something different, foster independence and creativity, and prepare for university life.

The Aardvark Israel programs are based out of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Participants live in furnished apartments in desirable neighbourhoods, spending six months in each city.

Students have the opportunity to shop for groceries, cook their meals and clean their apartments under the supervision of qualified counsellors, Hassan said.

"Tel Aviv was just voted by the Lonely Planet [website] as the third-best city in the world to visit. It is such a vibrant, dynamic city, and Aardvark is virtually alone in offering our students a chance to live there."

Hassan said students regularly participate in excursions throughout Jerusalem and Tel Aviv as well as the northern and southern areas of the country.

These field trips include visits to museums, historical sites, a variety of communities and nature reserves. Different excursions are offered to students who have little prior experience in Israel and to those who have previously toured the country.

As part of their responsibilities as participants in the program, Aardvark Israel students are expected to contribute to Israeli society, Hassan said. Between 12 to 16 hours per week are dedicated to internships, community service and volunteer projects.

Students are given a range of choices and are placed at sites that match their interests and skills. Options include working with the ambulance service Magen David Adom, teaching English in schools and helping out in soup kitchens, animal shelters and retirement homes.

"Students interested in career journalism are able to volunteer in media and political think-tanks, which help them formulate their academic interests when they go on to college," said Hassan.

"Similarly, students interested in social justice, environmental causes and special needs learn from each other's experiences and about themselves and how they fit into the bigger Israeli picture."

With programs that include a volunteer portion, students learn the importance of giving back to their community and often see direct results. Once the students return to their university campuses, they will have memories that will positively affect the rest of their lives, she said.

Fundamental to Aardvark Israel's establishment is the commitment to offer programs at affordable prices in order to make high-quality Israel experiences accessible to as many young adults as possible.

All Jewish recent high school graduates and university students are encouraged to apply. For more information, visit www.aardvarkisrael.com.

Aardvark Israel participants volunteer at a soup kitchen in Jerusalem as part of the community service aspect of the program.

My ideal husband's ideal wife

New to Canada

By Nina Shenhav

"Meir's going on and on about dieting," I complain as I take a bite of my doughnut.

We sit, two friends and me, at the coffee shop, shooting the breeze.

"Well," says Sharon, "You did gain some..."

I cut her short. "Not me, Sharon, him. He thinks he's fat, and by the way, thanks a lot!"

Sharon takes a sip of her cappuccino, and Suzy enters the conversation.

"I think Meir looks great. I like my men darkish," she adds, eyes sparkling.

"Easy, girl," I respond. (I love it when I have something someone else wants.)

"Actually, I like my men bald," Sharon says. "There's something charming about bald men." We all agree.

"As for me," says Suzy, "I don't like them so tall. I need to look my men in the eye. I don't want to feel small and vulnerable. And I hate muscles. Too intimidating. If I want a bodyguard, I'll hire one." We all nod.

I smile shyly. "I have a fetish, if you will. I love... fat men."

There, I said it. "I adore big, huge, chubby guys. Give me some fat arms, double chins, and please, please, give me a chubby, soft, hairy, pot belly. Add a Jewish nose, thick glasses and I'm... oh, yeah!"

My friends look at me, shocked. "That sounds like fun," Suzy says as she gently wipes my sweaty forehead.

"Would you like some cold water?" asks Sharon, looking for the waitress.

"I'm fine!" I say, embarrassed.

"I thought we were just being honest."

"Sure, sure," says Sharon. "Are we talking George from *Seinfeld*?" she asks.

"George, Newman, you choose," I reply.

"You're entitled to your own taste. Men like all kinds of women, too. Take my husband, for example," she says.

"No thanks!" I interrupt. (Did you think I'd let her diet remark just slide by?)

"No, seriously," she continues, ignoring my poison. "My husband likes his women short. And I'm not saying that because I'm short, either!"

I agree. "No, you're saying it 'cause he's short."

Suzy chimes in again. "And my hubby? He adores curls!" (She pets her afro dreamily.)

"And my Meir, his ideal woman looks exactly like me!" I chirp.

I return home and tell Meir all about my coffee chat.

"So Suzy said I was her type?" he asks, smiling.

"That's not the point." I say. "The point is that we all have different tastes. Tell me what it is you like in a woman."

"I'm not falling for this one, again," he says. "Last time we had this conversation, you didn't talk to me for a week."

After I assure him it won't happened again, he begins, "OK, let's see... she'd have to be tall, slender yet very busty, blond with long hair, with lush lips and blue eyes."

I push him and slam the bedroom door shut. "OK!" he shouts from behind the door. "No blue eyes. She can have green eyes!"

I'm furious. And I'm not talking to Meir for at least a week!

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1 1/2 c (1/4 lb.) grated sharp cheddar
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1 stick butter
6 tbls flour
5 c milk
6 c (1 lb.) sharp cheddar
1/2 c grated parmesan
2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp pepper
1 lb. elbow macaroni

Melt butter in a saucepan over medium-low heat; stir in flour. Cook stirring, 3 min.; whisk in milk. Bring to a boil, whisking constantly, then simmer, whisking occasionally, 3 min. Stir in cheeses, salt, pepper until smooth. Remove from heat; cover with wax paper

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Sarah Levy, 10-1/2 years old, recently had the opportunity to train for an hour with Canadian tennis pro Aleksandra Wozniak.

Also on the web :

The CJN web/wine columnist Yonatan Sternberg talks about single vineyard wines.

A monument, *Wheel of Conscience*, was unveiled by federal minister Jason Kenney and Daniel Libeskind, an architect of Toronto, and the son of Holocaust survivors at Pier 21 in Halifax.

If you're always searching for delicious pareve recipes, then try *The Kosher Baker: Over 160 Dairy-Free Recipes from Traditional to Trendy* by Paula Shoyer. The book contains a huge selection of pareve recipes for every day or any special occasion.

The CJN introduces web columnist Lauren Aginsky, right, who will write a monthly column, Married with Kids. This month she looks at ethical eating.

Jewish paranoia

Urban Writer

By Avrum Rosensweig

"It's because I'm a Jew isn't it?"

How many times have you sat quietly while one of our local organizations, leaders or community members accused someone of antisemitism or anti-Israel sentiment when, in fact, the motivation of the speaker, writer or non-Jewish leader was anything but?

The situation this month involving the Bay stores and Ahava cosmetics from Israel was a good example of this.

As you might recall, Ahava products were pulled from the Bay's shelves at the same time a virulent anti-Israel group, Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East, was calling for a boycott of Israeli goods.

Ultimately, we learned from Bonnie Brooks, CEO of the Hudson's Bay Company (in a joint statement with the Canada-Israel Committee) that the products weren't selling well and were being re-branded, and, therefore, the chain was curtailing sales, for a while.

The Bay's timing was poor, but clearly there was no anti-Israel motivation in its decision.

And while the shelves were cleared, a well-oiled machine – consisting mainly of hard-right bloggers and others caught in the maelstrom – began to churn. Unresearched communiqués flew through cyberspace, calling for a boycott of the Bay and the destruction of its high-interest-rate credit cards. Individuals and groups such as B'nai Brith accused the chain of caving in to anti-Israel boycotters. Even after statements were made clarifying the situation, B'nai Brith continued to criticize the Bay and said it should consider advertising in B'nai Brith's newspaper to make amends for its bad judgment.

It was embarrassing to the entire Jewish community. It was also wrong.

So we jumped the gun. It happens. In a world of instant communication, in which many don't hesitate for a moment to vilify the Jewish state, one can understand the motivation. But at the end of the day, we sullied the reputation of a chain that has been carrying Israeli products for years.

The Bay stated clearly that it had no interest in joining an anti-Israel boycott, a stance that could have a great impact on other retailers. It did exactly what we expect of it. We screwed up.

So what do we do now as a people that pursues what is just? We apologize. We publicly call for our community members and others to shop at the Bay. As people who know what it's like to be falsely accused, we declare that it's time for our family to buy a new towel set at our local Bay store.

But if we decide that we will stand firm and believe that the Bay is anti-Israel, we are doing a tremendous disservice to the company, and even more so to ourselves. Effectively, we are alienating our allies, blaming our friends and humiliating ourselves by taking a position that stores such as the Bay are guilty even when proven not guilty.

B'nai Brith would have acted in our interest, and done what was right, by being contrite and stating loudly that it misread the situation and responded incorrectly.

When antisemites clash the cymbals of hatred in our ears, we should be grateful that goups such as B'nai Brith exist. They, like Canadian Jewish Congress, do a fine job, mostly. We are fortunate to have them watch out for us.

But when they're wrong about a group, company or person – when someone has no intention of weakening Israel – let's accept that reality and act like menschen.

Shop at the Bay. The company deserves our apology.

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Egyptian protests are Israel's opportunity

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Egypt's revolution is understandably causing anxiety in Israel. The nightmare scenario of a collapse of the Mubarak regime and creation of an Islamic republic across the border has for years haunted Israel's leaders.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke on Sunday of "efforts to maintain stability and security in our region," summing up Israel's change-averse foreign policy.

Israel cannot influence the upheavals in the Arab world, but it must not settle for expressions of concern voiced by anonymous security sources or by seeking refuge behind the worn barricades of "there's no partner for dialogue" and "we always said you can't trust the Arabs." The state would do better to look beyond them and to seek out the hidden opportunity in the disruption of the old regional order. If Netanyahu plays his cards right, he could leverage the fall of neighbouring regimes into a significant improvement in Israel's relations with the United States.

After a few days of indecision, U.S. President Barack Obama rallied to the side of the protesters and publicly distanced himself from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Faithful to his ideology, Obama abandoned America's protégé for vague promises of democracy, but his considerations were also practical: he presumably judged that Mubarak's regime is a lost cause and that it's better to be on the winning side. Obama's position must worry the leaders of Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states, which fear similar uprisings at home and now recognize that the Americans will throw them under the bus.

Obama wants to be popular among the citizens of Arab states at the expense of their leaders, as he tried to do in his Cairo speech some 18 months ago. He is betting that the new regimes will be grateful and will continue to rely on Washington for diplomatic and military support. But he is taking a risk: what if the revolution doesn't stop at the moderate interim stage and keeps going till it reaches Muslim extremism? And what will the United States do in the interim phase, when the Middle East is sunk in uncertainty?

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A group of Jewish and Arab Israelis demonstrated on the weekend in front of the Egyptian embassy in Tel Aviv calling for the downfall of the regime of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. ***Please see related stories on pages 8, 33, 34.*** ***[Flash90 photo]***

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CANADA

CJPAC Heads West

VANCOUVER — The Canadian Jewish Political Affairs Committee (CJPAC) has opened a new Western Canada office and hired a western regional director, the organization announced. Eleanor Johnston, who comes to CJPAC after serving as senior special assistant to federal cabinet minister Peter Kent, began work last week by meeting with community leaders and running programs for students. She was then scheduled to head to Edmonton, where she will be establishing a permanent office, before travelling to Calgary and Winnipeg for additional meetings.

Stelmach Honoured

CALGARY — Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach was honoured as man of the year by B'nai Brith Calgary Lodge No. 18 on the day he announced he would be stepping down at the end of the current legislative session. The award, for Stelmach's 25 years of public service, was given at the chapter's annual Gentleman's Dinner, held last week at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Channel Approved

OTTAWA — The CRTC announced last week that it has approved the channel Jewish Life Television for digital distribution to cable and satellite TV providers. The broadcast regulator received a request to license the channel from Ethnic Channels Group Ltd., a multi-ethnic, third-language broadcaster that currently offers 12 such channels, including the Israeli Network, a 24-hour-a-day Hebrew channel featuring the best of Israeli TV.

WORLD

Honour Defended

LONDON — British author Ian McEwan defended his decision to accept Israel's Jerusalem Prize. McEwan wrote in the *Guardian* Jan. 26 that he has concerns "about Israel and the situation of the Palestinians, which is worse than ever." But he said he would go to Jerusalem to accept Israel's highest literary honour for foreign writers. "I'm for finding out for myself, and for dialogue, engagement, and looking for ways in which literature, especially fiction... can reach across political divides," he wrote. McEwan, author of *Amsterdam* and *Atonement*, was responding to a *Guardian* letter two days earlier by the group British Writers in Support of Palestine, which backs a cultural and economic boycott of Israel. In defending his decision, he invoked previous recipients of the prize – such as Milan Kundera, Susan Sontag and Arthur Miller – which is given biennially to an author whose works exemplify "freedom of the individual in society."

Court Lets Rahm Run

CHICAGO — The Illinois Supreme Court ruled that Rahm Emanuel can run for Chicago mayor.

Rahm Emanuel

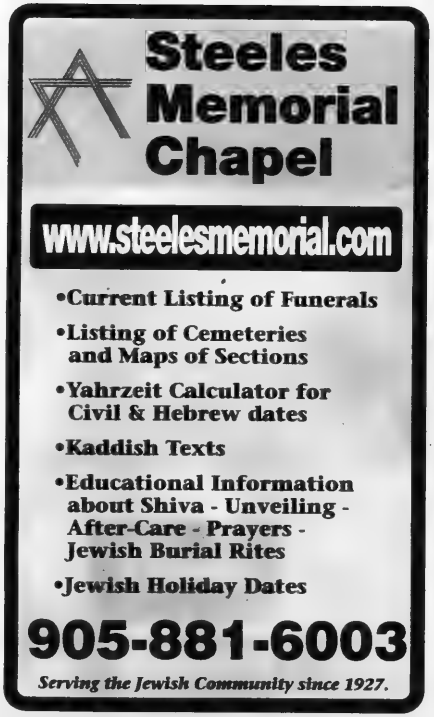
The Jan. 27 ruling overturned a state appellate court decision last week that his name be removed from the ballot because he had not lived in the city for a year before the election, as stipulated by the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners. That ruling was "without any foundation in Illinois law," the Supreme Court decision said.

Emanuel spent the last two years living in Washington, D.C., serving as U.S. President Barack Obama's chief of staff. The ballots are already being printed for the Feb. 22 election. Early voting starts Jan. 31.

A former congressman who also worked in the Clinton White House, Emanuel argued he was exempt under a "national service" exception, and that he maintained ownership of his Chicago home. Two lower bodies, the Board of Election Commissioners and a Cook County court, ruled in his favour. Emanuel, whose father is Israeli, leads in the polls.

Film Delayed

BERLIN — An anti-Israel Turkish movie filmed in part on the flotilla ship Mavi Marmara didn't open in Germany as scheduled. Germany's film-ratings agency said it wouldn't allow *Valley of the Wolves-Palestine* to open Jan. 27 because it hadn't had time to review it. The film was to open on International Holocaust Day and in some 100 countries Jan. 28. The third film in a series, it follows a fictitious hit squad that goes to Israel to kill the planners of last May's Marmara operation.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Google, Yad Vashem team up on photos

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Yad Vashem and Internet giant Google last week launched a high-tech partnership that allows Google surfers to access the Holocaust authority's massive photo database.

In less than a week, Yad Vashem recorded hundreds of thousands of discrete visits to its photo archive as well as tens of thousands of visitors comments, said Avner Shalev, chair of the Jerusalem-based institution.

The project has proven an "overwhelming" success, Shalev said in a telephone interview. "It gives us greater accessibility around the world."

Launched on Jan. 27, International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the program allows web surfers to enter a name "and if there's a photo that names your relative, it takes you to the Yad Vashem archives," Shalev said.

The Google technology also employs optical character recognition, which scans for written text on the photo, increasing the chances of locating relevant pictures.

"This for us is huge progress forward," Shalev said. It makes more photos accessible, and the interactive tool included in the search engine allows people to correct or add to Yad Vashem's records about the individuals in the pictures.

Canadian Betty Eisenstadt tested the technology earlier this week. Six years ago, she donated to Yad Vashem family photos, including one of her parents, Dov and Rachel (Bak). She found the family picture and "is pleased to find out memories of her family will be kept forever," said Yaron Ashkenazi, executive director of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem.

The Canadian Society plans to ask its young leadership division to encourage Canadians to collect Holocaust-era photos to donate to Yad Vashem as a way of preserving their memories, he added.

"As of today, 130,000 photos from Yad Vashem's archive will be viewable in full resolution online. This is a first step toward bringing the vast Yad Vashem archive online over time," Ashkenazi said.

"We're focused on finding new and innovative ways to make the enormous amount of data in our archives accessible and searchable to a global audience," Shalev said. "Google is an integral partner in our mission, as they help us to reach new audiences, including young people around the world, enabling them to be active in the discussion about the Holocaust."

Rachel Elsenstadt, 1938

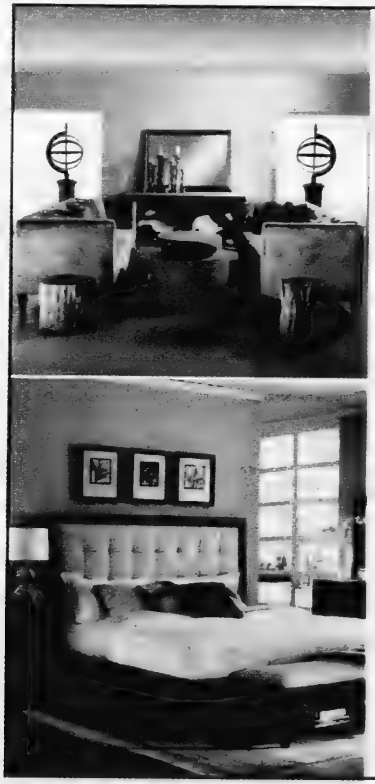
"We're privileged to be able to work with the world's foremost Holocaust archive on this project," said Yossi Matias, director of Google's research and development centre in Israel. "For some time, Google has been working to bring the world's historical and cultural heritage online. The Internet offers a great opportunity to preserve and share important materials stored in archives."

With the success of the program, Yad Vashem is looking to take a next step: "We will continue to upload other parts of our archive, step by step, that will give priority to testimonies. We have tens of thousands of testimonies," Shalev said.

For the past two years, in co-operation with Google, Yad Vashem has offered some of these audio-visual survivor statements in English, Russian, Hebrew and German on YouTube. About a week ago, the centre added a Farsi (Persian)-language version of testimonies that attracted more than 30,000 visitors.

Yad Vashem's survivor testimonies are available at www.youtube.com/yadvashem.

The photographic collection is visible at http://collections.yadvashem.org/photosarchive.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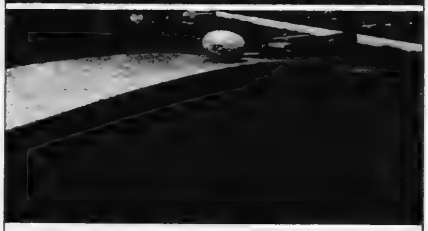

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Murder unsolved

After he was appointed chief of the Imperial General Staff in Great Britain in 1946, Field Marshall Viscount Bernard Montgomery of Alamein made known his unambiguous wishes to crush the Jewish resistance in Palestine.

British historian David Cesarani tells us precisely what Viscount Montgomery had in mind *(see From the Editor's Desk, Jan. 27).*

"All ranks had to realize now that the Jews have flung the gauntlet in our face, they must be utterly and completely defeated and their illegal organizations smashed forever."

But Montgomery's directive is only a small part of the first chapter of Cesarani's powerful book *Major Farran's Hat: Murder, Scandal and Britain's War Against Jewish Terrorism 1945-1948* (Vintage Books). It is part of the stage-setting for the "murder" and the "scandal" that comprise the central theme of his work.

From the editor's desk...

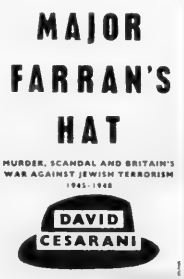
After World War II, the call to establish a free, independent, sovereign homeland for the Jewish People in Palestine became more urgent and more strident. After World War II, however, to the shock and disbelief of most of the free world, Britain altered its policy toward a national home for the Jews in Palestine, effectively giving the Arabs of the Middle East a veto on its establishment.

Not surprisingly, this Realpolitik but cruel shift in British policy caused the yishuv – the Jews who then lived in Palestine – to react with anger. As a further result, the organized Jewish fighting groups in Palestine – the Haganah, Etzel and Lehi (the Stern Gang) – took up arms with greater desperation, frenzy and violence. The British occupying forces in Palestine were attacked with increasing ferocity. This led to more extreme measures on the part of the British, which in turn led to angrier reprisals by the Jewish groups. And thus the cycle was looped in fury, flames and blood.

"At 6:30 on the evening of Tuesday, May 6, 1947, Alexander Rubowitz left his home at 22 David Yelling St. in Mea Shearim... Although he was only 16 years old, Alexander was setting out on a mission for the Lohamei HaHerut b'Yisrael (The Fighters for the Freedom of Israel – Lehi)." His mission was to distribute anti-British posters.

The lad never completed his mission. He was abducted by three men, thrown into a car and taken somewhere into the desert east of Jerusalem toward Jericho, probably around Wadi Kelt. He was interrogated, tortured, killed and his body brutalized.

A hat belonging to one of the abductors was left behind at the scene of the kidnapping. Cesarani tells us that it belonged to Maj. Roy Alexander Farran, a decorated commando, hero and soldier of World War II. Along with other commandos and experts in unconventional warfare, Farran was sent to Palestine at the height of the bloody insurrection against British rule there to seek out, fight and thwart the Jewish underground.



In painstaking detail, Cesarani recreates the events of the murder of Rubowitz and the apprehension, trial and acquittal of Farran for that murder.

Along the way, of course, he describes and analyzes Britain's colonial policies in Palestine and especially its misguided and ultimately disastrous decision to introduce stealth, commando, thuggish warfare against the Jews of Palestine. "The scandal that erupted around [this decision] shook the British Mandate to its foundations and helped erode whatever legitimacy remained for British rule," Cesarani writes.

Whatever happened to Farran?

He immigrated to Canada in 1950, settled in Calgary and died in 2006.

The following was part of the obituary that appeared in the June 13, 2006, edition of the *Calgary Herald.*

"With bagpipe music filling the air, a military guard led a procession sprawling over 10 blocks, from the church to the cemetery, where pallbearers carried former Maj. Roy Alexander Farran to his final resting place...

"Close to 1,000 people – including military representatives from France, Italy and Britain – and 120 Canadian soldiers attended the service... that was every bit as grand as the man himself.

"A decorated war hero, an accomplished newspaperman and a memorable politician, Alberta's former solicitor general was remembered by many as a remarkable man of audacious spirit and great humour."

To this day, no-one knows where Rubowitz is buried, if indeed he was buried, anywhere, in the barren, rock-strewn hills between Jerusalem and Jericho. Only a blue plaque marks the spot in Jerusalem where the 16-year-old boy was abducted 64 years ago and where Farran lost his hat.

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EXPLORING EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

An estimated 150 parents explored Jewish day school options for their children at last week's Jewish Education Info Night, held Jan. 27. The event, hosted by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's Centre for Jewish Education, took place at the Lipa Green Centre for Jewish Community Services. Representatives were on hand from 13 Jewish day schools.

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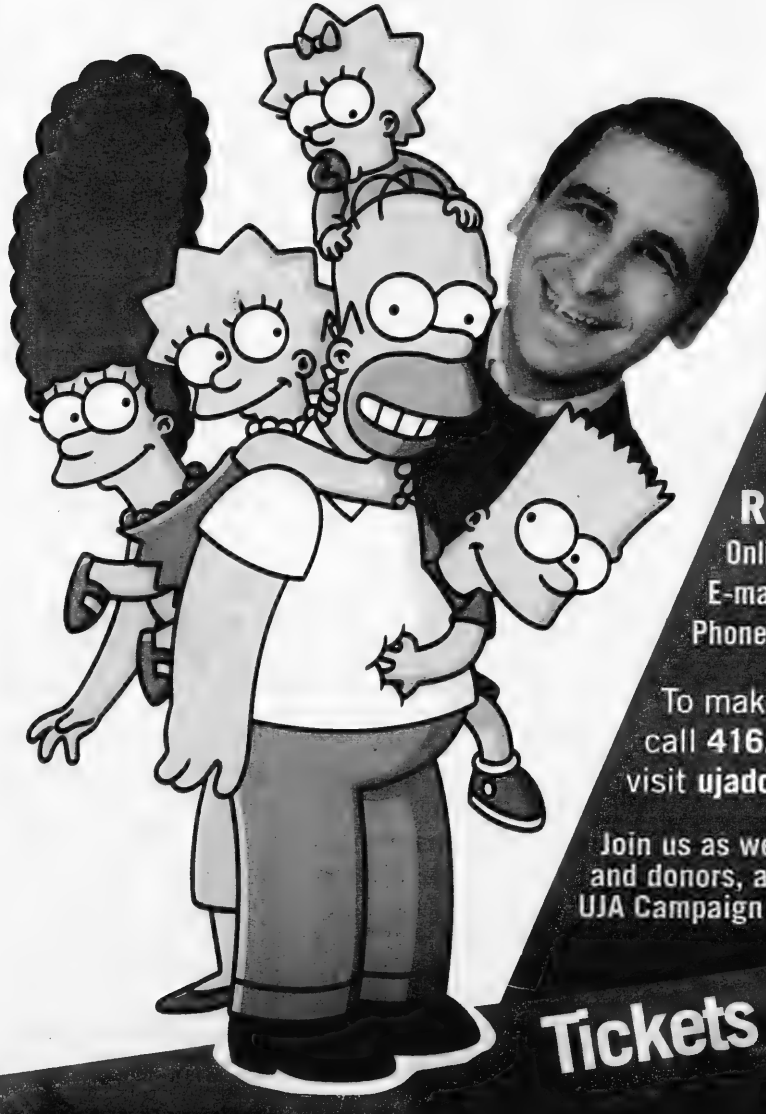

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Shoah education strengthened Cdn. Jewry: prof

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If there hadn't been a push to promote Holocaust education in the 1970s and 1980s, Canada's Jewish communities wouldn't be as robust as they are today, historian Frank Bialystok told an audience last week on International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

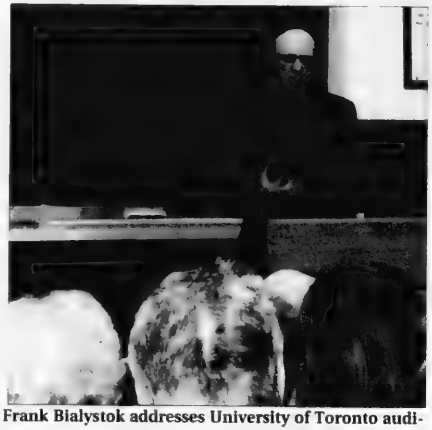
Speaking at the University of Toronto to some 50 people Jan. 27 – the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz – Bialystok's lecture focused on his book, *Delayed Impact: The Holocaust and the Canadian Jewish Community*, which won the Tannenbaum Prize in Canadian Jewish History in 2000.

Bialystok, a professor of European and modern Jewish history said Canadian Jews' success from the 1940s to the 1960s made it difficult for survivors and other Jewish immigrants to fully comprehend the impact of the Holocaust.

"There was a time of immediate transition for Jewish life in Canada. Everything was gone in a flash. Whatever it was that provided vibrancy in immigrant Jewish communities was gone," said Bialystok, whose talk was presented by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre and U of T's Centre for Jewish Studies.

"There was a fast transition to life in the suburbs, consumerism... [North American values] were important for Jews at the time. Yiddish was their first language, but it was not the language they spoke with each other. That was English. Yiddish was gone."

He added that the need to make a living, a desire to adapt to their new home, and the lack of post-Holocaust discussion made the assimilation of North American Jewry easier.



Frank Bialystok addresses University of Toronto audience.

"Eventually we saw a transition from identifying ourselves as immigrants to [identifying as] Canadians. There was a Jewish emptiness. North American Jewry had lost its way."

Ironically, Bialystok said that an increase in antisemitism towards the end of the 1960s caused a reawakening of Jewish consciousness. But it wasn't until 1985 that Canadian Jews began to advocate for Holocaust education in their own and other communities.

Key events that year inspired this push, including the trial of neo-Nazi Holocaust denier Ernst Zündel and former Canadian prime minister Brian Mulroney's establishment of the Commission of Inquiry on War Criminals in Canada.

As well, the 40th anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camps, along with the Jewish community's sudden yearning to document testimonies from survivors so that the atrocities are never forgotten, also pushed people to action.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff released a statement on International Holocaust Remembrance Day that said action is the key to maintaining a tolerant society.

"We must remain vigilant in our opposition to the antisemitism which continues to this day and hold fast to our commitment to human rights, our fundamental belief in the sanctity of religious freedoms, and the values of mutual respect and tolerance all Canadians share."

Thornhill MP and Environment Minister Peter Kent also released a statement that said it's important to keep Holocaust education alive. "While remembrance is important, now more than ever, so too is vigilance. 'Never again' must be more than a sentiment – it must be a call to action.

"As civilized, peace-loving people, we have a duty to stand in solidarity with our Jewish brothers and sisters in Canada and around the world. We must confront those who spew antisemitism from the pulpit and the political podium, confound those who wish to perpetrate another Holocaust and support the Jewish people so that they are never, ever again left to stand alone."

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Local Israeli communities undergoing change

Past six years characterized by transformation, says Federation CEO

Yosef Tastassa
Special to The CJN

Attempts to establish relationships between Israelis abroad and the larger Jewish community have had some success in several cities in recent years, speakers at the recent conference of the World Council of Israelis Abroad agreed.

This is true whether the Israeli community is relatively large, comprising tens of thousands as it does in Toronto, or small, as it is in San Diego, Calif., and Melbourne, Australia, conference participants heard Jan. 19 at Toronto's Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

"The past six years in Toronto are characterized by transformation between the Jewish community and the Israeli community. It sounds funny..., but the Israeli-Canadian has been born," Ted Sokolsky, president and CEO of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, said.

"We learned a lot from the Israelis, probably more than they have learned from us. We are an immigrant society, [but] for some reason, we were insensitive to the immigration experience of the Israelis to Toronto," he said.

"In 2005, a new wave of Israeli immigration to Toronto began. [Because of] the intifadah, high-tech, real estate options and other reasons, the Israelis fell in love with the multicultural atmosphere of the place."

It has been a challenge for the Israeli community to engage with the wider Jewish community, Sokolsky said.

"Mistakes have been made, but patience, understanding and leadership responsibility brought about a change. Wonderful things are happening such as the Kachol-Lavan [Hebrew] school and the Tzofim (Israeli Scouts). We see Canadian families sending their kids there.

"The Israeli community is growing... in areas north of the city. We see an Israeli heart pounding in the city, and we can feel the Israeli pride here," he added.

The community here has another job to do, as well, he said. "The Israelis abroad have a key role in building a bridge between Diaspora Jewry and the State of Israel."

Israeli representatives from both sides of the Pacific Ocean also talked about building bridges between the Israeli community and the local Jewish community in their cities.

Ted Sokolsky
[Yosef Tastassa photo]

Menachem Kohen, head of the Israeli Centre in Melbourne, which was established in 1995, spoke about how his centre has worked to integrate the Israelis into the greater Jewish community.

"This is an opportunity to change history," Kohen said. "We succeeded in establishing an Israeli community in Melbourne. The beginning was hard and there were many issues to fight for."

One of the first activities of the centre was to introduce the first-ever Yom Hazikaron commemoration ceremony in Melbourne, marking the memory of those who had been killed in Israel's wars and military campaigns as well as victims of terrorist attacks.

"It is an important day and a part of our identity, and about 1,000 participants now [attend] the ceremony every year," he said.

Kohen also proposed the idea of establishing an international organization of Israelis abroad. "It is about time that we will feel as equals among equals," he said.

Jennie Star, representing the San Diego Israeli Cultural Center, spoke about the difficulties of preserving a tiny community.

"The San Diego Israeli community is very small, and that is a big challenge," she said. "Our community has many Israeli elements, such as the local newspaper, day schools, social events, film club, coffee and Hebrew café, Israeli culture events and more.

"We hope to have the Tzofim in the near future as it is important for the future of the young generation," Star added.

The conference, the first to bring together Israelis from around the world, was organized and sponsored by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, the Jewish Agency for Israel, Mishelanu Organization for Israelis Abroad and the Israeli Ministry of Diaspora Affairs.

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Egyptian quake, worldwide tremors

Among the opening words of the Arab Human Development Report of 2009, the fifth volume of the United Nations Development Programme, Regional Bureau for Arab States, is the following statement: "Seven years after the publication of the first Arab Human Development Report, the region's fault lines as traced in that analysis may have deepened." In other words, according to the most significant markers measuring human progress – economic, political, environmental, social and personal – the vast masses of the Arab world have actually fallen further behind than their lowly state of seven years prior.

Some of those Arab masses, it is now entirely apparent, will no longer passively accept their blighted conditions.

The civic conflagration that began some weeks ago in Tunisia has now spread to Egypt. After the first throngs of demonstrators took to the streets of Cairo and Alexandria, analysts and experts were quick to differentiate Egypt from Tunisia, suggesting that the shouting and marching even from the impressively large Egyptian numbers was merely the letting off of steam rather than a precursor to regime overthrow. Seven days later, when these words were written, the demonstrations had evolved into riots and the riots into looting, arson, chaos and mayhem. Some 100 people have been killed on the upheaving streets of Egypt. Hosni Mubarak's 30-year term as president remains very much in doubt.

To demonstrate his willingness to reform, Mubarak appointed an entirely new cabinet and his security chief, Omar Suleiman, as vice-president. Egyptians, however, seemed to have been unimpressed with Mubarak's gesture toward change. The rioting has continued unabated.

Arab societies are not much used to the peaceful transfer of governmental power. There are very few precedents to look to for guidance. No one yet knows where the mace of parliamentary authority will finally point in Egypt. Gamal Nasser, a spokesperson for the radical, though popular, Islamic Brotherhood, said on the weekend that his group was in talks with Mohammed ElBaradei, the Nobel laureate and former head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, to form a national unity government without involvement of any kind by Mubarak or his party.

The events unfolding in Egypt – indeed thus far in the Arab world – are a massive geopolitical earthquake. The familiar political Mideast terrain is shifting. Tremors will be felt around the world, if first in Israel. Let us hope and be on guard that the aftershocks do not lead to greater instability, danger and insecurity in the region. There is indeed, cause to worry.

25 years ago in *The CJN*

More than 1,000 mourners, including Ohio's governor, packed Temple Israel in Akron, Ohio, for the funeral of Judith Resnik, the first Jewish astronaut. Resnik and her six crewmates died when the space shuttle Challenger exploded 72 seconds after lift-off on Jan. 28, 1986.

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Forces chaplain found it tough to leave

I read with great interest your article "Rabbis at home in the Canadian Forces" (Jan. 6) and would like to extend my appreciation for your interest in covering the important topic of chaplaincy in the Canadian Forces.

As mentioned, I was the first Jewish chaplain to be sworn in since World War II. I am proud of my service and feel tremendously honoured to have been given the opportunity to have served my country and to have made a significant contribution to the military.

The article mentioned that "the Forces say Rabbi Mendelsohn has been 'released' from duty and did not elaborate." I do not understand why the word "released" was in quotations and the phrasing, I believe, leaves a negative connotation. I would like to clarify that I voluntarily requested a release from the Reserves, due to my growing civilian responsibilities.

The military was like a family for me. The men and women in uniform who served with me were of outstanding character and made a lasting impression. The experience was unique, and it was tough to leave. I hope that one day in the future, when my civilian schedule is more flexible, to once again be able to put on the uniform and proudly serve. To read more about my military experience, please visit www.chabadcentrepointe.com/military.

Rabbi Chaim Mendelsohn
Director of Public Affairs, Canadian Federation of Chabad Lubavitch
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Not the Jewish way

I am frankly astounded that any group that calls itself "Jewish" would support a group like the English Defence League (Rally for anti-Islamist group draws protesters," Jan. 20). And that is why I am proud of Canadian Jewish Congress for standing firm against the Jewish Defence League's decision to have a rally on behalf of the English Defence League (EDL). Only a little research will demonstrate the history of the EDL, a group made up of soccer hooligans condemned by every Jewish organization in the United Kingdom, including the British Jewish Defence League (JDL). I was beginning to believe that the Canadian JDL was trying to become less radical and more mainstream. This latest initiative on their part only confirms for me that the JDL remains very much on the fringe of our community. Embracing the EDL is not the Jewish way.

Robert Goodman
Thornhill, Ont.

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No friend of ours

I wish to commend Bernie Farber of Canadian Jewish Congress for speaking out against the union of the Jewish Defence League (JDL) and the U.K.-based English Defence League (Rally for anti-Islamist group draws protesters," Jan. 20). While I understand the necessity to confront Islamic extremists, it is troubling that the JDL would choose to make common cause with the many racists who populate the English Defence League (EDL), which seems to lump all Muslims together as the threat facing the West. It was not so long ago that the same thing was said about the Jews. The EDL is no friend of ours.

Michael Marmur
Thornhill, Ont.

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Nazi knife on sale at market

While I was shopping recently at the Downsview Park Merchants Market, located in Downsview Park in Toronto, a Canadian national park, I passed by a glass showcase. Displayed in this case was a collection of military-style (Rambo) knives. Prominently displayed was a knife bearing a swastika and, on the handle, engraved in German, was what I believe to be the motto of the Nazi SS.

Being a child of Holocaust survivors, needless to say, I was quite disturbed by the fact that such a knife was not only on display, but was available for sale. Downsview Park is situated in the middle of the electoral district of York Centre, a riding that is home to one of the largest Jewish communities in Canada. Many of the residents are Holocaust survivors or, like me, children of those survivors. This is not only an affront to us alone but to all of those who suffered under the Nazi occupation of Europe.

I know that the display and sale of this item is legal in Canada. I do, however, feel that such a display is morally reprehensible. In Germany, such a knife would be confiscated and the seller arrested, and perhaps imprisoned. But that is modern-day Germany.

We would not allow a swastika flag to be flown from a flagpole on our property. Why would we allow this disgusting display on our property?

Allen Kichler
Toronto

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Settlements issue distorts Geneva and Oslo

Alan Baker
Special to The CJN

Palestinian representatives at the United Nations recently presented a draft resolution to the Security Council in which they seek to declare that Israeli settlements are "illegal and constitute a major obstacle to the achievement of peace." This claim is not new, and the legality of Israel's settlements have for years dominated the attention of the international community. This has been evident in countless reports of different UN bodies, rapporteurs, and resolutions, as well as in political declarations and statements by governments and leaders. In varying degrees, they consider Israel's settlements to be in violation of international law, specifically Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of August 12, 1949.

But apart from the almost standardized, oft-repeated, and commonly accepted clichés as to the "illegality of Israel's settlements," or the "flagrant violation" of the Geneva Convention, repeated even by the International Court of Justice, there has been little genuine attempt to elaborate and consider the substantive legal reasoning behind this view. Yet there are a number of very relevant factors that inevitably must be considered when making such a serious accusation against Israel.

What does Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention say?

Immediately after World War II, the need arose to draft an international convention to protect civilians in times of armed conflict in light of the massive numbers of civilians forced to leave their homes during the war, and the glaring lack of effective protection for civilians under any of the then-valid conventions or treaties. In this context, the sixth paragraph of Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention states: "The occupying power shall not deport or transfer parts of its own civilian population into the territory it occupies."

The authoritative and official commentary by the governing body of the International Red Cross movement, the International Committee of the Red Cross, published in 1958 in order to assist "governments and armed forces...called upon to assume responsibility in applying the Geneva Conventions," clarifies this provision as follows: "It is intended to prevent a practice adopted during the Second World War by certain powers, which transferred portions of their own population to occupied territory for political and racial reasons or in order, as they claimed, to colonize those territories. Such transfers worsened the economic situation of the native population and endangered their separate existence as a race."

In other words, Article 49 relates to the forcible transfer of an occupying power's population into an occupied territory. Historically, more than 40 million people were subjected to forced migration, evacuation, displacement, and expulsion, including 15 million Germans, five million Soviet citizens, and millions of Poles, Ukrainians and Hungarians.

The vast numbers of people affected and the aims and purposes behind such a population movement speak for themselves. There is nothing to link such circumstances to Israel's settlement policy. The circumstances in which Article 49(6) of the Geneva Convention was drafted, and specifically the meaning attached by the International Committee of the Red Cross itself to that article, raise a serious question as to the relevance of linkage to, and reliance on, the article by the international community as the basis and criterion for determining Israel's settlements as illegal. One may further ask if this is not a misreading, misunderstanding, or even distortion of that article and its context.

Several prominent international jurists, such as Prof. Eugene V. Rostow, a former dean of Yale Law School and undersecretary of state; Morris Abram, a member of the U.S. staff at the Nuremburg Tribunal and later involved in the drafting of the Fourth Geneva Convention, and international lawyer Prof. Julius Stone, are on record stressing that the Geneva Convention was not designed to cover situations such as Israeli settlements in the occupied territories, but rather the forcible transfer, deportation or resettlement of large numbers of people.

Article 49(6) uses terminology that is indicative of governmental action in coercing its citizens to move. Yet Israel has not forcibly deported or mass-transferred its citizens into the territories. It has consistently maintained a policy enabling people to reside voluntarily on land that is not privately owned. Their continued presence is subject to the outcome of the negotiation process on the status of the territory, and without necessarily prejudicing that outcome.

In some cases, Israel has permitted its citizens who have for many years owned property or tracts of land in the territory, and who had been previously dispossessed and displaced by Jordan, to return to their own properties. This historical presence is totally unrelated to the context of, or claims regarding, the Geneva Convention.

Israel has never expressed any intention to colonize the territories, to confiscate land, or to displace the local population for political or racial reasons, nor to alter the demographic nature of the area.

The agreements signed with the Palestinian leadership has in fact placed the entire issue of the status of the territory, as well as Israel's settlements, on the negotiating table – a factor that proves the lack of any intention to colonize or displace. The fact that Israel chose unilaterally to dismantle its settlements and remove its citizens from the Gaza Strip in 2005 is further evidence of this.

The status of the territory, including the rights of the parties therein and the Israeli settlements, are the central negotiating issues between the two sides. In this context, and pursuant to its obligations in Article XXXI (7) of the Israeli-Palestinian Interim Agreement of 1993, Israel has not taken any step to alter the status of the territory, which is open for determination in permanent status negotiations. Israel's settlements do not alter the status of the territory.

Then-Israeli foreign minister Shimon Peres, left, then-Palestinian Authority president Yasser Arafat and Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin discuss matters at the Erez Checkpoint in 1995. It was during this period that the Palestinians and the Israelis signed agreements for further negotiations under the Oslo accords.
[IGPO photo]

The unique circumstances of the territory and the special nature of the Israeli-Palestinian relationship

The entirely unique situation, history and circumstances of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict regarding the territories, as well as the series of agreements and memoranda that have been signed between the Palestinian leadership and the government of Israel, have produced a special independent regime – a *lex specialis* – that governs all aspects of the relationship between them, including the settlements issue.

The settlements issue is one of the core issues to be negotiated in permanent status negotiations, and the Palestinian leadership has agreed and is committed to the fact that it does not exercise jurisdiction regarding such permanent status issues, settlements included, pending permanent status negotiations.

The special regime governing the relationship between Israel and the Palestinians is set out in the series of agreements and memoranda negotiated between 1993 and 1999 that are still valid. These documents cover all the central issues between them, including issues of governance, security, elections, jurisdiction, human rights, legal issues, and the like. In this framework, there is no specific provision either restricting planning, zoning and continued construction by either party, of towns and villages, or freezing such construction.

Furthermore, in the 1995 Interim Agreement, the two sides defined their respective powers and responsibilities in the areas they control. Israel's powers and responsibilities in Area C – which is under Israeli control and comprises most of the West Bank – include all aspects regarding its settlements, all this pending the outcome of permanent status negotiations. This division was accepted and agreed upon by the Palestinians, who cannot now invoke the Geneva Convention regime in order to bypass their acceptance of the interim agreement or their and the international community's acknowledgement of that agreement's relevance and continued validity.

Conclusion

The main proponent of the settlement issue over the years has been the Palestinian leadership, which has decided to isolate and raise the issue of settlements as an independent "cause célèbre". This, despite the fact that it's among the agreed-upon items to be negotiated in permanent status negotiations. Similarly, Israel had not obligated itself in any way to refrain from, halt or freeze construction in the settlements.

Furthermore, raising the settlement issue has succeeded in blocking any progress in the negotiating process, so much so that the Palestinian leadership is now holding any return to a negotiation mode as a hostage to a settlement freeze.

The international community is faced with ongoing and unceasing attempts by the Palestinian leadership to bypass the negotiating process and to directly lobby the international community, and to seek intervention by the UN Security Council in order to attain a more formalized, institutionalized and concerted opinion as to the illegality of Israel's settlements.

The international community cannot seriously ignore the factors set out above, as well as the implications that any such new resolution or decision might have on the already agreed-upon, delicate structure of the peace process.

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Dangers to Israeli democracy

Several disturbing events have recently provided opportunity for public debate regarding the health of Israel's democracy.

A partial inventory of these incidents includes a recent Knesset vote to establish a parliamentary commission of inquiry into the source of funding for Israeli human rights organizations, a bill that would require new citizens to pledge an oath of allegiance to "a Jewish and democratic" State of Israel, and a shameful "halachic" ruling, signed by dozens of rabbis, forbidding the leasing of property to non-Jews.

Yair Lootsteen in Jerusalem

Noting these events and others, a recent *Time* magazine headline characterized Israel as being on a "rightward lurch."

Is this an accurate representation of present-day Israel?

It's no secret that, politically, Israelis are becoming increasingly conservative. In the 2009 Knesset elections, 65 of the 120 seats were won by parties identifying with right-leaning policies, and according to recent polls, that lead is growing. A mid-January survey done for *Ha'aretz* gave the right 70 seats. Add to this the fact that 30 of the remaining seats would go to Tzipi Livni's centrist Kadima party, which has several ex-Likudniks, Livni included.

Of the 20 remaining seats, roughly 10 traditionally go to non-Zionist Arab members of Knesset. The remainder – one-twelfth of our parliament – would now go to Israel's classic left, remnants of the once-mighty Labor party and Meretz.

Of the recent events noted, the most troubling is the initiative to establish a parliamentary commission aimed at examining how human rights organizations are funded. It's the brainchild of Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman's Yisrael Beiteinu party and came on the heels of publication of the Goldstone commission report on Israel Defence Forces actions during the war in Gaza two years ago. The report revealed that Goldstone had received damning material from Israeli human rights organizations. Later, it also became known that some of these groups receive foreign funding.

Supporters of the parliamentary commission, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and most of his Likud faction, assert the need to investigate civil rights organizations' foreign financial support, because overseas groups and foreign governments are promoting their own anti-Israel agendas by funding Israeli human rights groups, which in turn have been accused of acting traitorously by providing Goldstone and others with evidence against the IDF and its soldiers.

Opponents, including four prominent members of Likud, led by minister without portfolio Benny Begin, former prime minister Menachem Begin's son, argue that it smacks of McCarthyism, that it's aimed at silencing groups opposed to the government's policies and actions, and that it's inflammatory. They add that if these groups acted illegally, they should be investigated by the police or other law enforcement agencies.

Actions aimed at intimidating people who think differently and limiting their freedom of expression are dangerous in any democracy. That appears to be at least part of the purpose of the commission of inquiry.

But lawmakers should remember there's more than one way to be a patriot and a Zionist. There's no absolute truth.

A distinction must, however, be made between support Israeli groups receive from foreign groups and individuals and support they receive from foreign governments. While Israeli groups should be allowed to receive funding from foreign donors – so long as both donors and beneficiaries are acting legally – it's diplomatically unacceptable for foreign governments to be meddling in Israel's internal affairs by funding organizations that promote agendas these governments believe are better for Israel and the region in general.

Does this qualification justify a parliamentary commission of inquiry? Absolutely not. Demagogic attacks on the character and patriotism of individuals who'll be investigated by the commission can already be heard. We got a taste of things to come a few months ago when the New Israel Fund was publicly dragged through the mud because it had allegedly backed organizations that provided Goldstone with some of his information.

Netanyahu, Lieberman and their political allies should not be resorting to base, populist mudslinging to further their own political agendas. Rather, the government and Knesset should draft legislation that would properly regulate foreign governments' financial contributions to Israeli organizations of all persuasions, be they left or right, secular or religious, Jewish, Christian or Muslim.

Not all is bleak. Although many of the current initiatives are distressing, the vociferous public debates about each of them – fuelled by a vibrant free press – contradict the notion that our body politic is in peril. Let's hope it stays that way.

Palestine papers and peace myths

The publication of hundreds of leaked documents from Palestinian officials regarding peace negotiations provides important insights into these critical issues, assuming that they are genuine.

The documents, mainly from the Palestinian Negotiation Support Unit, seem to show serious and detailed exchanges – and arguments – between Israeli and Palestinian Authority leaders, particularly on refugee claims and Jerusalem. But they also reflect a failure to reach agreement, suggesting that the conditions for "ripeness," meaning a readiness to take the most difficult steps necessary to end such bitter and long-standing conflicts, remain unfulfilled.

These summaries indicate that the main focus of dispute continues to be on what are called "core identity issues" – such as history, rights, and image – rather than on boundaries, territory, and even security. An end to the Palestinian refugee claims (invented after the 1948 war to maintain the conflict and supported by the UN and a large NGO lobby), and a clear public acknowledgement of Jewish history, particularly in Jerusalem, with the rights that follow, are essential to end the conflict. On both of these issues, the post-Arafat Palestinian leadership showed a willingness to negotiate, but would not agree to terms that Israelis could accept.

The issues that create the greatest amount of noise and emotion in the media, and in public campaigns, get much less attention on the inside, or so these documents indicate. Israeli settlements and the post-1967 "occupation," which are consistently painted by the self-proclaimed "peace camp" as the major (and sometimes only) obstacles to peace, are easily resolved through land swaps in the negotiations. If security, and the identity issues of refugee claims, historic responsibility, and Jerusalem could be resolved, the boundaries would be follow quickly and the settlement issue would disappear.

The reality, however, is far more complex than the simplistic journalistic formulae. For example, Palestinian negotiators, guided by PA President Mahmoud Abbas, demanded the entry of 100,000 refugees into Israel, while former Israeli prime minister Ehud Olmert offered a symbolic total of 5,000.

There was no indication that the Palestinians conceded that the Arab aggression in 1948 created this situation. This discussion would also need to take into account the rights of one million Jewish refugees who were evicted from their homes throughout the Middle East. In contrast to the Arabs, who used refugees as political pawns (in co-operation with the UN), the Jewish refugees were absorbed by Israel within a few years.

On Jerusalem, the Palestinian negotiators were apparently somewhat more realistic than in the past, agreeing to Israeli incorporation of neighbourhoods near the 1949 armistice line (the "green line") following the Jordanian military takeover. These areas include French Hill, Pisgat Ze'ev, Neve Ya'acov, Ramat Shlomo and Gilo. However, the Palestinians excluded Ma'aleh Adumim – clearly a non-starter for Israel. On the most difficult issue of the Temple Mount and Western Wall, the Palestinians reverted to the ambiguity of "creative solutions" and a joint Israel-Palestinian committee.

Gerald Steinberg in Jerusalem

But even these limited changes have been attacked by Arab critics as a betrayal of the Palestinian position. (Some analysts attribute the leaks to Hamas, as part of an effort to embarrass and undermine the Palestinian Authority.)

The bottom line is that no agreement was signed between Olmert and Abbas, and these documents don't tell us why. When the time came to close the deal, the Palestinian side didn't show up. There are many possible explanations, including the fact that in the largely closed and undemocratic Palestinian society, the leaders may not have had support for the long-delayed decisions.

In Israel, the costs, benefits and complexities of peace have been debated for more than 20 years, but this hasn't been the case in Palestinian society. The essential steps required for the historic compromises – particularly on refugee claims, Jerusalem, and the Jewish nation's right to sovereignty – are only now being discussed. And Palestinian and Arab rejectionists and ideologues are trying hard to slam the door on any change in order to preserve their power.

To avoid returning to the starting point and perpetual conflict, Palestinian leaders will need to show the courage to say in public what they reportedly told Israelis in private.

West Bank settlements affect peace talks

At the behest of the Palestinian Authority, Arab countries, led by Lebanon, recently submitted a draft resolution to the United Nations Security Council condemning Israel's settlements in the West Bank. Borrowing language from communiques issued by the Quartet – the United States, the European Union, the United Nations and Russia – the resolution described the settlements as "illegal" under international law and said that they "constitute a major obstacle to the achievement of a just, lasting and comprehensive peace."

By all accounts, the resolution will likely not be passed due to the threat of a U.S. veto. Washington remains steadfastly opposed to the settlements in principle and practice, but, like Israel, believes that this issue should be resolved in direct talks between Israel and the PA, which broke down last September, only three weeks after resuming.

The reason for the collapse was two-fold. When the Israeli government refused to renew its 10-month partial settlement freeze in the West Bank, the PA, backed by the Arab League, suspended its participation in negotiations, saying it would not return unless Israel froze all construction.

The PA subsequently upped the ante, demanding that the freeze should also apply to eastern Jerusalem, which is claimed by the Palestinians

For the PA, the UN resolution, stillborn though it may be at present, serves several overlapping purposes. It challenges the Obama administration to restart peace talks on Palestinian terms, enables PA President Mahmoud Abbas to save face after committing himself to a diplomatic solution, and sets the stage for a wider debate on the protracted Arab-Israeli conflict.

As per Arab strategy, the resolution is acutely embarrassing to the United States, since it places the Americans in an uncomfortable position – considering vetoing a resolution that faithfully reflects the policy of President Barack Obama.

Supported by almost 120 co-sponsors, it underscores Israel's isolation. Not a single country, major or minor, supports Israel's policy of building new and expanding existing settlements.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has claimed that settlement activity "has no real effect on the map of a possible [peace] agreement."

In fact, however, the settlements have already had a negative impact. They were a bane of the Oslo peace process, scuttled talks with the Palestinians in 2010, constituted a deal-breaker in negotiations in 2008, when Ehud Olmert was prime minister, and may yet jeopardize the notion of a two-state solution, which Netanyahu – the leader of a right-wing government – finally endorsed in 2009 under intense U.S. pressure.

The controversial settlement project is an outcome of Israel's victory in the 1967 Six Day War.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Construction began within three months of Israel's seizure of the West Bank, which was allotted to a Palestinian state under the 1947 UN Palestine partition plan.

To religious Israeli Jews, the West Bank, comprising the biblical areas of Judea and Samaria, was regarded in messianic terms. To secular nationalists, the West Bank was seen as a defensive shield against an Iraqi invasion from the east and as an important source of water in an arid region.

To both parties, and to the Israeli government, settlements would block the emergence of a Palestinian state.

From the postwar period until Likud swept into office in 1977, the ruling Labor party allowed the first of about 30 settlements to be built in generally thinly Arab-populated parts of the West Bank.

Settlements were established in the Jordan Valley, near the shore of the Dead Sea, in the mountain ranges and in greater Jerusalem. New roads connected the settlements to each other and to Israel. The pre-1967 Green Line was gradually erased from Israeli maps and textbooks.

Israelis were encouraged to settle in the West Bank, less than one per cent of whose land was owned by Jews prior to the first Arab-Israeli war in1948, through a web of benefits, subsidies and incentives in housing, education, transportation and the like. Some Jews went to the West Bank for ideological and religious reasons, while still others were motivated by the relatively low cost of real estate and the high quality of life. Whatever factors brought them there, Jews in the West Bank were subjected to Israeli law.

Ariel, one of Israel's largest settlements in the West Bank

The defence minister of the day, Moshe Dayan, sought to minimize Israel's presence by creating what he deemed to be a benign or "invisible" occupation. He did so by granting the Palestinians a measure of self-rule and, through the Open Bridges policy, access to markets in neighbouring Jordan (which occupied the West Bank in the inter-war years between 1949 and 1967). Apart from annexing land from a cluster of villages surrounding eastern Jerusalem, Israel did not annex an inch of the West Bank.

Though Israel's military government used coercive tactics such as curfews, deportations and home demolitions to control the West Bank, Israel offered Palestinian farmers loans and technical assistance and let labourers into Israel. Since the West Bank was a key market for Israeli exporters, Israel discouraged the development of an independent Palestinian economy based on industry.

After 1967, Israel crushed a Palestinian guerrilla war in the West Bank, killing about 650 Palestinians in the first two decades of the occupation. Many more Palestinians were killed in the first and second uprisings in 1987 and 2000, which respectively claimed the lives of some 400 and 1,000 Israelis.

The right-wing Likud government, headed by Menachem Begin, stepped up the pace of construction. Under the supervision of one of his ministers, Ariel Sharon, Israel built dozens of settlements in crowded Palestinian areas. According to Israel's ministry of interior, the number of settlements shot up from 31 in 1977 to 76 in 1983.

The formation of a national unity government in 1984, enabling Likud and Labor to share power, was a windfall for settlement activists. By the early 1990s, the West Bank was dotted with 121 settlements. Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister from 1992 to 1995, slowed down construction to an extent, but in the Oslo era, the settler population in the West Bank practically tripled.

During Sharon's reign as prime minister from 2001 to 2005, he reached understandings with the United States that obliged Israel to refrain from building new settlements or expanding old ones beyond construction lines. In 2009, Netanyahu promised he would neither build new settlements nor expropriate additional land for existing ones. But he insisted that settlers had a right to build in established settlements.

Today, more than 300,000 Israelis live in 121 settlements and about 100 unauthorized outposts in the West Bank. A further 200,000 or so Israeli Jews reside in 12 neighbourhoods in the eastern half of Jerusalem.

Since the expiry of the settlement moratorium and the withdrawal of the PA from peace talks more than four months ago, there has been a Jewish building boom in the West Bank.

The problem posed by settlements, therefore, festers.

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Bringing God's presence to the world

Rabbi Yonah Berman

"HaShem is here, HaShem is there, HaShem is truly everywhere; Up, up, down, down, right,left and all around – that's where He can be found."

Generations of children have grown up on these lyrics, sung by Uncle Moishy and the Mitzvah Men, reflecting on the Jewish belief in an omnipresent God, who can be found in every place, at every time.

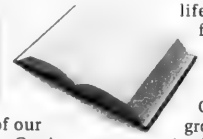
This principle leads us to question this week's Torah portion, where God tells Moses: "The Children of Israel] shall make Me a sanctuary [the Tabernacle] that I shall dwell amongst them." Which one is it? Is God always among us, or can God only be present when we create special sanctuary?

In order to consider a possible answer, let us travel back to the very beginning of Genesis and the creation of humankind. Recall that Adam and Eve were created, uniquely, in the image of God – "*b'tzelem Elokim*" (1:27). The commentators make all sorts of suggestions in trying to understand what it means to be created in the image of a God who is without physical form. Does it mean that we have free will? Does it mean that we can speak?

What is clear is that only humans are created in this way, and that this characteristic carries with it unique responsibilities for proper behaviour.

Rabbi Yitzchak Luria (the Ari) advanced the idea of *tzimtzum*, which states that in order for the infinite God to create space for the world, God had to "pull back," making room for Creation to come into existence. It appears that God decided to be less present in the world so that we creations have the opportunity to live our lives.

Rabbinic Reflections



Perhaps the lesson of our Torah portion is that since Ceation, God had to "pull back" in order to allow us to exist freely and independently. By constructing the desert Tabernacle at the centre of the Israelite camp, our ancestors created a space where God's presence could exist within humanity.

This understanding has deep and far-reaching ramifications. We learn that we are responsible to bring God's presence back into the world. We accomplish this incredible task through our actions: Every time we act kindly toward another person, make *Kiddush* on Shabbat or perform any other mitzvah, we bring God's presence a little closer. Our deeds can be amazingly powerful when we use them the right way.

The command to donate materials to build the Tabernacle was given to the entire nation of Israel. We are reminded that Judaism is not about being a mere spectator. Our faith requires every adherent to take part in the commandments of Jewish life. No one is exempt from Shabbat or prayer or kashrut or acting justly toward other people. Bringing God into the world is a group effort, and no one is allowed to sit out the game on the bench.

As we read about the Tabernacle, let us realize the tremendous opportunity given to us. Through our actions, we bring God's presence to the world, here, there and everywhere.

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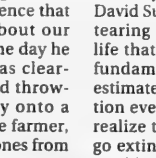
Jewish tradition and ecology

Two thousand years ago, a talmudic sage had an experience that has much to teach us about our polluted environment. One day he noticed a farmer who was clearing his land of stones and throwing them unconcernedly onto a nearby road. He asked the farmer, "Why are you throwing stones from property which is not yours onto property that is yours?"

The perplexed farmer continued his work. Some years passed and the farm was sold, and one day coming down the road, the farmer stumbled over a stone and was injured. Disabled and contrite, he admitted that the rabbi was right. "I did throw stones from land which was not mine onto land that was," he said.

So in our day, the housewife pollutes the streams with detergent, and it's her own son who cannot swim in their waters. The factory owner empties his chemicals into the river, and the fish his children catch are poisoned. The city dumps it sewage and ruins its recreational areas. When we pollute, we pollute our own environment.

In his recent book, *The Legacy* (actually an extension of a lecture), David Suzuki maintains that we are tearing apart the intricate web of life that is the source of our most fundamental needs by driving an estimated 50,000 species to extinction every year. "It is humbling to realize that if our species were to go extinct overnight, biodiversity would rebound around the planet," he writes. "In contrast, the loss of an insect group such as all ants would result in catastrophic collapse of terrestrial ecosystems."



Bookmarks

Bernard Baskin

The Torah declares, "The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." And that man must show reverence for that earth and all its inhabitants. With admirable prescience, the Bible commands that a besieging army must not destroy fruit trees. "Is a tree a man," it asks, "that you should make war upon it?"

The mishnah has a variety of regulations concerning the environment. A threshing floor, for example, was not permitted within a given distance from an inhabited place because the chaff and dust that resulted from the threshing process made for problems. A tannery, with its pervasive odours, was forbidden within city limits. No kilns were allowed in Jerusalem because their smoke-blackened buildings, and even more importantly dung hills and trash heaps, were not permitted to accumulate. Every soldier was to be equipped with a spade to dig his own latrine outside of his camp.

Suzuki is certain that our great crisis of climate change demands a radical new approach. He asserts that we must act in the best tradition of our species, which has been to use foresight based on our knowledge and experience. And today we have the amplified ability to look ahead with scientists armed with super computers and global telecommunications.

Some years ago, a major publication asked a number of historians and social scientists to define the national purpose of North America. They answered that there was no such national purpose except in times of war. Today, doesn't environmental concern and control offer a national purpose?

Hamas reaffirms its genocidal ideology

My View

By Lawrence Hart

For the naive and unenlightened, and many a postmodernist academic, political bureaucrat or media commentator, Hamas' victory in the Gaza elections of 2005 was sufficient to persuade them that democracy had suddenly broken out in that troubled neighbourhood and that, consequently, any new Hamas leadership deserved legitimacy and respect.

And despite the all-too-predictable reality that the democratization of the Islamic Resistance Movement – Hamas – was never on the cards, nor could it or would it be, there are still pundits in the international community – some of whom hold high political office – who remain obstinately wed to the fantasy that negotiating with Hamas is the only way forward for peace in the Middle East. That Canada, the United States, and the European Union list Hamas as a terrorist organization has had little apparent impact on such apologists. Instead, it seems to have emboldened them.

There are very good reasons why talking to Hamas is futile. Any inkling of moderation, in word or deed, since the movement's founding in 1988, would undoubtedly have opened opportunities for engagement but, sadly, none has been evident. Author Andrew Bostom, writing in the *American Thinker* (January 2009), reminds us that Hamas' foundational covenant calls for a Muslim genocide of the Jews. This rallying cry has remained central to Hamas ideology ever since.

And in a recent bulletin of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, senior researcher, Jonathan Halevi, gives further examples of the ominous underpinnings of Hamas beliefs. He notes that "there is no evidence of a new pragmatism among the Hamas leadership, but only greater indications of a much harder line, which is expressed by its adoption of expressions of genocidal intent in its war against Israel and the Jewish people."

By way of illustration, and to emphasize that such murderous ideation is both current and deliberate, Halevi draws attention to a December 2010 Hamas booklet titled *The Path of Glory*, which celebrates the movement's 23rd anniversary. Included in this publication are messages from two of Hamas' senior military commanders, Mohammed Def and Ahmed al-Jaabari. Def is on record as threatening that "you [meaning Israelis] are going on the path to extinction and Palestine will remain ours including Al-Quds [Jerusalem], Al-Aqsa [Mosque], its towns and villages from the [Mediterranean] Sea to the [Jordan] River, from its north to its south. You have no right to even an inch of it."

In echoing Def's call for conquest, Al-Jaabari warned that "as long as the Zionists occupy our lands, only death or exile awaits them."

Such venomous outbursts by Hamas leaders are not especially surprising. They're merely more of the same along a continuum of intimidation and manipulation that have defined the Islamic Resistance Movement since its establishment. What they reflect is a mindset that is uncompromising, fixated and irredeemably chained to a philosophy that is demonizing and annihilationist.

When an enemy's raison d'être calls openly and implacably for your extermination, there seems to be little to discuss. What really requires explanation is the pathology of those who, knowing full well what Hamas is and what its objectives are, nonetheless persist in pressuring Israel to begin talking to its envoys.

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Bagel cuisine and culture, Pt. 2

Jewish & Digital

By Mark Mietkiewicz

Just think of a bagel as a warm, chewy halo /The angels gave us to eat. /It will fill you with passion, /It will fill you with joy, / Not to mention two pounds of wheat.

[http://bit.ly/bagels10]

OK, maybe not two pounds of wheat, but you have to know what ingredients to use in your bagel if you want to create a mouth-watering delight.

Check out the Jewish-food Bagel Archives, where you will find 29 varieties. **[http://bit.ly/bagels11]** From the too-good-to-be-true department, Fantastic Fat-Free Bagels have yeast, flour and sugar but no oil. **[http://bit.ly/bagels12]** And just because you can't stomach gluten doesn't mean you can't enjoy a bagel. **[http://bit.ly/bagels13]**

I'm not sure what route these bakers took from the Old Country, but Hawaiian Bagels wouldn't be authentic without dried coconut and pineapple. **[http://bit.ly/bagels15]**

Don't try to convince Johanne Blank that a bagel should have trendy ingredients. "Most people's idea of a bagel seems to be of a vaguely squishy unsweetened doughnut, possibly with some sort of godawful flavouring mixed into it (with the blueberry bagel being perhaps the most offensive), generally purchased in lots of six in some supermarket... possibly even frozen." She then tells us at length how to create "real, honest, Jewish (Lower East Side) Purists' Bagel." **[http://bit.ly/bagels16]**

Speaking of purists, it takes ex-Montrealers but a few nanoseconds to bemoan the absence of the best bagels anywhere else. Travel writer Norman Goldman has trekked from the St. Viateur to the Fairmount Avenue shrines and describes what it's like to wait as the bagels are browning in those authentic wood ovens. **[http://bit.ly/bagels17]**

When Montreal-born astronaut Gregory Chamitoff was asked what food item he wanted to take aboard the space shuttle Discovery, the answer was simple: bagels from cousin Rhonda Shlafman, owner of Fairmount Bagel. Rivals at St. Viateur proclaimed joy to see bagels in space – even if they weren't theirs. **[http://bit.ly/bagels18]**

If you don't happen to live in Montreal (or have a cousin who owns a bakery there), you can try this recipe. **[http://bit.ly/bagels19]** Or if you prefer to follow along as you watch someone bake some bagels, you'll find numerous mentors on YouTube. **[http://bit.ly/bagels20]**

Now that you know how to bake a bagel, it's time to decide what to put inside it – aside from your teeth. Sure you could opt for the tried-and-true lox and cream cheese. But I came across a recipe page with some creative suggestions such as Baked Brie with Amaretto, Peppery Avocado Puree and that old standby, Pumpkin Fluff Dip. (Please note that some of the would-be bagel toppings on this page are not kosher.) **[http://bit.ly/bagels21]**

More than just a foodstuff, bagels have taken their rightful place in the world of philosophy. Ponder this piece of wisdom. "Life is like a bagel. It's delicious when fresh and warm, but often it's just hard." **[http://bit.ly/bagels22]**

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Weizmann lab to be named for Nobel winner

Laura Stricker
Staff Reporter

A Weizmann Institute of Science lab in Rehovot, Israel, is being named for Sidney Brenner, a Nobel Prize-winning molecular biologist.

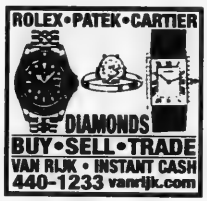
Brenner, 84, along with John Sulston and Robert Horvitz, won the prize in 2002 for their work on the genetic regulation of organ development and programmed cell death.

Brenner recently spent time in Toronto, where he made a speaking appearance at the Intercontinental Hotel.

"I would like to express my gratitude for your incredible and continued achievements both in science and in medicine," said Cathy Beck, the president of Weizmann Canada, at the event. "We at Weizmann are extraordinarily proud to have a lab named in your honour."

Brenner said he's "absolutely thrilled" to have his name associated with a group that "pursues the problems of human beings."

Brenner was at the Intercontinental with a Texas doctor, Errol Friedberg, to celebrate the recent release of Friedberg's book, *Sydney Brenner: A Biography*. The two spoke in front of approximately 70 people.



The event was organized by Larry Parker, who asked Weizmann to name a lab in Brenner's honour. Parker, an orthodontist, knew Brenner from when they were growing up in Germinston, South Africa.

Friedberg, also from Germinston, discussed how he came to write the biography on Brenner.

"In 1994, Sydney gave a 15-hour videotaped interview in England... over the 15 hours Sydney jumped from one topic to another, so the transcript was all over the place," he said.

"I was invited to reorganize this lengthy document into something that was more chronologically accurate, and [I was] also asked to dumb down some of the science... The result of this effort is a small book called *Sydney Brenner: A Life in Science*.

This first look into Brenner's life piqued Friedberg's interest.

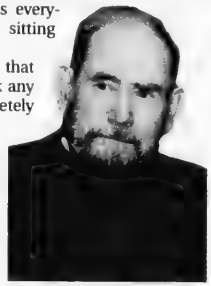
"Editing the transcript of this interview interested me enormously in Sydney's life, to the extent that I resolved to do a full-length biography one day... I broached this topic with Sydney, who graciously agreed and formally authorized the biography."

The biography, published in Sept. 2010, starts in 2002 with Brenner and his colleagues receiving the Nobel Prize. Brenner, Friedberg said, "frequently calls this prize his second Nobel, protesting that he never received the first one."

This is because, Friedberg continued, "his most creative research, work that revealed many fundamental secrets about gene function, was executed in the 1960s and 1970s – much of it with Francis Crick [best known for discovering, along with James Watson, the structure of the DNA molecule – of which Brenner was one of the first people to see it]."

Brenner's educational interests, Friedberg said, began at a young age. He was reading by the time he was four, finished three years of primary school in one year and began studying medicine at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg when he was 15. From there he studied at the University of Oxford for his PhD.

Recalling seeing Crick and Watson's DNA model in 1953, it was, Brenner said, a "revelation.



Sydney Brenner
[Deena Sherman photo]

"I thought, 'This explains everything! What are we doing sitting around, let's get on with it!'

"What was interesting is that for a few years, nobody took any notice of it. It was completely ignored by most of the people in the field."

Brenner, who is known for speaking honestly and with a sense of humour, explained his speaking method.

When he speaks in front of a crowd, he finds one person who he thinks "won't understand a word," he says, and he focuses all his attention on them.

"You'll notice that I never speak from notes. I also don't use PowerPoint because I think we've forgotten the importance of audience interaction.

"Today when they turn off the lights in the auditorium and the man gets up and says, 'I'm privileged and honoured to be invited to address this distinguished audience,' then you know that we're going to get a 'next slide, please.' Then the lights go off [and] you comfortably go to sleep."

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Rejuvenated Hamilton shul opens new chapel

Abigail Cukier
Special to the CJN

HAMILTON — These days, when Rabbi Dan Selsberg walks down the street in Hamilton, people roll down their car windows to express their joy.

They're sharing their excitement over the recent renewal at Beth Jacob Synagogue, which officially opened its $1.3 million "shul within a shul" this month.

The project turned a seldom-used social hall into a worship space and made the entire building accessible for seniors, people with disabilities and parents with strollers.

The renovations reflect an overall renewal at Beth Jacob.

Five years ago, membership was down, debt was climbing and parts of the building were crumbling. Today, membership has stabilized at around 400 families, debt has been dramatically reduced and new spiritual and lay leaders have revitalized the congregation.

Synagogue co-president and life-long member Cindy Richter says the congregation's high keeps getting higher every time they use the new chapel.

"I think we are experiencing a renaissance," she said. "Rabbi Selsberg and Cantor [Eyal] Bitton are just amazing. We are attracting more families and newcomers feel welcome here.

"We are all excited about continuing our renewal and attracting more people.

The gala to celebrate the new chapel included speeches, the blowing of the shofar and a performance by a klezmer band that included Hamilton's Mayor Bob Bratina on clarinet.

"People were telling me they have been in Hamilton for 60 years and had never been to a celebration more joyful than that," said Rabbi Selsberg. "There were lots of tears."

Rabbi Selsberg carried the Torah scrolls into the new chapel along with Rabbi Daniel Green of the city's Orthodox Adas Israel Congregation and Rabbi Jordan Cohen of Hamilton's Reform Temple Anshe Sholom.

"It hit people that for all of our differences, at its core, what we are about is in those scrolls and us carrying them side by side," Rabbi Selsberg said.

The project made the whole synagogue accessible. Previously, the only level access to the building, which opened in 1956, was down an incline along a gravel path, and there was no elevator.

"The first floor was difficult, and the second was completely inaccessible," Rabbi Selsberg said. "Now the whole shul is accessible, and it's beautiful."

Another pressing issue was the worship spaces. The main sanctuary, seating 660 people, was only filled for the High Holidays or a city-wide Yom HaShoah event. The congregation used a smaller, 70-seat chapel for most Shabbat and daily minyans.

To make smarter use of space and to save money, architect Les Klein designed a new worship space in the social hall, which was getting almost no use at all.

The new 160-seat chapel has movable seats, with the prayer leader in the centre of the room on a level bimah, which is also fully accessible. The entire space is finished in Jerusalem stone, which was quarried in Israel and shipped to Hamilton for this project.

"It's what people want from a synagogue," said Rabbi Selsberg. "It feels like an old synagogue, but with all of the amenities."

Reform shul forms own chevra kadisha

Myron Love
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Temple Shalom, Winnipeg's only Reform congregation, has formed its own chevra kadisha committee and is offering its members the service of taharah.

"The Chesed Shel Emes [Winnipeg's Jewish nearly 85-year-old not-for-profit Jewish funeral home] constitution won't allow them to do taharah for individuals who are not being buried in the traditional Jewish cemeteries," said Jonathan Fine, co-ordinator of Temple Shalom's new chevra kadisha committee. "But we felt that our members should have the option of traditional taharah."

The decision by the congregation to start its own chevra kadisha is a natural development following Temple Shalom's decision to found its own cemetery – Beit Chaim Mikdash Shalom – in 2004.

Temple Shalom's membership includes a sizeable number of interfaith couples. But because Winnipeg's four existing cemeteries won't bury non-Jews, Temple Shalom turned to Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens, Cremation Centre and Funeral Home to provide burial services and plots for its members so that interfaith couples can be buried near each other.

So far, there have been about 20 burials in the section of Chapel Lawn that's been set aside for Temple Shalom's burials, and 40 more plots have been purchased by Temple Shalom members.

The congregation charges $350 to $550 for the service and clergy for funerals, $300 to rent the sanctuary, $500 if you want to rent both the sanctuary and social hall (for a condolence meal), $100 for catering services (if the family prefers that option) and a $125 custodial fee.

Chapel Lawn's casket and burial fees, which are separate from Temple Shalom's fees, are approximately $5,000.

Current costs for a funeral and burial in Winnipeg's four Jewish cemeteries range from $8,400 for members of the two synagogues that oversee the cemeteries to about $13,000 for non-members. The price includes the Chesed Shel Emes portion, plot, burial cost, perpetual care and – for members only – clergy. Non-members make their own arrangements with clergy.

Fine said he was asked to organize Temple Shalom's chevra kadisha committee a couple of years ago, shortly after he became a board member. He expressed his appreciation to Rena Boroditsky, executive director of the Chesed Shel Emes, and some of its volunteers for their help in training some Temple Shalom members in taharah and helping access some of the resources.

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Montreal shoe store boycott suspended

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The anti-Israel picketing of Le Marcheur shoe store was called off last Saturday by the group Palestinian and Jewish Unity (PAJU) and won't take place this weekend either – at least not by that organization.

PAJU suspended its protests for two weeks because of the intention of the little-known Mouvement Nationaliste-Révolutionnaire Québécois (MNRQ) to take part Jan. 29.

PAJU describes the MNRQ as "national-socialist," racist and prone to violence. PAJU "tolerates no form of racism, antisemitism or xenophobia on our picket line," PAJU president Bruce Katz said in a statement.

The MNRQ's emblem incorporates an eagle similar to that of the Nazis, the old Front de liberation du Québec rifle-toting habitant, a crossed sword and hammer, and the fleur-de-lys. Its website carried a call to join the weekly demonstrations outside the St. Denis Street store, which have been going on since October.

MNRQ sympathizers may have already shown up.

There was a reported racist incident Jan. 22, when a person outside the store made a disparaging remark to a black customer.

But Katz dismissed the assertion by Quebec Conservative MP Steven Blaney that the PAJU protest amounts to "economic terrorism," calling it an attempt to silence critics of Israel through "intellectual terrorism."

Québec solidaire has retreated from the store boycott. Its sole MNA, Amir Khadir, showed up at the Dec. 11 picket, but has not returned since being roundly criticized in the media.

On Jan. 21, Khadir and party co-leader Françoise David attempted to clarify their position. The left-wing party continues to support a boycott of Israel, a policy adopted in November 2009, but they say the target is goods from that country and not individual merchants.

"Amir Khadir acknowledged that he put his feet in a place where he should not have been, because he did not fully understand the strategy [of PAJU]," she said.

Canadian Friends of Peace Now president Stephen Scheinberg distanced himself from Khadir, who cited a L'Actualité article last year by Scheinberg in which he denounced the Israel lobby's tactics against against the country's critics. Scheinberg affirmed that he is opposed to any boycott of Israel.

Le Marcheur owner Yves Archambault, meanwhile, said he'd like to get a legal injunction to stop the demonstrations. Anti-boycott activist Jacob Kincler said he is contacting lawyers who might take on this case either pro bono or for a reduced fee.

Cantor retires after 50 years

Rhonda Spivak
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — It's been half a century since Gerry Daien began serving as a cantor in the community here, and Chevra Mishnayes Synagogue, where he's been spiritual leader for 30 years, is planning to hold a tribute to him in the near future.

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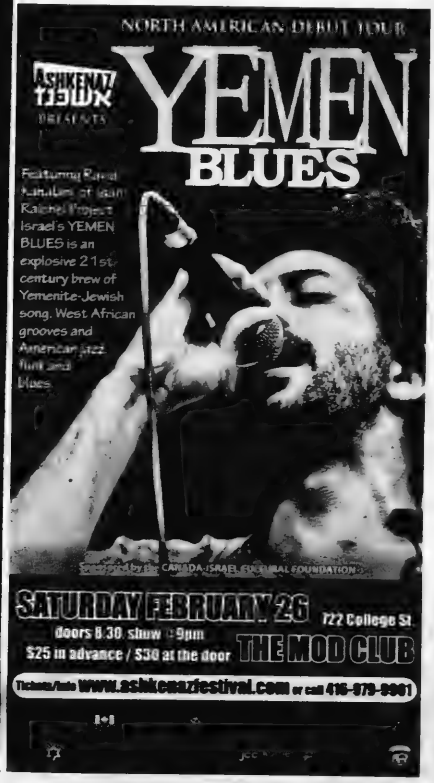
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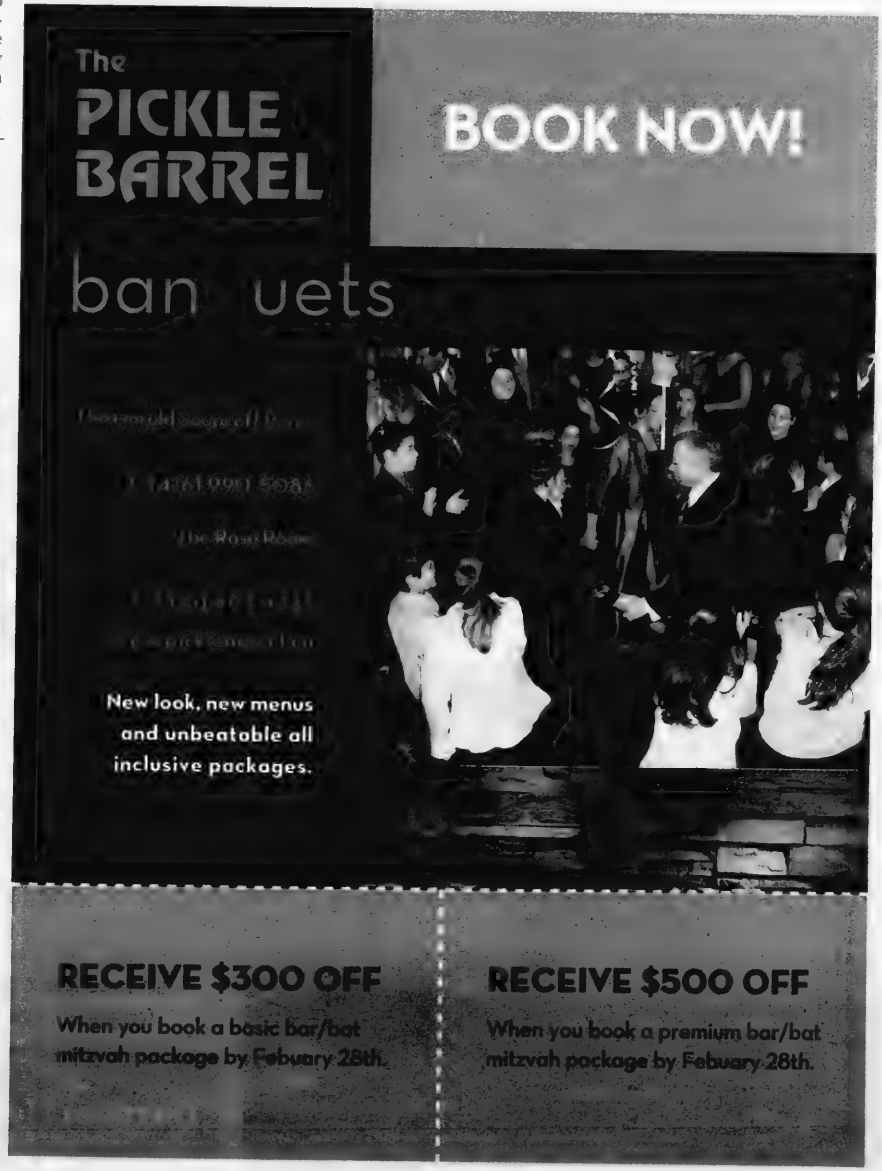
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Montreal Jewish day schools set to merge

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The two oldest and largest Jewish day schools in Montreal are merging into one "pluralistic, truly community" school, they announced last week.

United Talmud Torahs/Herzliah High School (UTT/Herzliah) and Jewish People's and Peretz Schools/Bialik High School (JPPS/Bialik), both a century old and with distinct ideologies, will become one system by the 2013-14 school year, and possibly a year earlier.

While two campuses will be closed, two new ones will open: a school for grades 7 and 8 next to the YM-YWHA, and a full high school in Dollard des Ormeaux.

As previously announced, UTT/H will close its St. Laurent campus in June and consolidate at the remaining Snowdon campus. The JPPS on Van Horne Avenue will eventually close.

School leaders and Federation CJA, which is working with the schools on this remaking of the Montreal Jewish day school system, insist the primary reason for the merger is better education, not because either school is in imminent danger. Both, however, have had declining enrolments.

The news was to be presented to parents Feb. 2, but rumours had been circulating previously. One parent described the change as a "bombshell."

UTT/Herzliah president Charles Leibovich and JPPS/Bialik president Arnold Cohen said both schools are financially healthy and could continue operating separately, but would not be able to provide the highest quality of education on their own.

The aging and lack of growth of the mainstream community point to a continued struggle to maintain enrolment.

Of equal concern is the increasing popularity of non-Jewish private schools, especially high schools. The English Montreal School Board may also re-open a high school in Côte St. Luc next year, with a Jewish heritage program. The day schools are not perceived as centres of excellence by many parents, Leibovich and Cohen said.

They believe the as-yet-unnamed merged school will retain more Jewish students and ideally attract others who might go elsewhere.

JPPS/Bialik president Arnold Cohen, left, and UTT/Herzliah president Charles Leibovich, right, are seen with Federation CJA president Jack Hasen.

An estimated 55 per cent of Montreal Jewish children attend a day school, one of the highest rates in North America. Fees range from approximately $7,000 to $10,000, which are kept relatively low because the Quebec government funds 60 per cent of the costs of the secular curriculum. As Leibovich and Cohen note, there is no guarantee that level of funding will last forever.

The plan is to create a "Jewish school, not a school for Jews," they say. UTT/Herzliah and JPPS/Bialik, while similar in their missions, do differ. The former has a more religious orientation and emphasis on teaching Jewish studies in Hebrew. JPPS is more secular, stressing Ashkenazi culture and teaching Yiddish as well as Hebrew.

Diversity, the presidents believe, can be accommodated within the much larger school that is being envisioned.

Cohen uses the term "open tent" – anyone "committed to Jewish life" will be welcome. There will be a kosher cafeteria, for example, but boys will not necessarily have to wear kippot. "Streaming" will accommodate individual expressions.

The school will be open to those who by Orthodox tradition are not considered Jewish, he said.

The merger will also mean improved secular studies, notably in French instruction, more arts and sports, and enriched and remedial programs.

UTT/Herzliah now has a separate French section, and JPPS/Bialik has a small French stream. As one school, they can have a major French section, in conformity with Bill 101, for immigrants or those who want French instruction.

The new school is modelled on such innovative schools as Los Angeles' New Community Jewish High School, Gann Academy in Boston and the Anne & Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

After the merger, the Orthodox Hebrew Academy in Côte St. Luc will be the only other English mainstream school.

Leibovich and Cohen said they understand the strong attachment to the individual schools. They are both graduates of their respective systems and have or have had three children each enrolled. In Cohen's case, his kids are the fourth generation of his family to attend JPPS.

They anticipate opposition from parents, but believe that once the whole project is explained, they will gladly come on board. "Who could refuse a better, more modern school, that remains affordable and accessible?" Cohen asked. "Besides, it's the right thing to do for the community."

Although the great majority of parents have been in the dark until now, Cohen and Leibovich said it would be incorrect to say the plan is being presented as a "fait accompli." They describe the Feb. 2 meeting as the beginning of a consultation process. But how much room there is for deviation while keeping to the planned time frame is unclear.

They said discussions among school leaders began last year. In the fall, the plan was approved by the four boards, two-thirds of whose members are parents.

The presidents are firm that this is the schools' initiative and has not been imposed by the federation. The federation has been working with all mainstream schools on governance, including providing outside consultants, for the past few years.

Federation is providing fundraising expertise for the new school's construction and renovation campaign. How much will be needed has not been determined.

The federation allocates just under $3 million annually to mainstream schools to subsidize needy students, as well as for pedagogical and other non-material support. Otherwise, the schools are independent entities.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Members will be held at 750 Spadina Avenue in Room 318, on the 8th day of March, 2011 at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to:

a) Accept as Members of the Corporation those Members listed in good standing tabled and delivered by the Secretary of the Corporation;
b) Elect its Directors;
c) Approve the Financial Statements for the Corporation for the year ended August 31, 2010;
d) Appoint auditors and authorize the Directors to fix their remuneration
e) Ratify and approve all the acts, proceedings, transactions, commitments, contracts entered into, and undertakings given by or on behalf of the Corporation by the Board of Directors from the date of the last Annual General Meeting to the date hereof;
f) Transact such further and other business as may be properly brought before the meeting or any adjournments thereof.

Members of the Corporation may be nominated by written petition signed by not less than twenty-five (25) persons, who are members and eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting. The petitions must be accompanied by the written consent of the nominee and must be received by the Chairman of the Nominations Committee at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual Meeting, after which time no further nominations shall be accepted.

Proxy forms for those unable to attend the meeting may be obtained from the Business Office of the Corporation during business hours.

DATED the 3rd day of February, 2011
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False conclusions drawn from Al Jazeera leaks

The immediate coverage of Al Jazeera's disclosure on Jan. 23 of the "Palestine Papers" shows what's wrong with instant journalism: sensationalism, a bandwagon rush to judgment, and the adoption a new storyline while forgetting the solid historical reasons for the old one.

The "Palestine Papers," leaks of unverified conversations concerning Palestinian-Israeli peace negotiations, ostensibly showed that PA leaders offered unprecedented compromises, only to be met by Israeli intransigence. The globeandmail.com headline of Jan. 23 was typical: "Israel rejected historic concessions, 'Palestine Papers' reveal."

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

In fact, the papers don't "reveal" any such thing about Israel.

The quotes from the leaked documents showed only that PA officials considered compromising with Israel on some of the final status issues, including settlements, refugees and Jerusalem. But none of this was "new" news. It was well known that at Camp David and Taba (2000-1) and again during the Annapolis talks (2007-8), Israelis and Palestinians had discussed all sorts of peace formulas. In the end, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas didn't reply to then-Israeli prime minister Ehud Olmert's offers for Palestinian statehood, proposals that even Palestinian chief negotiator Saeb Erekat admitted to *Newsweek* were "serious" (June 13, 2009).

Former prime minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas at one of their many negotiating sessions in 2007 ***[Israel Sun photo]***

We now learn from the papers that the Palestinians weren't prepared to accept that all the settlement blocs around Jerusalem would become part of Israel in exchange for land swaps. They were willing to accept that some Jewish neighbourhoods in east Jerusalem would belong to Israel. However, they insisted on excluding Har Homa.

What is particularly shocking to the broader Palestinian and Arab public is the "revelation" that their leadership was prepared to be flexible toward Israel. This was something they've not been educated to expect and were not prepared for.

Not surprisingly, Abbas and Erekat were embarrassed by the Al Jazeera leaks (something many journalists have noted might be motivating the Qatar-based news organization, which is known for its pro-Hamas and anti-Fatah bias). And they've been busy distancing themselves from appearing to make concessions to the Jewish state, insisting the offers were entirely Israel's. How ironic.

On the issue of Palestinian refugees, some journalists have taken passages in the papers in which Abbas and Erekat discuss limiting the numbers of people who would have a "right of return" to Israel as indicating that these leaders have effectively relinquished the demand. Patrick Martin of the *Globe and Mail* went so far as to claim (on Jan. 25) that "Abbas and his chief negotiators are shown in 2008 to have abandoned the historical claim [of the 'right of return'], enshrined in the 1948 United Nations Resolution 194."

In fact, they did no such thing. They've never abandoned the demand, but have long said that they understand Israel's demographic concerns and, therefore, would limit the numbers of refugees they'd expect Israel to absorb. Again, all this has been known for years, so there is nothing new here.

Olmert himself said that during the Annapolis talks, he refused to accept the principle of the "right of return" but did agree to accept a very small number of Palestinians on an individual humanitarian basis. It is not generally known, but since 1948 Israel has absorbed more than 100,000 Palestinians this way – part of what is called "family reunification."

But no Israeli leader has ever, or could ever, accept the demand that millions of Palestinians in principle have a "right" to move to Israel rather than to a Palestinian state. Such a "right" doesn't exist in international law and would be a Pandora's box, exposing Israel to potentially endless future claims. Has anyone heard of the "right of return" of Muslims Pakistanis to India? Or of the "right of return" of Greeks Cypriots to the Turkish-occupied north? Only in the case of the Palestinians is such a group right asserted as a given.

Moreover, contrary to what Martin wrote, Resolution 194 does not enshrine any such right. The word "right" is not mentioned in the resolution. It's the Palestinians and their supporters who maintain this claim. It's not an objective fact and should not be stated as such.

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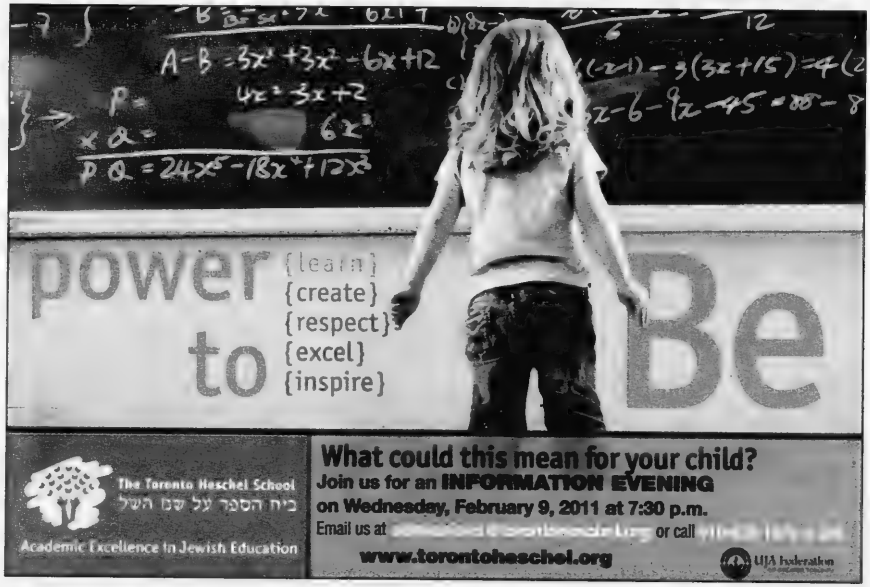

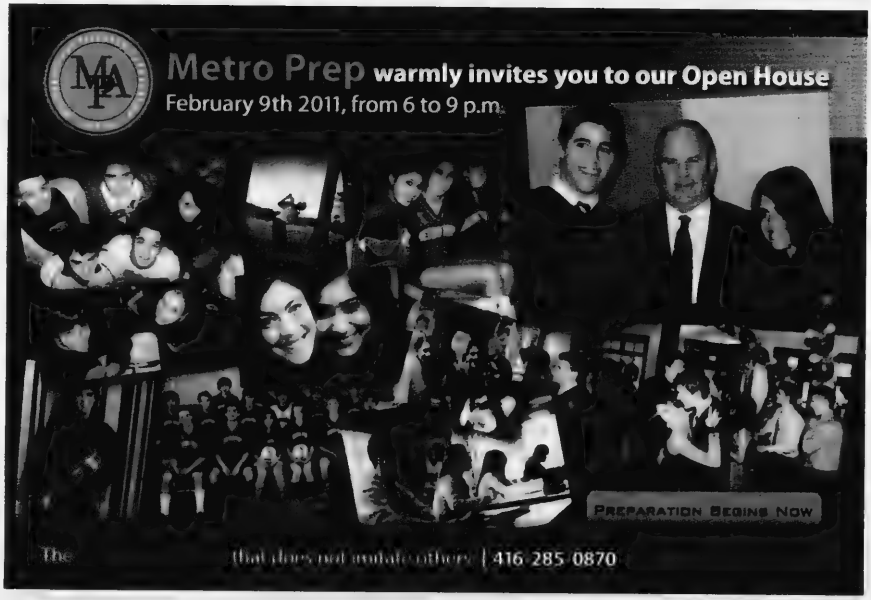

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לפני שבועיים נפל דבר ובטורונטו התכנסו בפעם הראשונה בהיסטוריה נציגים של קהילות ישראליות מרחבי העולם, מאוסטרליה ועד ברלין. המטרה המוצהרת היתה להתלכד ולעזור לגנות קהילות ישראליות חזקות בכל מקום שבו חיים ישראלים. שלושה עמודי תווך נידונו בכנס בן שלושת הימים בחסות הסוכנות היהודית של טורונטו ובמעמד שר הקליטה והתפוצות מר יולי אדלשטיין:

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אנשי המדע שבין הנואמים הסכימו שהרוב המכריע של ישראלים לא יחזרו ארצה, ועל כן אין טעם שהפעילות העיקרית תהיה סביב נסיונות החזרתם.

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עושה רושם ששנת 2011 תהיה השנה של נטלי. היא זכתה בגלובוס הזהב על סירטה "ברבור שחור". הסרט עצמו לטעמי הוא לא מי יודע מה- סרט אימה פסיכיאטרי, אבל נטלי עושה תפקיד נפלא שהשאיר את המבקרים פעורי פה, כי הם לא העריכו אותה ברמת כשרון כה גבוהה.

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Israeli teachers honoured at Shabbat Shlichim

Abigail Cukier
Special to The CJN

HAMILTON — Marla Samuel graduated from Associated Hebrew Schools more than 30 years ago, but she vividly remembers the impact shlichim had on her education and experiences.

That is why she is organizing Shabbat Shlichim, along with her husband, Jack, and Amit and Merav Rotem. The event will take place on Feb. 4 and 5.

Shlichim are Israeli educators who come to Canada to live and work through the Jewish Agency for Israel.

Shabbat Shlichim will include Friday night services at Yeshivat Or Chaim in Toronto. Following that, shlichim from the Toronto area and Hamilton will go for Friday night dinner at the home of various members of the Or Chaim minyan. Later, families will gather for an Oneg Shabbat, including dessert, and will sing and socialize. Shabbat morning services will be at Yeshivat Or Chaim. Following kiddush, one of the shlichim will deliver a lecture, and all of the shlichim and their children will be guests of the Or Chaim minyan for Shabbat lunch.

Shabbat Shlichim is a way for members of the Toronto area and Hamilton communities to thank the Israeli teachers working locally.

"As a child, I remember going to the homes of the shlichim and having an Israeli meal, asking them questions, enjoying the food," Marla Samuel said. "They give that window into Israel."

The Samuels are members of the Or Chaim minyan, which is housed in the Yeshivat Or Chaim.

"The shlichim just held a celebration for Tu b'Shvat, which we otherwise might not have celebrated in such a way. They add a lot of culture and the feeling of Israel into our community. In addition to their teaching, they also work with youth groups and do other extracurricular activities," said Jack Samuel, adding that his children have benefited from the influence of the shlichim throughout their education.

"They helped inculcate a love for the land of Israel and the Hebrew language, as well as a sense of connection with Zionism and the importance of the state of Israel," he said.

The Rotems are from Israel and teach at the Yeshivat Or Chaim and Ulpanot Orot. When they learned about the special Shabbat, they decided to help organize the celebration.

Amit Rotem says about 50 shlichim are living in the Toronto area and range in age from 18 to 50.

"The community has been very warm and welcoming," said Rotem.

The Rotems, who are in their second year in Toronto, have three daughters, ages, 11, 9 and 6. The whole family liked the idea of staying in Canada for another year.

Rotem appreciates the opportunity to be part of Shabbat Shlichim.

"It is a chance to show the strength of Israel and the power of the Israeli spirit here," he said. "The act of gathering is also very important, as the shlichim have left relatives and their lives back in Israel. They need a warm spot here, a connection.

"Toronto is very special. We also want to thank the community for welcoming us and for their support of Israel."

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FAMILY MOMENTS

Mazel Tov
The Canadian Jewish news

Mazel Tov on the recent wedding of Shari Archinoff and Andrew Annand, Sept 2, 2010. With much love, Debi and Glenn.

Tammy & Corey Gold announce the birth of Alexis. Grandmothers are Honey Mahl and Gail Gold. Sadly missed are grandfathers Jerry Mahl and Leonard Gold.

Happy birthday Avrom Gross from all your friends at Shomrai Shabbos.

Baila & Murray Kane, Svetlana & Aaron Rosenberg announce the engagement of Andrea to Howard. Proud grandparents are Jennie Marcovitch, Hanna Furman, Nina Rosenberg.

Mazel tov Rhoda Buckspan celebrating her 80th birthday Feb 1. With lots of love, Debi, Glenn and family, Rhonda, David and family, Cindy, Gary and family.

Mazel tov Ruth & Norem Litvak on your 60th anniversary. Judy, Michael, Patti, Sheldon, Corey, Natalie, James, Shaun, Lauren, Jodi, Evan, Robin, Noah, Emily and Shayne.

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Thursday, Feb. 3

MODERN RESPONSA

Temple Har Zion starts a three-week program with **Rabbi Cory Weiss** on issues of Jewish law and learning as written about by talmudic scholars. 7:30 p.m. Members $8, non-members $5. Call 905-731-3092.

Saturday, Feb. 5

ISRAELI GUEST SPEAKER

Jonathan Fine is academic advisor of the international program in government diplomacy and strategy in Herzliya. He is in Toronto as guest of the Israeli consulate. He will deliver the sermon at Shaar Shalom, and answer questions at the kiddush, on the topic "Major Trends and Changes in the Middle East: Where Are We Heading?" No charge, but reserve. 905-889-4975, ext. 70, or events@shaarshalom.ca.

Following Minchah at 5:05, he will speak at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda on "Democracies and Counter Terrorism: Challenges and Objectives." All welcome. Call 416-633-3838.

YOUNG COUPLES COOK

Beth Sholom Congregation invites young couples to cook up a culinary masterpiece with **Caroline Davis,** from Two Moms Baked Goods. Members $20, non-members $25. 7 p.m. To reserve, 416-783-6103 or programs@beth-sholom.net.

ISRAELI MOVIE NIGHT

Or Hadash Synagogue, Newmarket, holds Israeli Movie Night, with the film *Brothers*. 7:30 p.m. Dessert and discussion follow. RSVP: info@orhadash.org.

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

Darchei Noam Congregation hosts scholar-in-residence **David Sperling**. Lecture at 1:30 p.m. after *Kiddush* on "How True is the Bible?"

Sunday, Feb. 6

WORLDWIDE WRAP

Beth Tikvah Men's Club joins similar clubs around the world at breakfast. $5. **Ian Schlifer** explains the significance of tfillin. 9 a.m. All welcome.

ISRAEL AT PEACE?

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood presents breakfast lecture, 9:15 a.m. with **David Goldberg**, "Israel at Peace? Myth vs. Reality." Breakfast $5 at the door. Open to public. Call 416-633-5500, or www.bethdavid.com.

Monday, Feb. 7

GREAT RABBINIC FIGURES

Mondays, Feb. 7 to Mar. 28, Torah in Motion presents online program with **Marc Shapiro**, discussing great rabbinic figures of the 20th century, including the **Steipler**, the **Hatam Sofer**, and the **Ketav Sofer**. 9 a.m. For information, www.torahinmotion.org.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

ISRAEL PHILATELISTS

Monthly meeting of the Society of Israel Philatelists, Antibes Community Centre, 140 Antibes Dr. 7 p.m. Slide presentation "Gems of Holy Land Philately 1709-1971." **Philip Elias**, 416-226-2050 or p.elias@rogers.com.

TUESDAYS WITH LARRY

Beth Tikvah's Tuesday with Larry film series presents 1955 Israeli film *Hill 24 Doesn't Answer.* Hebrew and English with subtitles. 2 p.m. $5 at the door.

Wednesday, Feb. 8

JEWS FOR JUDAISM

Fourth in a 6-part lecture series – Jews for Judaism Counter-Missionary Survival Seminar. This week: "How Missionaries Distort the Jewish Bible to prove their Christian religious beliefs." **Rabbi Michael Skobac**. Lipa Green Building, Room 3. 8 p.m. No charge. Call 416-789-0020.

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Marking the 6th
International Holocaust Remembrance Day
January 27, 2011

Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority
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are proud to build bridges between communities and across generations by launching two groundbreaking initiatives:

A comprehensive website and a YouTube Channel in Farsi have been initiated.
Persians in Canada and across the world will now have access to survivors' testimonies, archival footage and mini-lectures, bringing the historical truth about the Holocaust.
(http://www.youtube.com/user/yadvashemfarsi)

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Google and Yad Vashem have partnered to make the 130,000 photographs in the Yad Vashem archive accessible and searchable online.
This is a first step towards bringing the vast Yad Vashem archive online allowing the public to identify and add their personal stories behind photos and documents.
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On 26 October 2005, the United Nations General Assembly designated the first universal commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust as the International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Remembering the Past, Shaping the Future

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DEALING W ITH ANGER

Westmount Shul presents author and educator **Rebbetzin Lori Palatnik** speaking on "Anger: The Inner Teacher – how to let go of your own and deal with the anger of others." 8 p.m. 10 Disera Dr., Unit 250, Thornhill. $18. RSVP or information. **Shareen,** shareen@westmountshul.com.

Other News

YIDDISH TODAY

Friends of Yiddish invite you to "What's Happening in the World of Yiddish Today?" featuring York University **Prof. Kalman Weiser**. Lecture in Yiddish and English. Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W., Sunday, Feb. 13, 2 p.m. Members of Friends of Yiddish free, guests $5. RSVP **Sandy**, 416-458-1440 or 416-736-8073.

MELTON MINI SCHOOL

Register now for spring graduate class on "Loners and Outsiders in the Tanach," taught by **Mitch Parker.** 8 classes, 90 minutes each. March 3, 7 p.m. Open to Melton grads with room for new students. Call **Loretta** to register, 416-789-7400.

CREATE CHALLAH COVER

Darchei Noam member **Edna Sandler** teaches the traditional French serti technique of painting on silk. Three-part series, Feb. 6, 13, 27. 2-4 p.m. $40. Preregister. **Carol,** 416-638-4783, ext. 21, or caroldn@bellnet.ca.

GALA CONCERT

Hamilton's Beth Jacob Synagogue presents a gala concert, "Journey to Jerusalem," by **Eyal Bitton**. Feb. 13, 7 p.m. Tickets and information, 905-522-1351.

NURSERY SCHOOL

Temple Sinai Nursery School, licensed, non-profit Jewish cooperative early learning centre. Register for 2011-2012 program, Contact **Bibi Golberg**, 416-487-3281 or bibi@templesinai.net.

CORRECTION – *TWO SISTERS*

Kehillat Shaarei Torah shows the classic 1938 Yiddish film "*Tsvei Shvester*," (*Two Sisters*). Subtitled. Feb. 12, 7:45 p.m. An incorrect date was published last week.

SHABBATON

Temple Har Zion Shabbaton Feb. 12, 9 a.m., includes Torah study, breakfast, services, potluck lunch and lecture by **Ray Havelock** on which Jewish books didn't get into Tanach. Call 905-7331-3092.

HAVDALAH ON ICE

Temple Har Zion holds Havdalah on Ice, at the Elvis Stojko Arena, 350 16th Ave. in Richmond Hill. Feb. 12, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Hot beverages, pizza and cookies to follow. Admission free. RSVP thzskates@gmail.com or 905-889-2252, ext. 5.

STAINED GLASS

Baycrest Volunteer Services Department is looking for a stained glass instructor to work with beginner clients, weekdays. Call 416-785-2500, ext. 2572.

FOR SENIORS

Bernard Betel Centre, 416-225-2112. Feb. 8. Lecture on *The Five Books of Moses Lapinsky* by **Karen Tulchinsky,** 10-11:30 a.m., $3 members, $6 non-members. Feb. 9, "Love is in the Air" lunch and concert, 12-2:30 p.m., $13 members, $17 non-members. Feb. 10, Wellness lecture on pesticides, plastic, cosmetics and cleaning products with **Sarah Oulahen**, naturopathic doctor, 1:30-2:30 p.m., free.

Beth Tzedec Seniors, 416-781-3511. Haverim program, February and March. Bring a friend or make a new one. $3 per event. Feb. 7, 1:30 p.m., preview performance by Act II Studio, Ryerson University's theatre school and creative drama centre for people 50 and up. **Diana Mingail** discusses how plans to deport Bulgaria's Jews to death camps were averted at the last minute, March 7, 1:30 p.m. New Horizons for Havurah, with **Rabbi Miriam Margles**. Feb. 14, 28 and March 21, discussion and a nosh, sharing experiences, ideas, joys, challenges and curiosities. Free.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. Call **Valerie**, 416-395-7881. Friendly atmosphere in beautiful surroundings. Casino Rama and show, Feb. 17. Thursdays, line dancing, 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon, Canasta. Art classes, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Social bridge, Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. Seniors woodworking, skilled craftsmen, repairs, etc., call 416-630-6487.

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday social afternoons: Bridge, mah-jong, Rummikube. Refreshments, $2. Call **Pearl**, 416-635-6317, or **Sheila**, 416-665-6317.

MNJCC Active Seniors, 416-924-6211, ext. 155. Thursday, Feb. 3, 1:30 p.m. Broadway's great Jewish composers and songs we love to sing, **Jordan Klapman** on Lerner & Loewe, live piano. Feb. 10, 1:30 p.m. **Adam Fuerstenberg** presents "Great Jewish Canadians: **Samuel Bronfman**, business tycoon and champion of the Jewish community." New program: Miles Nadal JCC is forming a seniors choir. Meets Tuesdays, 1-2:30 p.m. Feb. 22-the end of June. No experience necessary, Affordable. Call **Gillian**, gillians@mnjcc.org or **Harriet**, ext. 133.

MILES NADAL JCC

750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211, www.mnjcc.org

Personal storytelling classes, with **Tracey Erin Smith.** Thursdays, Feb. 24-April 28. 7-9:30 p.m. Contact cre8tv@yahoo.com, or esthera@mnjcc.org..

New support group for adult children of Holocaust survivors. Information Monday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m., MNjcc. Call **Harriet Wichin**, harrietw@mnjcc.org, or **Shoshana Yaakobi** 416-785-2500, ext. 2271.

Strength and Self: Ongoing support/yoga/meditation group for women who have experienced abuse. Mondays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Michelle/Kim,** ext. 147.

PROSSERMAN JCC

Sherman campus, 4588 Bathurst St., www.prossermanjcc.com. 416-638-1881.

Outdoor ice rink now open to the public.

Kolel: Nia Torah daytime class. Body-awareness movement class, followed by Jewish meditation. Feb. 7-March 21, 10-11 a.m. Ext. 5235.

Sunday mornings. Ask the Rabbi – any topic any question. Mondays, Feb. 20-April 3, 10:10-10:40 a.m., or 11:10-11:40. Ext. 4235.

Bamidbar – Advanced Torah class, continuing through the book of Numbers in Hebrew. Pre-requisite: strong Hebrew reading and previous high-level study, Feb. 28-April 4. **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein.** Ext. 4235.

Trial shuttle service. Free for seniors 65 and over who are registered in a program or a social or fitness member. Not handicap accessible. Ext. 4235 or 4259.

Tickets on sale for Casino Rama, Tuesday, Feb. 15. Receive $10 in coins for food or play. Members $3, others $6.

Also tickets for *Tuesdays with Morrie*, May 11, Stagewest. Includes buffet lunch and transportation. Members $65, others $75.

Lunch 'n' Learn with **Rabbi Meir Rosenberg**. Feb. 4, 12-1p.m. No charge, free tea and coffee. Bring own lunch.

Bridge for Beginners. Tuesdays, Feb. 1-March 22, 10 a.m.-noon. Ext. 4235.

Ryerson/Chang lecture series. "You Talkin' to Me? The Revolution of Method Acting," with **Kevin Courrier.** Tuesdays, Feb. 15-April 12, 1-3 p.m. members $70, others $80, plus HST.

Introduction to women in western hemisphere music. Thursday, Feb. 3, 1-3 p.m. with **Tamara Bernstein.** Ext. 4235.

Tax Return Clinic. Free. Starts in March, sign up in February.

What's New is now online. You can find it at cjnews.com

ISRAELI VISITOR: Yuli Edelstein, Israeli minister of public diplomacy and Diaspora affairs met with about 40 leaders of Toronto's Russian Jewish community recently. From left are Val Levitan, Igor Korenzvit, Edelstein, Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman and Alex Shnaider.

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IDF veteran talks to students

Kortney Shapiro
Special to The CJN

Sgt. Benjamin Anthony, a veteran Israeli Defence Forces combat soldier, was in Toronto last week to speak to Jewish students about his experiences fighting in Israel's recent conflicts.

"Combat is a scenario that one cannot fully understand until you have actually participated in it," Anthony said during an interview with *The CJN*.

But Anthony, who founded Our Soldiers Speak, a non-profit organization that aims to present facts about Israel's recent conflicts and military campaigns, travels around the world hoping to shed some light on IDF soldiers' experiences.

Anthony, a graduate of the University of Manchester, said he was inspired to start the organization in 2006 when he was asked to give a speech at a Yom Hazikaron event in his native United Kingdom.

"One of the local synagogues had forgotten to mark Yom Hazikaron… And out of sheer desperation, they contacted me [to deliver] a seven-minute talk," he recalled.

"[I] reluctantly decided to speak for 20 minutes because it's not a subject one can deal with in seven minutes."

Later that year, Anthony, who had moved from the United Kingdom to Israel to join the army in his mid-20s, was encouraged to organize lectures to share his first-hand experience of serving with the IDF.

Anthony attributed his decision to move to Israel to his father.

"My father ensured that within our blood flowed a fervour of Zionistic interest, support, and the idea that words are cheap… Action is what is required. Correct action at the right time."

To date, Our Soldiers Speak has organized lectures at more than 120 universities in the United Kingdom, South Africa, the United States and Canada, and has plans to present lectures in Israel as well.

Anthony, who spoke at campuses and other Jewish centres throughout Ontario last month, met with some opposition when he visited the University of Western Ontario on Jan 19.

Most of those who gathered at the event were anti-Israel protesters, but once the protesters left, students who were interested in hearing what Anthony had to say were able to enjoy the lecture.

He said that dealing with protesters who resist his message isn't uncommon.

"Certainly [there are] threats, difficulties and those who bear you ill will… It may be easier to become intimidated by that, but there are two factors that are important to me," Anthony explained.

"The first factor is it's not nearly as intimidating as the things I have experienced in the past as a soldier in the field… But the second is this – whatever the threat, danger… it's not nearly as bad as it will become if we do not push back."

Anthony, who recognizes that there are many students who support Israel and his cause said, "I am grateful for them and for their support. They do not go unnoticed."

But, he added, sometimes moral support isn't enough.

"It troubles me that there are so many pro-Israel students, pro-Zionist, pro-Jewish [individuals], but feel that that is enough and feel that they do not need to ask, debate or present themselves… and that is a huge error."

In a call to all students who care about the State of Israel, Anthony said, "Please know that anything I am able to achieve on the front lines of combat will never be nearly as consequential as the actions you undertake in the battle for public opinion.

"So you must find your courage and live by your convictions."

Obstetrician specializes in high-risk births

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Dr. Jon (Yosef) Barrett would probably agree with the aphorism that an apple doesn't fall from the tree. Like his father, Theodor Herzl Carl, he specializes in obstetrics and gynecology.

As chief of Sunnybrook Health Science Centre's maternal fetal medicine division, Barrett delivers low-risk and high-risk babies.

In a 20-year career, he has delivered about 6,000 infants.

"To become a partner in the birth process is a remarkable experience," he said in an interview in his office early in the new year. "There is nothing else I'd rather do. It gives me immense satisfaction."

Barrett, who recently turned 50 and was the subject of a CBC TV profile on *The National* last fall, earned his medical degree in 1983, when he lived in South Africa.

But long before he ever studied medicine, he knew he harboured dreams of becoming a doctor.

His father inculcated this ambition in him, taking him along on hospital rounds from the time he was only five years old. "He involved me in his work," Barrett recalled.

By careful observation, Barrett came to the realization that medicine in general, and obstetrics in particular, were his twin callings. "I now realize that my ambition is a rare thing," he explained. "Most people don't know what they want to do when they're so young. I never had a doubt."

Dr. Jon (Yosef) Barrett
(Sheldon Kirshner photo)

Barrett's certitude has taken him far since his arrival in Toronto in 1992 to assume a fellowship in high-risk pregnancy at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Since then, he has carved out a niche at Sunnybrook – which he joined in 1995 – started teaching obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Toronto and signed on as an adviser to the World Health Organization.

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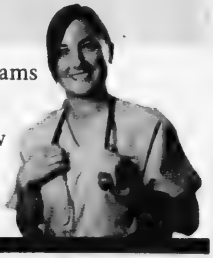

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Chassidic philosophy part of obstetrician's day

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Barrett, the father of four children, also directs a multiple pregnancy clinic at Sunnybrook – officially known as the Ante Natal Multiples Clinics – and is the lead investigator of another project, the Twin Birth Study.

The multiple pregnancy clinic, launched at the end of 1996, was established to fill a pressing need. With increasing numbers of women giving birth to more than a single baby due to in vitro fertilization, it dawned on physicians that they required special care.

"There was a need to look after these women," said Barrett, who is highly regarded by patients, judging from the website RateMDs.

Thanks to the clinic, most major hospitals in Canada have opened similar clinics, resulting in better and more standardized care.

The Twin Birth Study, whose final results will be released in 2012, has been called the world's single biggest obstetrics investigation.

Funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research in more than 140 centres in about 30 countries, its objective is to determine whether vaginal birth is superior to caesarean birth.

Barrett – who's also chief of obstetrics and gynecology at York Central Hospital, a position he fills once a week – delivers from 250 to 300 infants per year. When he's on call, once a week, he sleeps at the hospital.

In a typical year, he delivers 40 twins, but also delivers triplets and quadruplets. Only in one instance has he delivered quintuplets. "We knew five were coming," he said. "The mother had a caesarean."

Roughly half the births in which he is involved concern high-risk babies, where the chance of "a bad outcome" is significantly higher than a low-risk birth. Although he has never lost a baby at birth, "tens" of his high-risk infants have died after delivery, succumbing to complications, he noted.

Born in Johannesburg, he is the scion of Lithuanian Jews on both sides of his family who immigrated to Britain in the 1930s to escape the rising tide of fascism and antisemitism in Lithuania.

Ironically, his father left Britain after inaccurately being told that a Jewish doctor had no hope of becoming a consultant in Britain's national health care system. He and his wife settled in South Africa in 1950.

Having completed his medical studies at the University of Witwatersrand, Barrett went to Britain in 1986 to complete his training. "I didn't see a future for South Africa," he said. "I always knew apartheid was wrong and unsustainable. There was much hatred in the country."

For him, the tipping point was South Africa's war in Angola. "I didn't want to be fighting and getting killed," he said in a reference to the possibility of being conscripted into the army and sent to Angola's front lines.

Multiple pregnancy clinic fills pressing need

Armed with a British passport, he followed in his father's footsteps, finding a job at St. James Hospital, which is affiliated with the University of Leeds. He continued his studies at the University of Newcastle.

In Britain, he and his wife, Lauren – a bereavement psychologist – turned to Orthodox Judaism.

Barrett was a traditional Jew in South Africa. But in Britain, he became far more observant. A decade ago, he joined the Chabad sect. Interestingly, one of his ancestors in Lithuania was a *rosh yeshiva*.

Barrett, who wears tzitzit and a kippah while on duty, left Britain mainly because he didn't feel comfortable as an observant Jew there.

He is troubled by no such angst in Toronto, where he usually starts his day at 5:30 a.m. First he exercises and then he goes to shul. From his home in Thornhill, he drives to Sunnybrook, listening to CDs of the Tanya (an early work of chassidic philosophy) and Chumash.

Although Sunnybrook's team system enables him to take the Sabbath off, he would gladly go to work to save a life. As he put it, "The Gemara says, 'You can turn on a light for a woman in labour.'"

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Website warns of weather-related symptoms

Stephen Sweet
Special to The CJN

Think your ailments are feeling worse because of the weather? You might be right.

Dr. John Bart and meteorologist Denis Bourque have created a website to help warn people about the incoming weather systems and how they might cause ailments to flare up.

"The product is very simple," Bourque said. "We offer a service where you can get warned – via e-mail or by looking on our website – about when the weather could possibly aggravate one of six ailments you might be interested in."

Using their mathematics, they can determine whether migraines, heart disease, asthma, arthritis, diabetes or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) are likely to flare up in your area.

The two men started their website, www.mediclim.com, in January 2009, but the idea went back much further than that.

"Many years ago, Denis came into my office after a number of patients in the previous week had the same diagnosis," Bart said. "I said to him, 'I think the weather has something to do with the way people turn up.'"

Bart didn't think any more about it at the time, but Bourque looked into it, and sure enough, the doctor was right.

"Denis called me a few weeks later and said that there is a world of research linking weather and health," Bart said.

The two have worked together since 1986, have had their findings published in journals and have spoken at conferences.

However, they couldn't get the funding for much additional research until 2007.

"At that time, the Canadian government started giving out money for some individual scientific research projects that linked climate change with the health of Canadians," Bart said.

After hiring some statisticians and working out some weather algorithms, the pair found deeper meanings in the patterns.

"If you look at the weather patterns from Toronto to Ottawa, which is usually the way it moves, and you look at temperature or pressure or humidity alone, there's no correlation between the increase of symptoms in each place," Bart said.

"However, using the MediClim index, there's a percentage increase that's equivalent."

Essentially, that means if there's a six per cent increase or decrease in symptoms in Toronto, there will be a similar one in Ottawa once that weather pattern hits.

"We knew then that our algorithm was statistically viable," Bart said.

"This research applies to what is known as the temperate zone," Bourque said. "That includes the continental United States, Canada (south of the 60th parallel) and most of Europe."

More research is underway to determine the viability of these algorithms in Japan and South Korea, and preliminary work is being done in Australia.

Ultimately, the hope is that all of this work will help others.

"The benefit of it is improvement of quality of life," Bourque said. "For those who suffer these ailments because of weather, this provides them with advance information they can use to their advantage to mitigate the degree of the problem or manage it better."

This isn't to be confused with a strictly medical site, though.

"We don't give medical advice directly to people," Bart said. "We advise them to do what their doctor tells them to do."

But since he is a physician, Bart does post on the site what he tells his patients who suffer from the same symptoms.

And those who receive the e-mails do seem to appreciate what they're being told.

"Nearly 75 per cent of our subscribers said that it better helped them manage their ailment," Bourque said. "I would have been happy even with just 25 per cent.

"This was far better than what I'd anticipated."

Dr. John Bart, left, and Denis A. Bourque

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'Managing weight is a lifelong challenge'

Barbara Silverstein
Special to The CJN

Toronto psychiatrist and author Barry Simon has devoted most of his professional life to helping people manage their weight.

The co-author of two books on weight loss, *The Winning Weigh* (Prentice Hall 1991), and *Breaking the Weight Loss Barrier* (Prentice Hall 1996), he has been counselling people on issues pertaining to lifestyle and health since the early 1990s.

He is the founder of the Shift Method, a program offering weight management "solutions from the inside out."

Simon traces his professional interest in weight management to his undergraduate days when he studied counselling psychology. "I wanted to understand the reasons why people don't adhere to good advice."

He says he sees many people with serious health issues. "Changing their lifestyle is critical to their health, yet for them, taking steps to improve their health is a daunting behavioural and emotional challenge.

"For most people, trying to lose weight is not strictly knowing about what to eat or not to eat. It's about learning how to master those five or six challenging moments in a day.

The Shift program combines cognitive behavior strategies with lifestyle-change principles, he explains. "We teach people how to manage stress and to change the way they think and relate to food."

He says the direction of his practice has changed over the years and has evolved into a multi-disciplinary program that includes his wife, Susan Eiley, an adult educator and certified lifestyle counsellor; Fran Berkoff, a registered dietitian, and registered psychologist John Fleming.

Simon says research has shown that people who have gone through an inner transformation and developed skills and strategies to conquer other challenges besides eating tend to be more successful in maintaining their weight loss. "They have changed the way they approach problems."

Shift offers several program options, which include seminar programs that span several weeks or a year-long program that includes a one-on-one lifestyle assessment and months of group work.

The initial assessment developed by the psychologist looks at personal factors that may impact people's eating patterns, says Simon. "We do a comprehensive assessment looking at evidence-based research that examines personality styles, ways of thinking and how people manage their emotions.

"People discover the specific issues that affect their eating behavior and learn individualized strategies geared to their specific profile... Profiling doesn't point to an actual diagnosis, but to a psychological way of functioning that needs to be addressed."

Dr. Barry Simon

The initial eight weeks, which is called the weight mastery program, is an intensive period of group work with no more than eight people per group.

In the second part of the program, clients participate in workshops that deal with such issues as conquering cravings, emotional eating and accepting body image. There are also followup groups to support weight-loss maintenance.

Simon says Eiley has structured the program to create an environment geared to the way adults learn. Her approach is "solution focused with an emphasis on an individual's strengths.

"Fran plays an instrumental role in providing nutritional guidance and direction around meal planning and food choices. The program also promotes increased physical activity."

Simon advises people to be skeptical of weight-loss programs offering magic-bullet solutions. "Managing weight is a lifelong challenge, and anytime you stop using the skills you've developed the problem comes back."

People commonly blame their weight problems on willpower, but Simon makes it clear that for many people, brain chemistry is a factor as some foods can be addictive. "There is more and more research that high-fat and high-sugar foods trigger insatiability in the brain."

He says helping people with weight management issues is very personal for him, because he was overweight at one point in his childhood and that experience propelled him into the weight-management field. "When I was 11 or 12, I was 25 or 30 pounds overweight.

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Program can help the brain relearn skills

Cynthia Gasner
Special to The CJN

In the past, researchers believed that once a person experienced a brain injury, the damage was permanent.

In the last 40 years, however, brain research has shown that, with appropriate intervention, positive changes can take place, even years after the injury was sustained, says Rebecca Gruber who founded One Step Ahead Mobility with her partner Jan Goldstein Elman.

Gruber and Goldstein Elman have been practising physiotherapists for more than 20 years. Both are on the faculty of the physical therapy department at the University of Toronto.

They focus on adults and seniors with chronic illnesses – strokes, brain injury, heart disease, diabetes, Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, osteoporosis and other conditions.

People who sustain a brain injury or illness develop something called learned non-use, where they overuse an unaffected extremity because they have difficulty using the injured side, Gruber explains.

But a treatment called Constraint Induced Movement Therapy (CIMT) was pioneered and researched at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. Gruber and Goldstein Elman went to the Birmingham clinic to become certified in CIMT.

Gruber says CIMT is based on neuroplasticity or the ability of the brain to reorganize after an injury such as a stroke if the patient uses the right type of intensity and physical practice "thus leading to improved overall physical function."

She stresses that it takes intensive practice and a gradual increase in the difficulty of the exercise used.

"We focus on what a person does at home in his or her everyday life. For those who need hand and arm therapy, they are asked to wear a restraining mitt on their functioning hand to encourage them to use their injured limb during the course of therapy."

Rebecca Gruber, left, and Jan Goldstein Elman of One Step Ahead Mobility

For lower extremity injuries, therapists encourage patients to rely on their affected leg to perform repetitive exercises.

After completing therapy at the clinic, therapists design an individualized at-home program that helps patients maintain the continued improvements.

It is not feasible, Gruber says, in our government health-care fee structure, to support this intensive program, and the service is not covered by OHIP.

At the interview, Gruber noted that one of their clients was unable to use her left hand. After CIMT training, she has regained use of her arm and was able to brush her teeth with her affected hand.

Harvey Joseph, a father, grandfather and practising lawyer, suffered a stroke in 2008 that affected his left side. He was initially severely limited in his ability to sit, stand up or walk. Joseph took the government-funded rehabilitation and he has returned to his practice and family activities, but to maximize his ability to use his affected left side, he has begun an intensive 15-day physiotherapy program for 3-1/2 hours a day in the CIMT program at One Step Ahead Mobility.

"During his course of CIMT physiotherapy, Mr. Joseph will practise progressively more challenging tasks and use specialized equipment to assist the process in neuroplasticity and physical rehabilitation," Gruber says.

Canadian physician Norman Doidge, in his best-selling book titled, *The Brain That Changes Itself*, describes CIMT in detail.

Gruber notes that CIMT pioneer Dr. Edward Taub says that the great majority of stroke patients who have completed CIMT "experience substantial, significant, clinically meaningful improvement."

The CIMT program was originally developed for people after a stroke. It is now being studied for other chronic conditions such as MS.

One Step Ahead Mobility, which concentrates solely on physical mobility for adults with chronic illnesses, is located at Bathurst Street and Glencairn Avenue.

For more information on CIMT or any of their other programs, call 416-783-7175 or go to www.onestepaheadmobility.com.

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Fitness centre offers yoga and spinning

Barbara Silverstein
Special to The CJN

They say east is east and west is west and never the twain shall meet. But this old adage doesn't apply to Spynga Yoga and Cycling Studio.

This innovative fitness centre combines the eastern discipline of yoga with indoor cycling, a western-style high-intensity cardio workout.

Spynga (www.spynga.com) is the brainchild of Sari Nisker and Casey Soer. The two exercise devotees – they are both 36 and grew up in Thornhill – have been best friends for more than 25 years.

Nisker is passionate about yoga and became a yoga teacher, while Soer, a cycling enthusiast, is a certified spinning instructor. In 2003, both of them happened to be living in New York, and each woman developed an appreciation for the other friend's preferred mode of exercise.

"We attended each other's classes and watched our bodies transform," recalls Nisker, noting that the cardio workout from spinning improved her stamina and core strength.

Soer, in turn, discovered the benefits of the strength and flexibility training, as well as the meditative aspects of yoga. "We began to see that blending these modalities together gives an all-encompassing workout," she said.

The two friends – they are both certified instructors in both yoga and spinning – decided to start a studio in Toronto that offered both indoor cycling and yoga. The south Spynga studio (416-588-7796), at Bathurst Street and St. Clair Avenue, opened in 2007.

They also developed the popular Spynga Flow class, which combines both types of exercise. "The concept brings the two exercise methods together in an hour for a balanced workout," says Nisker. "The magic is that those who like more cardio can get their cardio fix and then they get to explore their other side."

People sweat through a spinning class for half an hour and then they move to the floor for stretching and deep breathing in a half-hour yoga session.

Other courses offered include indoor cycling and vinyasa, yin, power, restorative and pre-and post-natal yoga. There are also yoga classes for children and teens, cardio classes and seasonal detox workshops.

Soer describes vinyasa yoga as "a flowing yoga." She notes the Yoga 101 course is geared to beginners and intermediates. "It's broken down so that people can master the postures and breathing."

The centre also runs teacher-training programs offering certification in indoor cycling, yoga and Spynga instruction. Spynga Flow is now a registered trademark that is being licensed to other gyms. In July, Soer and Nisker opened their second studio, Spynga North (905-882-7799), near Bathurst and Centre streets.

The new studio is going very well, says Soer. "So far, people in Thornhill are really embracing Spynga."

She stresses that it doesn't matter what one's experience or skill set is, because people go at their own pace. "There's no need for different levels. There's something for everyone.

"The more advanced practitioner can work harder on the bike or go into a deeper stretch in yoga. You take it to your own level."

Purists can take cycling or yoga classes, but Soer says she and Nisker recommend that people give the Spynga Flow class a try. "We have a lot of people who begin in cycling classes and then end up doing more yoga and vice versa."

She says a new class, the Zone 8 Ride, was recently introduced. "It gives someone a balanced workout that includes weight training and cardio."

The class includes cycling and works on six different body zones for eight minutes at a time. It is similar to the Zone 8 Cardio-Sculpt, which also has six eight-minute zones. However, this class incorporates the weight training with some elements of yoga such as balance and some of the postures.

Twice a year – in January and May – Spynga runs Dare To Do 30, a 30-day weight-loss program that incorporates 30 days of cycling and yoga, as well as assistance from weight-loss counselling with nutritionist Joey Shulman.

Soer says yoga is beneficial for every age group from toddlers to seniors. "My dad comes five days a week. He's 66 with back and knee ailments.

"He's been taking the Spynga Flow class and he says he feels 20 years younger."

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Toronto doctor pioneered non-invasive heart surgery

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Dr. Gideon Cohen keeps a box in his office filled with thank-you cards. "They're my biggest source of gratification," he said. "I'll cherish them forever."

The cards are from a legion of grateful patients whose lives he saved.

Cohen, 45, is a cardiovascular surgeon at the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, the only physician in the hospital who performs a surgical procedure that is at once less invasive but also more technically demanding than conventional open-heart surgery.

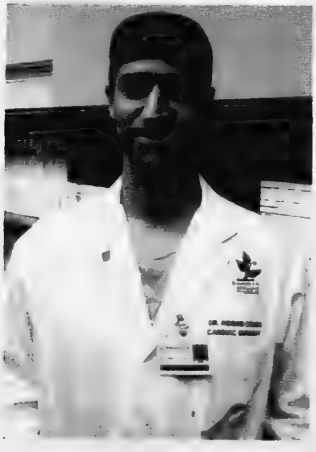
A graduate of the University of Toronto who finished first in his class, he was the first physician in Canada to perform the minimally invasive operation, which is designed to correct a condition known as atrial fibrillation, or irregular heartbeat.

The procedure, which is also employed in bypass surgery to deal with blockages in the heart, was developed in the United States about a decade ago. Since he performed the first such procedure in Toronto eight years ago, physicians throughout Canada have followed his lead.

The doctor who performs it does not need to open the chest or stop the heart. Instead, surgery is performed through what he describes as a "keyhole."

Small incisions are made on the side of the chest and a miniature camera is inserted into the patient's body. The surgeon uses special instruments to deal with the problem at hand.

"No one in Canada was doing it because it's not a simple procedure to perform," said Cohen, who works at the Schulich Heart Centre and who has performed about 100 such procedures since 2003. "It's very technically challenging and takes longer than an open-chest procedure."



Dr. Gideon Cohen
[Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Although there are risks in both procedures, the less invasive one has clear advantages.

It is cosmetically superior, delivers less pain and enables the patient to return to functionality in weeks rather than months.

However, the technique, covered by government health plans, is more expensive by a margin of $5,000 to $10,000, he noted.

It is more costly than open-chest surgery because the ministry of health does not provide funding for the special camera and specialized instruments that are used.

The procedure cannot be performed on just any patient. "Age is a factor," he explained. "If you're elderly and frail, you're not a candidate."

Body weight and anatomic factors also enter into the equation, added Cohen, an associate professor at the University of Toronto.

As Cohen suggested, the procedure daunts many physicians.

"Since it's more challenging mentally and physically, it transfers pain from the patient to the surgeon. You have to be extremely meticulous. Every move you make can be fatal."

The first patient in Canada to submit to it was a 45-year-old policeman who suffered from heart valve abnormalities. "He requested it because he wanted to get back to work as soon as possible."

Cohen admits he was somewhat apprehensive on the eve of performing the procedure. "There was an element of anxiety. It hadn't been done before in this country."

It was a success.

"He's entirely back to normal," said Cohen, who normally performs many more conventional open-chest procedures than the less invasive surgery.

Be they conventional or non-conventional, heart operations are one of the most labour-intensive procedures in medicine. They require a surgeon, one or two assistants, a scrub nurse, a circulating nurse, an anesthetist and an assistant and a heart-lung machine technician.

Cohen, who was educated at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto and Associated Hebrew Schools, graduated from William Lyon Mackenzie Institute.

He always aspired to be a surgeon, and chose cardiovascular surgery because he is an "adrenaline junkie."

He elaborated, "Every [heart] operation is a life/death situation. It's a specialty where you can immediately appreciate the fruits of your labour. The heart either works or doesn't work."

Cohen, who works from 60 to 70 hours a week, is particularly pleased that his expertise can prolong life and induce happiness.

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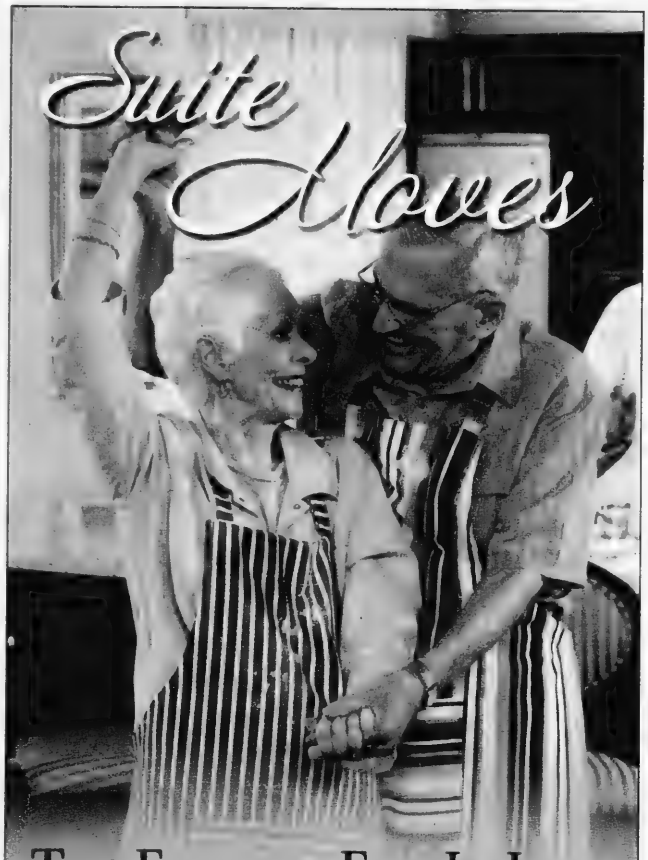

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New babies: amazing and challenging

Marni Brinder Byk
Special to The CJN

Having a son has been the most wonderful, fulfilling, magical experience, and I truly believe that being a mother is the most challenging, amazing and rewarding job a person could imagine.

That being said, I also now understand why babies are so adorable – because it allows us to forgive them for all of their tiring, disgusting habits.

There are some very important things to learn about babies. You will never sleep again. As I write this, I am trying to stay awake while my son takes a nap. Last week, he decided to not sleep at night, and my husband and I spent many hours on the couch while he giggled and hit us in the face as we tried to rock him back to sleep.

He is like an evil genius, and we are nothing more than his minions.

I should also mention that your personal hygiene suffers when you have a baby. If I have to choose between a bath and a nap, there's no competition.

This is only made worse when you consider how dirty a mother can get during the course of one day. Babies spit up, and more often than not, it's on you. And if you're not in any hurry to shower, you sure aren't looking to do any extra laundry, so you simply wipe it off and continue on with your day. Gross. If you're lucky, you have friends with babies that you can spend time with, so you can blame the smell on someone else.

Ryan and his mom Marni

You also can't rely on anything anymore. Something he likes to eat one day, he refuses to consume the next. One night of decent sleep doesn't necessarily ensure another. Leaving the house is a task that requires careful planning, because babies always fill a diaper or throw up just as you put a new outfit on them or put them in their car seat. It's a reminder that whatever you have planned is not nearly as important as your little prince or princess.

But the greatest thing I've learned throughout this wonderful year is my capacity for love. Someone once said to me that when you look at your baby, you realize in an instant you would do anything for them, and really, they are virtual strangers. I have stayed up all night, walked around with various bodily fluids on my clothing in public, and missed various social engagements willingly. Why? Because he has my chin and thinks I'm hysterical, and his face lights up when I walk into a room.

When he laughs, I forget how tired I am, how bad I smell and how I no longer have much of a social life outside of play dates.

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Up to two million Canadians have kidney disease

Cynthia Gasner
Special to The CJN

Recent estimates suggest that as many as two million Canadians have chronic kidney disease (CKD) or are at risk of developing it, says Wendy Kudeba, director of marketing and communications of the Kidney Foundation of Canada, Ontario branch.

"Most are unaware of it," she adds.

According to the Canadian Institute for Health Information in Ottawa, each day, an average of 14 Canadians learn that their kidneys have failed.

"In Ontario, there are more than 15,000 under treatment for chronic kidney failure," Kudeba says.

There are thousands more who suffer from other kidney-related disorders such as urinary tract infection and kidney stones.

Kidney disease may affect your diet, your emotional and physical well-being, your family and the things you do for fun and exercise, the Kidney Foundation of Canada's publication, *Living with Kidney Disease*, notes.

The main task of kidneys is to remove waste products from the blood and return the clean blood to the body along with other necessary elements.

Chronic kidney disease is defined as the presence of kidney damage or a decreased level of kidney function for a period of three months or more.

It is divided into five stages. It usually starts slowly and silently and progresses over a number of years. Not everyone progresses from Stage 1 to Stage 5.

A diagnosis of end-stage renal disease indicates that your kidneys are working at less that 15 per cent of normal.

At this stage, dialysis or kidney transplantation is needed to replace the normal functioning of the kidneys.

Some kidney diseases are inherited and others develop as we grow older.

The Kidney Foundation of Canada notes that the exact cause of many types of kidney disease is not well understood. Often, it is associated with other medical conditions including diabetes, hypertension and heart disease.

The loss of kidney function is usually very gradual, and in some cases, the problem may go undetected until the kidneys are severely damaged.

Simple laboratory tests such as urinalysis look for protein in blood and urine and are useful in detecting damage at an early stage.

A blood test is often used to check the serum creatinine level as a simple measure of kidney function. Creatinine is a chemical waste molecule that is filtered by the kidneys, and if the level is high, it can indicate possible kidney problems.

Volunteers in T-shirts with a kidney shape on the back are seen resting, at a recent walk for the Kidney Foundation of Canada.

The Kidney Foundation outlines some factors that help prevent the progress of CKD, including a well balanced diet, regular physical activity, good blood pressure control, cessation of smoking, weight control, limiting daily alcohol to two drinks or less a day, good management of diabetes and taking medications as prescribed.

"There are many research projects which we hope will lead to earlier detection and improved treatment options," Kudeba says.

March is Kidney Health Month, and "there are many special events and educational sessions across the country throughout the month," she notes.

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Collage Pediatric Therapy provides a team of speech-language pathologists, psychologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists and play therapists who work together to help the children they see.

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A private multidisciplinary clinic, Collage says it provides the best in professional care, all under one roof, offering the convenience of back-to-back therapy appointments with different clinicians in the same centre.

Collage currently has centres in Westmount and Pointe-Claire in Quebec as well as in Vancouver. It opened its newest site in Mississauga in the fall of 2010, and a new centre is opening this winter in Thornhill.

Marieve Karman, an occupational therapist with Collage Pediatric Therapy in Mississauga, emphasizes "how critical it is to intervene early. However, it is unfortunate that many parents spend a considerable amount of time trying to have their child seen by a professional in the public system."

Costs for the private therapy services are based on an initial assessment followed by individual treatment plans. In additional to flexible payment options, families meeting certain household income requirements may qualify for funding from certain foundations.

Jennifer Sailofsky, a clinical physiotherapist and director of motor services, oversees physical and occupational therapy for all sites throughout Canada. Sailofsky says that all clinical directors meet regularly and depend on one another to integrate their expertise for their patients so that they can provide early diagnosis, hypothesis and analysis.

Collage Pediatric Therapy also recommends the appropriate medical professionals for further treatment. According to Sailofsky, they use standardized tests in assessing their patients to ascertain if they are functioning at their appropriate age level.According to Collage Pediatric Therapy's website, parents should seek therapy if a child demonstrates difficulty in a variety of areas, which are broken down by age groups. For infants, it can be anything from lack of eye contact to reduced use or movement of limbs, just to name two indicators. For toddlers and preschoolers, it lists possible receptive and expressive language concerns, voice, fluency-stuttering, articulation, swallowing-feeding challenges, sensory processing disorders, adaptive skills, fine motor or gross motor difficulties and challenges faced by school-aged children that perhaps need to be assessed.

Collage stresses that "in younger clients, great progress can be achieved through early intervention."

For further information about when to seek therapy, visit www.collagetherapies.com or contact 905-402-3122.

Speech-Language Pathologists Betty Makalksy, left, and Naomi Jonas.

Physician trains Israeli doctors

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Much to his satisfaction, heart surgery has made great strides since his graduation from medical school in 1992.

"It has evolved tremendously. New techniques offer high-risk individuals hope."

Cohen, who was born in London, England, said he owes his career to his parents, Nechemia and Malka, who made financial sacrifices to ensure that he and his two sisters – a lawyer and an orthodontist today – received a proper Jewish and secular education.

His father, an Israeli who served in the Palmach fighting force in Israel's War of Independence, was a teacher of the self-care Mitzvah Technique of body mechanics.

A seventh-generation resident of Jerusalem, he and his wife – a registered nurse and midwife whose parents were Yemenite Jews – immigrated to Canada in the early 1970s.

Cohen, a skier and snowboarder in his spare time, met his wife, Meghan, a neurophysiologist, at Sunnybrook. They have two children, Addison, 2, and Jacob, eight months old.

Cohen, who is fluent in Hebrew and visits Israel regularly, is trying to create a fund to help Israeli doctors in training at Sunnybrook.

"They're often in a situation of financial hardship," he said. "They can't send their kids to Jewish day school or summer camp."

He makes a point of involving himself in the training of Israeli doctors at Sunnybrook, and is pleased to report that cardiovascular surgery in Israel is on a high level.

Cardiac care advances made at Southlake

By Jennifer M. Macleod
Special to the CJN

Awareness and fundraising campaigns have given the public information about heart disease and stroke. But one heart condition, atrial fibrillation, isn't well-known despite the fact that almost 250,000 Canadians – about six per cent of us 65 and up – suffer from the condition, which can destroy a victim's health and even lead to death.

One doctor, Yaariv Khaykin, a cardiac electrophysiologist with Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket, is changing that with new advances in surgical technology.

Atrial fibrillation (AF) is the most common type of arrhythmia (abnormal heart rhythm) caused by "short-circuiting" muscles near the upper portion of the heart. Though it's considered a fairly benign condition, the inefficient pumping of a heart with AF can cause episodes of chest fluttering or pain, shortness of breath, fatigue, and – more seriously – send blood clots to lungs or even the brain, causing up to 20 per cent of all strokes in Canada.

Many doctors offer medications to control AF, assuming that patients would prefer to avoid surgery. But, Khaykin warns, "drugs are on average [only] about 40 per cent effective... and there are a lot of side effects." Drug side effects may be minor, he admits, but they can also "potentially cause patients to go into more dangerous arrhythmias, they may cause [more dangerous] ventricular arrhythmias, and in some cases, they may cause death."

Surgical treatment, says Khaykin, offers a better chance at a normal life – if it becomes more readily available. The latest technologies, he says, may put this hope within reach at last. "There's a lack of awareness for family and family physicians about available therapies... patients get stuck on medications because physicians are simply not aware that therapies are available."

The most common procedure to correct AF is called ablation, which uses a catheter, a long wire with electrodes at the tip, threaded into the heart to ablate, or cauterize, an area of the heart which is "short-circuiting," sending mistimed signals that are causing the arrhythmia.

"Using electrodes we can find areas in the heart that are responsible for causing the arrhythmia and we can... cauterize them." The technology is actually similar to that used by dermatologists for removing moles. "There's no cutting or stitching... it's minimally invasive," he adds. The surgery is performed entirely through the patient's veins and arteries.

But because the operation requires such precision, it takes up to six hours per procedure. Until recently, that meant that highly specialized surgeons such as Khaykin have typically been able to perform only one per day. The Southlake Regional Health Centre has about 300 AF patients on their waiting list at any given time. "Wait times have been fairly consistently about a year on average," says Khaykin.

But new technology, including a new device for radio-frequency ablation recently approved by Health Canada, promises to make the turnaround much quicker, making surgical correction of AF possible for far more patients. Khaykin is already able to perform at least two procedures in a day and sees that rising consistently to three procedures in the near future.

The new system, developed by Minneapolis-based medical technology company Medtronic, lets heart specialists better identify and selectively burn a broader area of the heart tissue. Southlake was the first North American hospital to roll out the Medtronic device, though it has since been adopted in other centres, including one in Montreal.

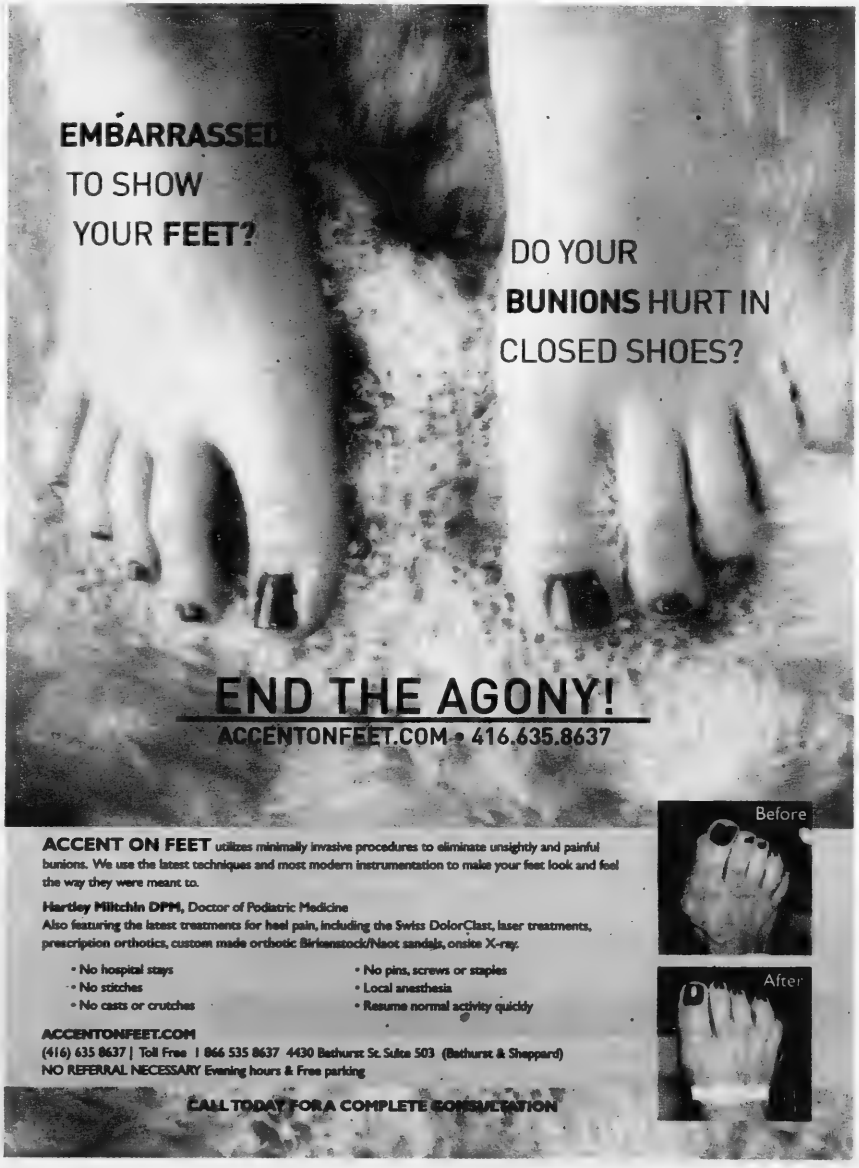
Other innovations at Southlake include improved three-dimensional imaging systems, letting surgeons better visualize the area. "Traditional ablation is guided by X-ray alone," while the newer system allows Khaykin to see "an entire virtual map of whichever chamber we're working with." GPS-like technology lets him easily and accurately locate the tip of the catheter within that 3-D map.

For the patient, this means a quicker repair and less extended exposure to X-ray radiation. But technological advances are also benefiting other doctors: another new system lets Khaykin broadcast, in real time, the visuals of any procedure. "Ultrasound, 3-D mapping system... we put it all on one screen and broadcast them in HD video," he said, along with real-time, bi-directional audio. Observers anywhere in the world can now use the Internet to interact with the surgeon during the procedure, letting Khaykin and his colleagues share their skills with other physicians, and ultimately making these benefits of technology available to more patients across Canada and worldwide.

Khaykin believes the high cost of caring for individuals with AF puts a huge strain on our health-care system. Studies have shown that the costs of surgery, as compared to ongoing medication, "break even at about three to five years."

Yet government restrictions currently hinder his ability to care for patients, and no new technology can help in that area. "One of the major reasons we have a wait list [is that] we're not funded to do as many procedures, to treat as many patients as we could possibly treat. If we're only funded for 200 cases a year, we're going to have a long wait list no matter how many I can perform," he said.

Nevertheless, Khaykin is more than thrilled to see these technologies first in a regional centre, sometimes, even before the big downtown Toronto hospitals. "People don't know we're out there," says Khaykin, but "a lot of the time we're able to offer therapies before they're offered at the academic hospitals."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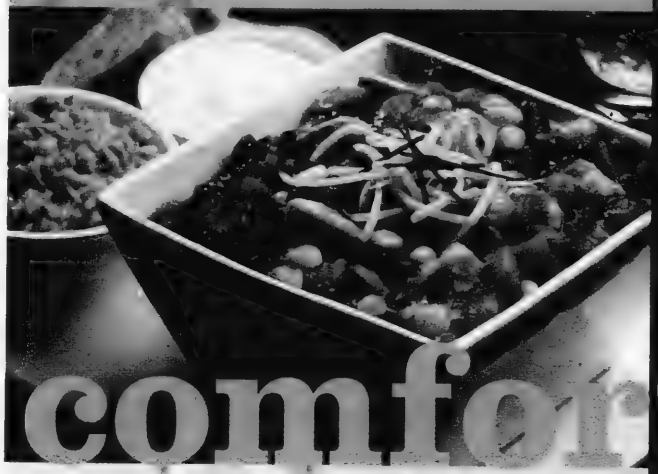

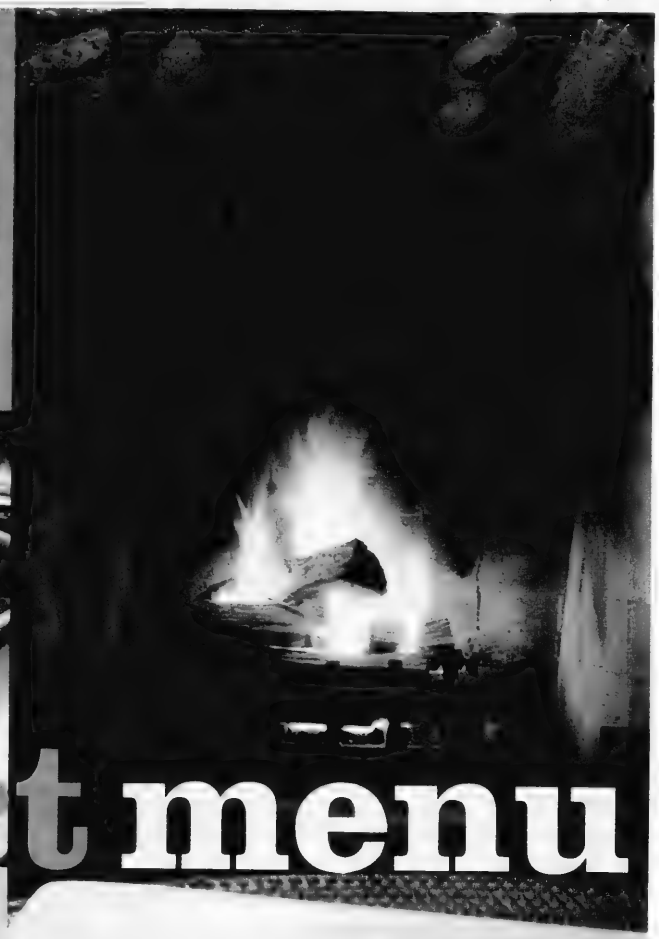

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Prairie students get advocacy tools

Conference held in Calgary

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

The Canadian Federation of Jewish Students' Prairie Province Conference in Calgary last month gave about 50 Jewish students the opportunity to learn from some of Canada's most influential Jewish leaders and network with their peers.

Students heard presentations from the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy's executive vice-president, Susan Davis, on "How to be a global Zionist"; the American Jewish Committee's director of national and legislative affairs, Richard Folton, on "Religious freedom on university campuses", and from the Canadian Jewish Political Affairs Committee's national outreach co-ordinator, Rachael Segal, on "Impact beyond our numbers."

The purpose of the Dec. 21-23 conference was to bring together students involved in smaller Hillels in Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan to collaborate and forge partnerships.

"It's really amazing to see the different types of relationships that have been built through this small-scale convention," said Joseph Tappenden, a 23-year-old, fourth-year accounting student at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in Edmonton.

"What's great is that there is now this peer-to-peer network of all these students who can assist each other with feedback and provide each other with trouble-shooting ideas."

Tappenden, who often takes part in events organized by Hillel Edmonton and works for B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) as its Edmonton city supervisor, said that while he enjoyed the lectures and presentations, he benefited even more from the social aspect.

"Being there with people who are similar to me – students who care about the fact that they are Jewish, who care about Israel and they are all there because they want to do something, they want to make a difference – that was my favourite part," Tappenden said.

Benjamin Weinstock, a 19-year old, second-year business student at the University of Manitoba, said that although Hillel members from three provinces were at the conference, it was still very intimate.

He said the message was that Jewish groups from across the prairies can be more effective working together as one large community rather than many smaller ones.

But the message that inspired him the most came from Segal's lecture, titled "Impact beyond our numbers."

During her talk, when she asked the audience if they supported Israel, everyone said they did, Weinstock recalled.

"But then the next question was, 'What do you do to support that?' And pretty much no one answered. That really got me thinking."

Weinstock said it's easy to call yourself a supporter of Israel; but if students aren't vocalizing their support, they won't have an impact on campus culture.

Tappenden said the students were given tools on how to be effective advocates of Israel.

He noted that in Edmonton, there have been a number of boycott Israel campaigns. He recalled when Mountain Equipment Co-op was targeted for selling Israeli made products.

"Of course, Edmonton Hillel had a response to it. We organized a peaceful rally, but... after coming to [the conference], I kind of have a better idea of how to deal with these types of events."

Weinstock added that the presentations and discussions outlined how to use his knowledge in a practical way.

"Instead of just learning about Israel and it being great and everything like that, we learned about the difficulties of presenting that in a public setting," said Weinstock, who serves as a student adviser for BBYO in Winnipeg and often attends events organized by Hillel Winnipeg.

He added that the presenters also encouraged the students to be proud to be Jewish and to have courage of their convictions. "The message was... don't be discouraged by everything else people are saying and be professional about what you're saying."

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One of the most vital and colourful places in Jerusalem is the Mahane Yehuda market, in the centre of town. Here, you can stock up on local fruit and vegetables, gorge on candy to your sweet tooth's content, and devour a fresh plate of hummus to keep you satisfied for hours.

Not only will your taste buds be stimulated in this vivacious market place: the colourful vendors will almost certainly give you a chance to get in touch with the "stereotypical" Israeli – friendly, loud and always willing to haggle. The market is open from dawn to dusk, peaking in adrenaline on Friday afternoons ahead of the Sabbath, when thousands rush to the stalls to stock up on goodies for the weekend.

After your hunger has been satiated and your thirst has been quenched, you should be prepared to brave the Old City for a little taste of Jerusalem's loaded history and religious significance.

The Mahane Yehuda market

Walking down the Via Dolorosa will give you a step-by-step guide to the Christian history in the city of white stone. Later, a stroll through the Armenian Quarter to the Western Wall will offer you the chance to fight for the right to find a crack in Judaism's holiest site in which you can offer up your prayers.

If you have had enough of the hustle and bustle of the city, take a visit to the Israel Museum and check out the unique and grand collection of both local and international art. This museum has works on exhibit ranging from impressionists to modernists and contemporary pieces, as well as a plethora of historical artifacts dating back more than 4,000 years.

When you are finished at the museum, cut across the green parks to check out Israel's Knesset building, whether you want to enjoy the view, or try to get a glimpse of the prime minister making his rounds.

After soaking in so much culture, you might want to grab a good cup of tea or coffee, or a little something sweet.

So, with your sugar levels high, making you feel young and energetic once more, hop across the road to the Nachlaot neighbourhood, a bohemian enclave where students are in the majority. An early evening stroll through those magical alleyways is the perfect way to end a day in Jerusalem.

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Readers of the popular travel website *Trip Advisor* have ranked Jerusalem among their Top 10 culture and sightseeing destinations in the world, above London, Istanbul and Venice.

The readers ranked the Italian city of Florence in the first place, followed by Washington D.C., Rome and Paris. Jerusalem was ranked seventh and described as having profound cultural and historical significance.

"Plan on seeing the major sights," the website suggests, "but also leave plenty of time to walk through the streets and simply immerse yourself in the daily life of such an ancient and revered place."

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Chefs gear up for Pesach

Steve K. Walz
Special to The CJN

Even the most famous TV chefs have never experienced the annual challenge of creating a series of kosher for Passover menus at high-end Israeli hotels. The meals must titillate the palates of thousands of visiting guests, while having access to only a limited number of ingredients based on kashrut and halachic considerations. In this respect, Israel's top hotel chefs could be construed as the most innovative culinary artists in the food business!

During the eight-day Passover holiday, thousands of Jewish tourists from the United States, United Kingdom and France flock to elite Israeli hotels to imbibe the fresh springtime air, as well as the pungent aroma of inventive Pesach cooking. There was a time in the not too distant past when Israeli chefs were forced to limit their culinary savoir faire due to the dearth of premium kosher for Passover ingredients.

"New food technologies, which have helped create many quality kosher for Passover products that have been approved by the Tel Aviv Chief Rabbinate (under the stewardship of Rabbi Yisroel Meir Lau), have grown by leaps and bounds since I started working in Israel nearly 13 years ago," said John Donnelly, executive operations chef at Tel Aviv's David InterContinental Hotel.

Donnelly, who had previously worked as a top chef, serving up non-kosher dishes at the five-star luxury InterContinental Mark Hopkins Hotel in San Francisco, Calif., as well as the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Boston, Mass., has relished the opportunity to create premium kosher cuisine year-round, as well as during Passover.

He added, "The guests who come to our hotel from the United States, United Kingdom, France, etc. for Passover, are so culinary savvy they could go anywhere, because they absolutely know what they like. As our guests have such high expectations when it comes to prime cuisine, we are always trying to go to another culinary level. And today, it is absolutely possible to create unique and delicious dishes during Passover."

Donnelly and his kitchen staff will serve up more than 15,000 individual meals to nearly 1,000 guests during the course of the holiday, including the swanky seder soirees. What are the most popular dishes?

"First of all, I build menus that feature a variety of flavours and tastes. Also, the growing number of high-quality kosher for Passover wines that I can cook with has given us more culinary options," said Donnelly.

"I'm proud to say that the meat products we order from Argentina are phenomenal. We've had guests from the United States and United Kingdom who've asked us where we get such quality meat. The [meat] is as good as anything you'll ever find in the top restaurants in New York or London. Our chicken soup, I think, is absolutely the best. I have a talented Iraqi-Jewish sous chef who makes sure that the soup and other dishes have a consistency of quality."

Sheraton Tel Aviv & Towers, Executive Chef, Charley Fadida at work in the kitchen.

Across town, Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel & Towers executive chef, Charley Fadida, has garnered a reputation for spearheading a kosher culinary revolution in metro Tel Aviv. The Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel & Towers Olive Restaurant, which was created to showcase Fadida's talents, has been consistently voted as one of the top five kosher restaurants in Israel by *TimeOut Magazine*.

"Today, where the hotel's staff is much more personally connected to the customer, it is important for the chef to create a true culinary experience for the guests. In my dining room and restaurant, the orientation on the plate is more a work of art, with lots of colours, which gives you a real appetite," Fadida said.

"In reality, creating menus for Pesach for hundreds of guests is literally like planning the opening of a new restaurant. You have to plan ahead and order products three months in advance, and there is no room for error since suppliers don't stock extra products for the eight days of Pesach. There is no such thing as telling guests, 'we don't have this dish, because it's Pesach.' Today, there's a whole range of new ingredients available, so you can put pastas and tortillas on the menu. I can guarantee that guests who come from the USA and UK this year will be able to eat, and eat , and eat...My specialties include the traditional chicken soup, gefilte fish and tangy North African-style fish dishes."

In Jerusalem, David Citadel Hotel, executive chef, Eric Attias, is tasked with tailoring mouth-watering glatt kosher, non-gebrochts (no matzah meal), non-kitniyot (no legumes) cuisine for the hotel's upscale tourists.

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Hotels mindful of guests who watch their calories

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"Based on my 13 years of experience at the David Citadel, I have always been able to find new ways to offer delicious gourmet dishes during Pesach, even though I am limited in the types of ingredients I can use," Attias said.

David Citadel Hotel, Executive Chef, Eric Attias whips up something delicious.

"Of course, we are serving great lamb and veal dishes etc. But we have found a real niche with our breakfast and dessert menus. We have been able to create amazing Pesach breakfast pancakes, which are based on crushed almonds. The crushed almonds make the pancakes richer and more tasty. Most importantly, we are renowned for catering to the personal traditions of families who stay with us during Pesach. So if a family requests that their seder table must highlight a certain type of food, we honour those traditions."

A growing number of Israeli hotel chefs are also mindful of guests who like to watch their calories, without feeling the need to compromise on sampling the enticing dishes on the holiday menu.

At the Daniel Hotel in picturesque Herzliya (Tamares Hotels), where most of the visiting Passover clientele also hail from the United Kingdom and United States, executive chef, Dudu Cohen said that he likes to surprise his guests with a variety of European and Mediterranean-style fish entrees, as well as quiches and even pizzas.

"Even though we, of course, serve a selection of meat dishes during the holiday, we realize that our guests don't always like to eat heavy meals all the time," Cohen said. "The fact that we can also offer pizza, pastas, quiches and yes, Passover bagels, because of the new kosher for Passover ingredients that are now available, allows us to make our menus that much more interesting."

Up in northern Israel, at the posh Rimonim Galei Kinneret Hotel, located along the banks of the Sea of Galilee, executive chef Meir Rosenberg tailors a variety of succulent Mehadrin (Glatt Kosher) dishes for guests.

"Years ago it was hard to find a high standard of glatt kosher veal and duck, as well as soup mixes and sauces. Today, it's possible to achieve new culinary peaks during Passover," said Rosenberg.

"The technological advances in Kosher for Passover ingredients also allow us to address the growing number of requests from guests who want a healthier menu featuring gluten-free products, as well as low-sugar pastries. Unfortunately more and more people are suffering from diabetes and celiac disease. With the large variety of gluten-free kosher for Passover products that are now available, I'm able to offer premium culinary solutions for people who have health issues including breads, pastas etc. We have a great interaction with our guests, so we are always prepared to create high quality cuisine based on their dietary desires."

David InterContinental Tel Aviv Hotel, Chef, John B. Donnelly.

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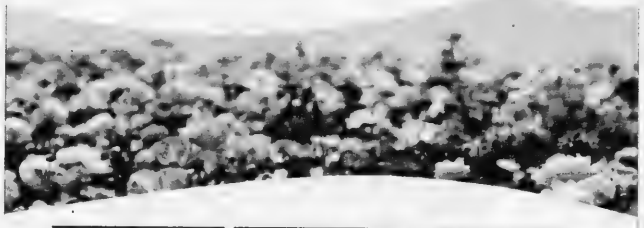

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Green is the new tourism

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As we become more conscious of the size of our ecological footprints, it's good to know that in Israel we can go green in our leisure options as well.

Ecotourism in the Negev desert is rapidly expanding in parallel with the region's overall development. Zimmerbus, created by Eyal and Avigail Hirshfeld out of old vehicles headed for the scrap heap, is one especially outside-the-box destination.

"The idea came out of need," Eyal Hirshfeld tells Israel21c. "We brought one bus to refurbish as a guest room for friends and family because we didn't have enough space in our house."

The Hirshfelds and their children covered the metal shell with the natural building material adobe (made from sand, clay, water and organic material) and roofed it with date-palm leaves. Inside, it was outfitted with as many natural materials as possible. "People liked the idea and suggested making it into a zimmer," says Hirshfeld.

They purchased and renovated two more buses – one a 'concertina' model large enough for families – and went into business. A recycling system is planned, using wastewater from the zimmerbuses to irrigate an organic garden, along with an organic vineyard.

The abundance of 'green' lodgings, organic eateries, biking and hiking trails, bird-watching sites, ecological study tours, and more, made Israel the perfect host for the fall's ecotourism conference sponsored by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

The greening of Israel's tourism industry is an ongoing priority, according to Tourism Minister Stas Misezhnikov.

The ministry's dedicated and informative site, Travelgreenisrael.com, complements its two-year promotion, 'Israel: One Hundred Years of Green.' The campaign is marked by a series of projects in co-operation with Eco & Sustainable Tourism Israel, the Nature and Parks Authority, Jewish National Fund, and the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel.

For both domestic and foreign travellers, green accommodation in Israel varies from campgrounds to desert huts, to upscale resorts offering natural therapies and healthful cuisine.

One of the newest arrivals to the ecotourism scene is Zohar Katzir's Essene Farm in Even-Sappir, a small mountaintop village just west of Jerusalem.

In a few months, Katzir will open guest lodges roofed with recycled tiles, insulated with thick straw bales, and connected to biological purification pools for waste.

Lotan Center for Creative Ecology at Kibbutz Lotan *[Flash90]*

Meanwhile, guests arrive on a daily basis to learn natural personal hygiene and organic and 'permaculture' gardening techniques, and to explore the forest and springs below. "We wish to see people developing spiritually through love, and work closer to Mother Nature," Katzir says.

Tuesday evenings, Essene serves up raw-food cuisine in its mud-and-straw main building outfitted with a grey-water purification pond and a water-free compost commode.

Some of Israel's green lodging options, such as Essene Farm and Herzliya's energy-conserving Sharon Resort Hotel, are close to major population centres. Others are more rural, such as Cabins in the Mist in the Golan Heights, with its hand-built, 'technology-free' wooden cabins surrounded by organic cherry orchards.

While ecotourist facilities are popping up all over the Negev Desert and the Arava, in the Great Rift Valley, most are situated in Israel's lush Galilee region.

Two of the many Upper Galilee eco-resorts are Vered HaGalil, where guests can experience alternative therapies such as reiki and energy healing, and the Schnabel Zimmer (country inn), an award-winning site featuring five cabins in a permaculture environment with an accompanying vegetable garden, goat pen and chicken coop.

In the Western Galilee, there's Back to Nature via the Bible, an ecological village offering opportunities to learn about medicinal plants and herbs, stomping grapes, grinding grain, and crushing olives for oil.

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Tend an organic garden

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One of the Lower Galilee's niche ecotourist spots is the HooHa Cyclists House. Here, accommodations and services are geared specifically to those touring Israel atop two-wheelers.

Israel will be attractive destination for cyclists

And there are bound to be many more of these as the Tourism Ministry begins investing more than NIS 100 million in a 3,000-mile network of new bike paths, including a national trail. Two major cycling paths near and around Lake Kinneret (Sea of Galilee) are under construction.

"This infrastructure will also make Israel an attractive destination for cyclists from around the world and a marketing program will be prepared accordingly," Misezhnikov recently announced.

Adventurous 'voluntourists' who want to explore the country's ecosystem through an organized program have several options. GoEco, established in 2005, offers a large selection of projects from coral reef conservation in the Red Sea and eco-building in the Arava to wildlife conservation at a biblical nature reserve.

At Kibbutz Lotan in the Arava, voluntourists are housed in straw-bale-and-mud geodesic domes and accompany kibbutzniks in tasks such as organic gardening, alternative/natural building, maintaining nature trails, arranging educational workshops, and working in the Lotan migratory bird reserve.

Ecologically-minded day trips are another option as Israel invests in new projects such as Ayalon Park's 75-acre recycling plant atop a former garbage dump near Tel Aviv. Visitors can watch as household and industrial refuse, garden debris and corrugated paper is transformed into electricity, and as irrigation and washing water is cleaned. In the Visitors Center decorated with recycled art, kids can take part in hands-on workshops.

The Tourism Ministry has invested millions of shekels since the early 1990s in the development of a tourist infrastructure at Lake Agmon in the northern Hula Valley, a critical region for migrating birds and other wildlife. Most recently, the Ministry and Jewish National Fund each invested NIS 700,000 (about $194,000) to construct a southern observation point on the lake. This newest eco-tourist attraction is expected to open within a few months.

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Butterflies to Bat Yam

Abigail Klein Leichman
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Butterflies are arriving in great colourful swarms to Israel's Mediterranean city of Bat Yam. They are attraced to 150,000 new plants brought to town by the chief municipal landscaper, Eliav Hatuka. The beautiful insects are an indication of a healthy environment, since they avoid polluted places.

"Where there's clean air, they come," Hatuka says. "It's nice to see how the number and quality of the butterflies increase as you get farther from the highways and closer to the shore."

The notion of transforming Bat Yam, a relatively poor tightly packed city just south of Tel Aviv, into Israel's first natural butterfly city started with Hatuka's summer 2008 family outing to Ramat Hanadiv, a memorial park in the northern town of Zichron Ya'acov that includes a small butterfly garden.

Thinking along the lines of one small butterfly garden, he consulted with Dubi Benyamini, head of the Israeli Lepidopterists Society for butterfly and moth enthusiasts, whose English website should be ready in the near future. Benyamini recommended taking a survey to ascertain which butterflies already existed in the area – it turned up 13 species – and planting numerous gardens of butterfly-attracting plants along Bat Yam's east-west boulevards starting from the beachfront.

"These tracks will become butterflies ecological corridors," Benyamini recalls predicting then.

Sure enough, aromatic plants such as verbena, cassia, lantana, sophora, duranta, and ruda soon started attracting lots of butterflies – now 21 species in all – including the common swallowtail,

"When there's clean air, they come," says Bat Yam chief municipal landscaper Eliav Hatuka.

one of the largest and most beautiful butterflies in Israel; and the large white-yellow African migrant.

"There was not even one known [cassia] plant in Bat Yam, but when Eliav's gardeners started to plant it, the strong migrant smelled it and not more than two weeks later I observed the first eggs on the plants in southern Bat Yam," says Benyamini.

"This butterfly has expanded all over the city and the mild winter supports its permanent existence here." He believes more species will follow their noses to Bat Yam as well.

Encouraged by this success, Mayor Shlomi Lahiani gave the green light for spending about NIS1 million to purchase butterfly-attracting plants and to construct a butterfly pavilion in the city nursery where visitors can learn about the insects and their significance in taking the ecological temperature of the city.

The Bat Yam Butterfly Experiment, the first of its kind in Israel, was formally introduced during Bat Yam's September Biennale celebrating landscape urbanism and expansion of the city's open areas and cultural life.

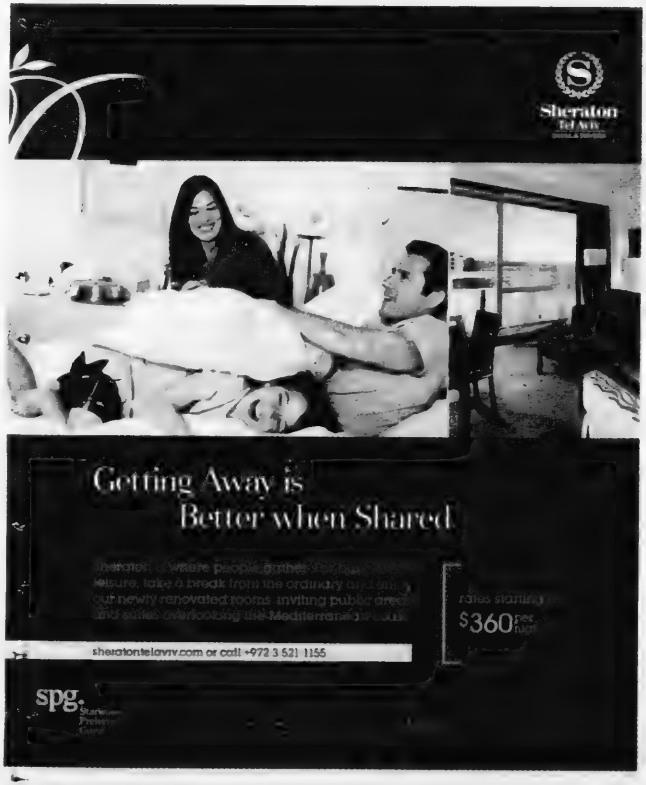
"All year we're planting anyway, so we just had to make a switch to buy plants that butterflies love," says Hatuka.

"It looks complicated, but it's not. We built a route of gardens close to each other so the butterflies can flutter here and there." In co-operation with local businesses, the municipality also sells plants at a low cost to Bat Yam's 160,000 residents. "We try to let the community take part in the experience."

During the biennale, local mother and journalist Nili Shahar opened an educational butterfly pavilion in a 115-by-33-foot tomato hothouse, where visitors fed butterflies from nectar-dipped sticks and explored museum displays about many kinds of insects. So far, the pavilion has attracted four species of butterflies and a whole lot of schoolchildren.

Eventually, Shahar hopes to hand out "butterfly flower" seed packets for the kids to take home. Trained through an International Butterfly Breeders Association course in Costa Rica, Shahar loves introducing children to the insect world. "I see the butterflies as an excuse to open their hearts and minds to all the small creatures in the world," she says. "I want to expose them to other creatures like beetles and to learn about their lifecycles."

Though Bat Yam's project is the largest of its type, butterflies are being wooed in other spots as well, such as a butterfly pavilion at Kibbutz Bachan's Utopia Orchid Park.



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Mubarak reaches out to the opposition

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CAIRO — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak instructed his government to begin talks with opposition parties who support the mass anti-government protests across the country, the pan-Arab satellite network Al-Arabiya reported Monday.

Mubarak told his new prime minister, Ahmed Shafiq, to start talking to the opposition to find out their specific demands.

On Monday afternoon, more than 250,000 protesters had gathered again in Cairo's Tahrir Square, as well as in main centres of other Egyptian cities.

Protesters called for an indefinite general strike and said they were planning a "million man march" for Tuesday to mark one week since the start of anti-government protests.

Egyptian military officers and soldiers promised Monday that they would not hurt any of the protesters in Tuesday's march.

An officer in Egypt's Signal Corps, who identified himself as Maj. Ahmed, said he was responsible for the deployment of troops in central Cairo and that the army would not touch the Egyptian people.

"We are with the people, and they love us. We will never hurt the people," he said. When asked what orders the military received from the government, he said: "We don't know what is going on with the government."

Protesters were camped out in central Cairo on Monday and vowed to stay until they had toppled Mubarak, whose fate appeared dependent on the military as pressure mounted from the street and abroad.

"The army has to choose between Egypt and Mubarak," read one banner in Cairo's Tahrir Square, where demonstrators shared food with soldiers sent to restore order after violent protests shook Mubarak's 30-year rule to its core.

At dawn, some hardy demonstrators from the night before were still in the square, which was covered in early-morning mist. They had already begun chants of "Down, Down, Mubarak".

Six days of unrest have killed more than 100 people, but the two sides reached a stalemate. Protesters refused to go, while the army was not moving them. The longer protesters stayed unchallenged, the more untenable Mubarak's position seemed.

Protesters in Tahrir Square – the epicentre of the earthquake that has sent shudders through the Middle East and among global investors – dismissed Mubarak's appointment of military men as his vice-president and prime minister.

His promises of economic reform to address public anger at rising prices, unemployment and the huge gap between rich and poor failed to halt their broader calls for the ouster of Mubarak and his associates.

The protesters have been pressing their demands for democracy, which could spell the end for the military establishment that has run post-colonial Egypt since the 1950s.

The United States, which has poured billions of dollars of aid into Egypt since Mubarak came to power, stopped just short of saying openly that it wanted its ally out. Officials, including President Barack Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, spoke about "an orderly transition."

A senior U.S. administration official, who declined to be identified, said the feeling among Obama's national security aides was that Mubarak's time had passed, but it was up to Egyptians to determine what happens next.

Mubarak, a former air force chief, has turned to his military commanders, meeting them on Sunday. They seem to hold his future in their hands. Egypt's defence minister spoke by phone to U.S. Defence Secretary Robert Gates on Sunday.

Admiral Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the highest-ranking U.S. military officer, praised the "professionalism" of Egypt's armed forces as its troops refrained from a crackdown on protesters. Egypt receives about $1.3 billion a year in U.S. military aid.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak

Meanwhile, Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon issued a statement Jan. 27, saying that "Canada regrets the loss of life of both protesters and police officers during political demonstrations in Egypt. We urge all parties to refrain from violence, and, in particular, we urge the Egyptian authorities to respond to these protests peacefully."

He added: "Canada calls on all parties to remain calm and to continue to respect freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law. We call on the government of Egypt to ensure that freedom of expression is respected by, among other measures, unblocking Internet sites.

"Egypt remains an important partner for Canada, and we urge the Egyptian government to ensure full freedom of political expression for its citizens."

In related developments, Malcolm Hoenlein, the executive vice-president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, called Mohammed ElBaradei, the opposition leader emerging from the Egyptian ferment, a "stooge of Iran."

Hoenlein accused ElBaradei of covering up Iran's true nuclear weaponization capacities while he directed the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the UN nuclear watchdog.

"He is a stooge of Iran, and I don't use the term lightly," Hoenlein said in an online interview with the Yeshiva World News, a website, on the Egyptian crisis.

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Netanyahu urges criticism of Mubarak be curbed

Barak Ravid
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JERUSALEM — Protests against Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's rule have worried Israel, which signed a peace treaty with its largest Arab ally in 1979, and uncertainty over Egypt's future has raised fears about stability in the region.

Israel called on the United States and a number of European countries over the weekend to curb their criticism of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, in order to preserve that stability.

Jerusalem seeks to convince its allies that it is in the West's interest to maintain the stability of the Egyptian regime. The diplomatic measures came after statements released in western capitals implied that the United States and the European Union (EU) supported Mubarak's ouster.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he spoke with U.S. President Barack Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton Saturday night, after which he held consultations with Defence Minister Ehud Barak, Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman, and senior intelligence officials.

Israeli officials are keeping a low profile on the events in Egypt, with Netanyahu even ordering cabinet members to avoid commenting publicly on the issue.

Senior Israeli officials, however, said that on Saturday night, the Foreign Ministry issued a directive to around a dozen key embassies in the United States, Canada, China, Russia and several European countries. The ambassadors were told to stress to their host countries the importance of Egypt's stability. In a special cable, they were told to get this word out as soon as possible.

EU foreign ministers were to discuss the Egypt situation at a special session Monday in Brussels, after which they were expected to issue a statement echoing those issued in recent days by Obama and Clinton.

Obama called on Mubarak to take "concrete steps" toward democratic reforms and to refrain from violence against peaceful protesters, sentiments echoed in a statement Saturday night by the leaders of Britain, France and Germany.

"The Americans and the Europeans are being pulled along by public opinion and aren't considering their genuine interests," one senior Israeli official said. "Even if they are critical of Mubarak, they have to make their friends feel that they're not alone. Jordan and Saudi Arabia see the reactions in the West, how everyone is abandoning Mubarak, and this will have very serious implications."

Netanyahu told his cabinet Sunday that Israel must exercise responsibility and restraint in the face of the unrest in Egypt, and that Jerusalem's primary concern was to preserve the more than 30 years of stability and peaceful ties with Cairo.

"The peace between Israel and Egypt has lasted for more than three decades, and our objective is to ensure that these relations will continue to exist," he told his ministers. "We are closely monitoring events in Egypt and the region and are making efforts to preserve its security and stability."

Netanyahu announced at the cabinet meeting that the security cabinet would convene Monday to discuss the situation in Egypt.

He has also repeated his request for ministers to refrain from further comment on the situation in Egypt.

The Foreign Ministry has called on Israelis currently in Egypt to consider returning home, and for those planning to visit the country to reconsider. It is telling Israelis who have decided to remain in Egypt to obey government directives.

Opinions

Cairo tremors will be felt in Israel

Amos Harel
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The events of the past few days in Egypt – seemingly the most important development in the region since the Islamic revolution in Iran and the Israeli-Egyptian peace accord in 1979 – represent a nightmare to Israeli intelligence leaders and planners. While many other countries view the possible ouster of a government that denies basic rights to its citizens with satisfaction, the Israeli point of view is completely different.

The collapse of the old regime in Cairo, if it takes place, will have a tremendous influence, mostly negative, on Israel's situation. In the long run, it threatens to endanger peace with Egypt and Jordan, the greatest of Israel's strategic assets after U.S. support. It is likely to bring about changes in the Israel Defence Forces and worsen the Israeli economy.

Israeli intelligence, like most of the West, did not foresee the force of the turnabout (the conclusive epithet "revolution" will have to wait, it seems).

Like Israeli intelligence, the overwhelming majority of media pundits and academic experts were also mistaken. While the intelligence services did depict 2011 as a year of possible regime changes in Egypt and Saudi Arabia, accompanied by unpredictable results, it did not forecast a popular uprising.

Furthermore, the new head of intelligence, Gen. Aviv Kochavi, at his first appearance before the Knesset foreign affairs and defense committee on Jan. 26, said that "there is no concern at the moment about the stability of the Egyptian government." That same day Egyptians took to the streets.

By the end of the week, the midnight oil was burning at intelligence headquarters. The main questions of the coming days are about what Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and the army will decide to do.

Mubarak, who suffers from cancer and whose health has been worsening recently, faces a dilemma reminiscent of the bind Tehran found itself in with the "Green Revolution" of 2009.

However, while the ayatollahs in the end used unrestrained force, the elderly Egyptian president must decide whether he wants his 30-year rule to be remembered for a bloodbath near its end.

Yet by Monday, the number of deaths among demonstrators had climbed to above 100.

The army was called out to the streets of large cities on Sunday in order to spell the exhausted police force. The soldiers, unlike the police, have no means to disperse demonstrators. If they receive orders to shoot, it will be live fire, and thousands of people will be killed.

Is the army still loyal to the president? Dozens of tanks that streamed into central Cairo bore graffiti that read "Mubarak will fall" – sprayed on by demonstrators.

Israeli suspicions about the functioning of the American administration in the Middle East, which began with U.S. President Barack Obama's speech at a Cairo university 18 months ago, have now turned to astonishment at the stammering coming out of Washington over the last few days.

Here, too, the precedent is Iranian. Like president Jimmy Carter facing the shah's ouster, Obama hesitates between supporting a loyal but tyrannical ally and the basic American instinct in favour of a popular struggle for freedom.

And like Carter the Democrat, Obama too favours the second option. The Israeli suspicion is that under the surface of the Egyptian struggle, which is on the face about economics and democracy, lies an Islamic element. Islamists are not yet pulling strings and making plans, but they will be the first to recover and exploit the confusion to attract followers.

The fall of the Mubarak government, father and son, will have far-reaching security consequences for Israel. It will immediately damage Israel's quiet co-operation with the Egyptians on this front, and it may lead to a thaw between Egypt and the Hamas government in Gaza.

It could damage the status of the international peacekeeping force in Sinai and lead to a refusal by Egypt to allow movement of Israeli military submarines and ships in the Suez Canal, employed in the last two years as a deterrent against Iran and to combat weapons smuggling from Sudan to Gaza.

In the long run, if a radical government achieves power, rather than a variation of the current one, there is likely to be a real freeze in the already cold peace with Israel.

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Austrian restitution funds help Jews persecuted by Nazis

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Two restitution funds established by Austria to make amends for its role in the Nazi-era persecution of Austrian Jews in the period before and during the Holocaust have compensated thousands of claimants and their descendants around the world.

The National Fund of the Republic of Austria for Victims of National Socialism, as well as the General Settlement Fund for Victims of National Socialism, have discharged Austria's "moral responsibility" to the tune of almost $400 million so far.

Hannah Lessing

As of Dec. 31, 2010, the National Fund had processed more than 26,000 claims for various property losses. Each claimant was entitled to a lump sum "gesture" payment of $7,000 (US). The fund has thus paid out about $200 million.

Due to social need, 409 claimants received a second payment, while 77 recipients received a third payment, thereby raising the overall figure.

Established in 1995, the National Fund recognizes claims by people who were citizens of Austria before it was annexed by Nazi Germany in 1938 and who were persecuted on the basis of religion, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation or physical or mental handicaps.

By the end of last year, the General Settlement Fund had distributed about $173 (US) million to more than 19,000 applicants, heirs and co-heirs living in some 75 countries.

Claimants in Canada accounted for 2.7 per cent of the payments, an Austrian government spokesperson said.

The General Settlement Fund was created in 2001 under the Washington Agreement, which compensates Holocaust survivors for stolen property and assets.

"We still have a lot of work to do," Hannah Lessing, secretary general of both funds, said in an interview. "We remain at the service of the survivors."

Kantor calls on EU to fight antisemitism

JTA

BRUSSELS — With antisemitism on the rise more than six decades after the liberation of Auschwitz, Europe should be fighting harder against hate, Moshe Kantor said.

Kantor, president of the European Jewish Congress, who spoke in Brussels last week at a Holocaust remembrance ceremony hosted by the EU Parliament, brought this message personally to Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, current president of the EU Council.

Moshe Kantor

According to Kantor, who organized the Holocaust remembrance event, the two met earlier in the day to discuss how to deal with Hungary's antisemitic, far-right Jobbik party, as well as Orbán's controversial new media watchdog law, which critics consider anti-democratic.

Dina Porat, head of the new Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry in Tel Aviv, said antisemitism is particularly problematic in western Europe, which has a larger Muslim population than the central and eastern European countries.

"Most of them want to live their lives like anyone else," she told JTA. But the radicals among them tend to pick up Christian antisemitic motifs. "And in democratic countries, where you have media freedom, such propaganda can proliferate," Porat said.

Democratic countries cannot afford to be "tolerant of intolerance," Kantor said, adding that Europe should have "zero tolerance" for antisemitism.

"The European Union can fight it," said World Jewish Congress President Ronald Lauder, addressing several hundred people at the ceremony. "Every time someone says something antisemitic, we should stand up and fight back."

Holocaust survivors and the son of a rescuer were among those to join in the ceremony, which also featured remarks by EU Parliament President Jerzy Buzek, former prime minister of Poland; Rabbi Israel Meir Lau, chairman of Yad Vashem, and Yuri Edelstein, Israeli minister of public diplomacy and Diaspora affairs.

Israel Briefs

Hamas mulls Schalit deal

A delegation of Hamas strongmen was to discuss in Damascus the latest proposal for a prisoner exchange for the release of Gilad Schalit, the London-based newspaper *Al-Hayat* reported last Friday. The paper reported that the German mediator in the Schalit talks, Gerhard Conrad, concluded a two-day visit to the Gaza Strip earlier in January and held talks with senior Hamas leaders. A top Hamas official said at the time that Conrad presented a series of new ideas to Hamas in a renewed effort to reach a deal with Israel over a prisoner swap that would free the Israeli soldier after more than four years in Palestinian captivity.

Ancient tunnel dig complete

The Israel Antiquities Authority announced last week that it had completed the excavation of an ancient tunnel that runs from the City of David in eastern Jerusalem to near the Temple Mount. Some Palestinians believe the project is an attempt to damage the Al Aqsa Mosque. Previous archeological projects in the area have led to rioting by Palestinians. Travellers making pilgrimages to Jerusalem some 2,000 years ago used the road in the tunnel, according to the authority. It was discovered during excavations on a water channel used for drainage during the Second Temple period. Work on the tunnel took seven years, including a year's delay after the Israeli Supreme Court ordered work halted while it considered a petition by residents of the eastern Jerusalem neighbourhood of Silwan, who claimed the dig was damaging their homes. The stop-work order was lifted in September 2009. No opening has been made on the tunnel near the Temple Mount, though one is planned. The tunnel does not run under the Temple Mount.

New flotillas to head to Gaza

Two more flotillas will try to break Israel's blockade of Gaza, organizers said. The new convoys, organized by the Free Gaza movement and the Turkish pro-Palestinian group IHH, will leave in the spring and have been dubbed Freedom Flotilla 2, according to reports. "We have at least 15 different groups right now at one or two boats each," Huwaida Arraf, chair of the Free Gaza Movement, told the *Washington Times* about the new flotillas. The groups organized the May 31 flotilla that resulted in the deaths of nine Turkish activists. The Turkel Commission in Israel that investigated the incident found that Israel's blockade of Gaza is legal according to international law and that Israeli soldiers acted in self-defence when they fired on activists aboard the Turkish ship the Mavi Marmara.

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El Al's strategic vision for growth includes Toronto

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

For observers of the airline business in Israel, it appears things are getting a little more complicated than they need be.

In recent years, the U.S. Federal Aviation Authority ranked Israel's air safety as poor and downgraded it to Category 2, a ranking shared by Third World countries. An internal Israeli watchdog called on the government to address several issues, including outdated technology, runways that are too short, crowded air space and a dysfunctional civil aviation authority.

Meanwhile, at the bargaining table, the union representing Israeli pilots has stated in no uncertain terms that it rejects calls that its members take the International Civil Aviation Organization English-language competency test, even though failure to do so could mean pilots will lose their accreditation and be prevented from flying overseas.

Reasons to worry? Not according to Elyezer Shkedy, president and CEO of El Al Israel Airlines. During a visit to the airline's Toronto office, the Israel-based CEO was all smiles. Not to worry, Shkedy says. Israeli authorities will get around to addressing the infrastructure issues. "A lot of people are working on it," he said. And the pilots' "no" should be seen in the context of tough negotiations. Nothing more. That issue too will be resolved, he predicted.

Shkedy, who was accompanied in his brief Canadian visit by former Canadian general manager Stanley Morais, who made aliyah and is working for the airline in Israel, is optimistic about the airline's prospects. Last year was a banner year for Israeli tourism, with Ben-Gurion International Airport serving 3.5 million tourists and an equal number of Israeli travellers. El Al had a big chunk of that market, he said.

Israel is becoming even more of a must-see destination for international visitors, and El Al is ramping up to meet that demand, he said. Since he took over as head of the airline in January 2010, he has set his sights on developing new markets and expanding existing ones. Shkedy believes there is tremendous opportunity and room to grow in the North American market, including Toronto. There is also a lot of upside in relatively new markets in the BRIC countries – Brazil, Russia, India and China.

His Canadian visit included a trip to Calgary, where he met with officials of WestJet. El Al is negotiating with that carrier to conclude an "interline" agreement. Such a contract would be a "win-win" for both airlines, Shkedy said. It would permit Canadians travelling to Israel from across the country to book a flight through Toronto with a single ticket and without rechecking baggage at Pearson airport, he said.

Shkedy is hopeful the arrangement could be concluded this year, before the High Holidays. And since the agreement does not have quite the impact of a codeshare – "it's like living together rather than getting married," said El Al's Canadian general manager Dinah Kutner – it won't be affected by the airport downgrade in Israel, he said.

(Category 2 ranking prevents El Al from entering new codeshares – an agreement in which an airline buys space on another airline and markets the extra space as its own – with American airlines.)

Building on his strategic vision, Shkedy said El Al has entered an interline agreement with JetBlue, as well as codeshares with Russian and Chinese airlines. He has met with colleagues in Brazil and India as well.

Overall, 2010 was a pretty good year for the airline, which was privatized six years ago. According to the company's third-quarter financial results, the latest available, "the company's revenues grew by 13 per cent and totalled $561.2 million, compared to $496.1 million in the parallel period last year [2009]. Net profit grew by 245 per cent and totalled $42.5 million compared to $12.3 million in the parallel period last year."

Other significant data included a small drop in load factor (a measure of how full planes are), which reached 83.8 per cent, down from 85.1 per cent the year before. That compared to an overall figure for all foreign airlines arriving at Ben-Gurion Airport of 81.4 per cent.

Shkedy was coy when asked if the Toronto-Tel Aviv route was a money maker. "We are working on it," he said. "We are improving our routes all the time. I think Toronto is a high potential route."

Years ago, the Toronto route was problematic and Morais, when he was the general manager, said he had to contend with suggestions from head office that the route should be scrapped altogether.

Shkedy, however, is taking head office in a different direction. "Given I came here specially to Canada, I think Canada is part of North America and Toronto is important. I decided to add flights in the summer of 2011. There will be five flights [a week] in the summer, up from four. As a concept, I believe we should be here."

Although Israel experienced a record year for tourism in 2010 – and that included unprecedented number of Canadian visitors – Shkedy is convinced there is plenty of room to grow. Israel remains a relatively undiscovered travel destination, he said.

"It is the most fascinating place on earth," he enthused. "You can go scuba diving in the Red Sea, visit the lowest point on earth at the Dead Sea, see the Sea of Galilee, see desert, snow, Jerusalem with 3,000 years of history, Tel Aviv with its nightlife and religious heritage sites. From a tourism point of view, it really is something. Objectively, Israel is fascinating."

As if to reciprocate the interest, Israelis, said Shkedy, "would like to come to Canada. The country, the people, nature, its beauty are something people from Israel know and they would like to be here."

As of 2010, El Al carried 1.9 million passengers a year between 37 destinations. The company operates 39 aircraft, 27 of which are self-owned. Shkedy said part of his strategic plan is to upgrade the airline's fleet with newer planes.

EL AL airplane at Ben-Gurion International airport in Tel Aviv ***[Flash90 file photo]***

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CD mixes original songs and jazz standards

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Singer-songwriter Francine Hailman's debut CD of original and standard jazz tunes, *Love Is Here*, was produced by Juno Award-winning jazz guitarist Tony Quarrington.

Quarrington also performs on the CD, along with top jazz players Robi Botos, Tom Skublics, Igor Romanyk, Scott Kemp, Nick Fraser and Denis Keldie.

"My songs are a reflection of hope, pain and joy," says Hailman. "They are about preserving love through the celebration of music. The inspiration for my lyrics comes intuitively, and sometimes from observing people or when listening to others' stories."

Sometimes when a lyric or melody has come to her, she has phoned her own voicemail to record it for a future time, when she can develop it into a song.

Love Is Here includes a mix of eight standards and eight original songs.

"I originally wanted to do an all-original album, but my producer, Tony Quarrington, suggested we needed to include standards, so we made a master list of tunes that would be a great fit for the album. It was very important for me to have an array of different musical milieus for future listeners to enjoy, so we incorporated swing, Latin, jazz and blues."

Hailman and Quarrington took a month to narrow down the selection of songs and decide the order in which they will be heard on the CD, so the music would flow just right.

"It was so amazing to hear the transformation of song to incredible instrumentation arrangements, and to the final recording," Hailman says.

One of her favourite original tracks on the CD, *A Woman's Heart*, is a song written from a woman's point of view that gives advice to men on how to treat women.

"What really excites me about this CD is its diversity," she says. "It is a musical expression because of the emotional and unforgettable strong melodies of the standards and my originals that stay with you long after you've listened to each tune," she says.

Hailman comes from a musical family – her mother sang Yiddish songs to her as a child– and she started playing classical piano when she was eight. As a child, she developed a passion for singing old-style jazz tunes from the 1920s, '30s and '40s. Her early Jewish influences included singers such as the Barry Sisters and Barbra Streisand. Her non-Jewish influences included Lena Horne and Billie Holiday.

Francine Hailman
(Art Gilbert photo)

Hailman is a passionate cook and, at one time arranged a swap with singer Louise Lambert – vocal lessons for Hailman's gourmet cooking.

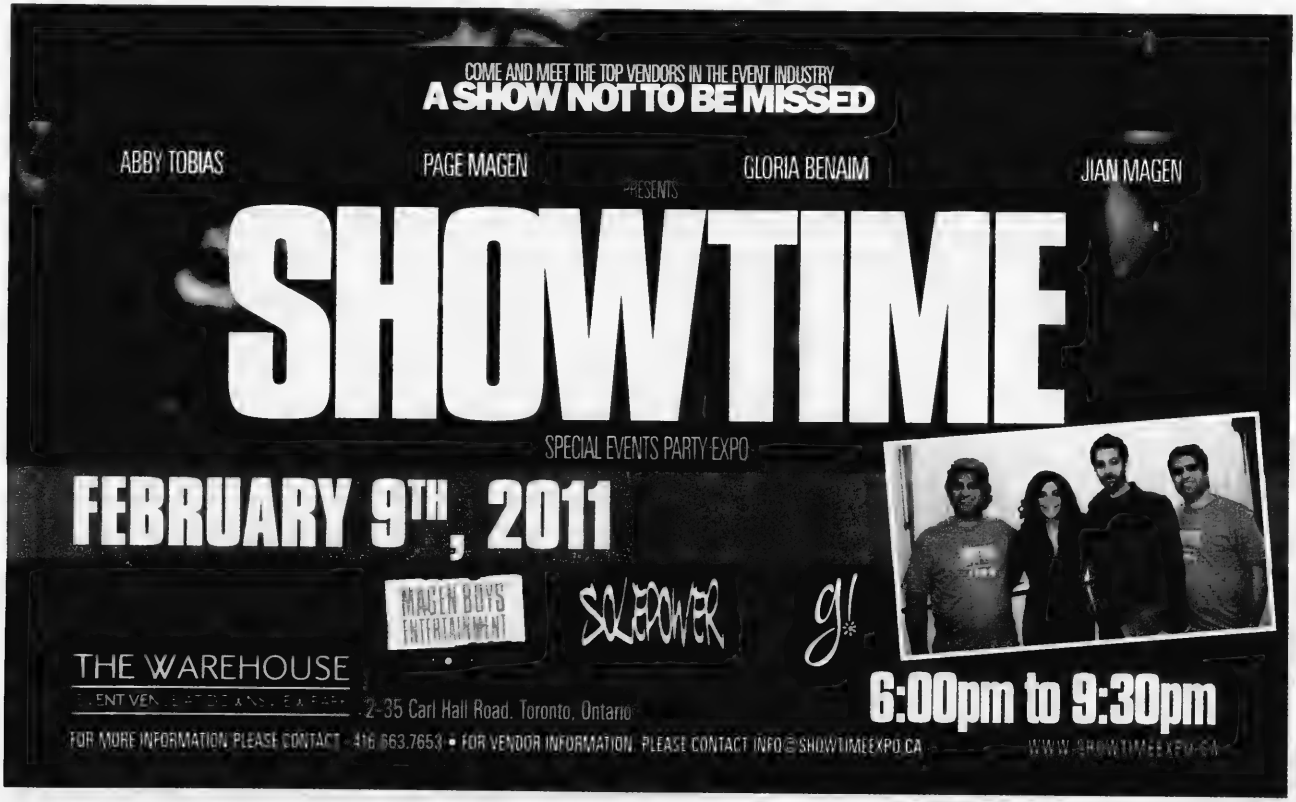
She is married and has four children. She performs every other Thursday in Thornhill, at Ferraro 502 North, until the end of March.

"Performing and singing allows me to contribute to the lives of many people. I see it when they listen, there is a smile, a nod, when they sing along, sway their heads or when they get up and dance... the non-verbal communications speak volumes to me," she says.

A portion of the CD's proceeds are going to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada, a disease the entertainer has been diagnosed with herself.

For more information on Hailman or to purchase her CD, visit, www.francine-hailman.com.

Her CD launch takes place at Chalker's Pub, 247 Marlee Ave., Toronto, on Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. 416-789-2531.



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Film star Liane Balaban makes her stage debut

Kathryn Kates
Special to The CJN

If it wasn't for a Passover dinner, Torontonian Liane Balaban, 30, may have never become an actor in an acclaimed Canadian movie and gone on to appear in Hollywood feature films.

Balaban met producer Julia Sereny at a relative's seder. Sereny invited Balaban – who had studied drama in high school but had no plans to pursue acting as a profession – to audition for the lead role in the 1999 film, *New Waterford Girl*, which she was producing. Balaban landed the role and went on to garner a Special Jury Citation at the 24th annual Toronto International Film Festival for her performance.

After acting in movies for more than 10 years, Balaban is now making her stage debut in Necessary Angel's *Divisadero: a performance*, at Theatre Passe Muraille's Mainspace.

Balaban, who's been living in Los Angeles, has come back home to star as Claire in Michael Ondaatje's adaptation of his Governor General's Award-winning novel *Divisadero*, directed by the company's artistic director, Daniel Brooks.

Balaban considers it a great privilege to be able to work closely with both Brooks and Ondaatje, who's perhaps best known for writing *The English Patient*. She met Brooks through his brother, Adam, who wrote and directed *Definitely, Maybe*, a Universal Pictures film in which she acted.

"One of the most amazing things about working on this project is that I get to be part of the process of creating the play itself with Michael and Daniel because it is a brand-new work," she says.

"Being in a play is something I have always wanted to do. I never went to theatre school or had that experience of being in a play that every other single actor I've ever worked with has. I knew it would be amazing to explore a character and a script so in depth over such a long period of time because in film and TV the process is really accelerated. So, I wanted to have that chance to go deeper."

The play pools music, performance and storytelling. "*Divisadero* is the story of a family growing up on a farm in California, which gets ripped apart by tragedy and what happens in the aftermath of that event," Balaban says.

"It is about a woman looking back on her life, telling the story of what happened [and] the question is, is she telling the truth or is it her fabrication? I play Claire, one of the sisters in the family that lives on the farm."

Liane Balaban

Balaban hopes the story will move audiences. "One of the themes of the play is drawn from a Nietzsche quote, 'We have art so that we shall not be destroyed by the truth.' Art saves us and heals us, so if the audience is moved or touched by this piece of art in some way that is a triumph."

The cast also includes Maggie Huculak, Tom McCamus, Amy Rutherford and Justin Rutledge, a Juno-nominated musician who composed the music for the production.

Balaban has been seen in many films, including *Last Chance Harvey*, starring Dustin Hoffman; *Seven Times Lucky*, *Saint Jude*, *World Traveler*, *The Trotsky* and *One Week*, and on television in the CBC miniseries *Above & Beyond*, and in *St. Urbain's Horseman*. She has an Internet show aimed at tweens, *Cranky Town*, produced with the National Film Board of Canada,

The play Divisadero: a performance *runs from Feb. 8 to 20 at Theatre Passe Muraille, 416-504-7529, or visit www.necessaryangel.com.*

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David Eggert, a young Edmonton-born cellist with a blossoming international performing career, and **Lev Loftus**, a Canadian-born Israeli percussionist, perform an evening of music from **J. S. Bach** and **Iannis Xenakis** as a tribute to alumni of Toronto's Bialik Hebrew Day School.

Tickets are free to alumni, $10 to the general public (cash only at the door). Glenn Gould Studio, 250 Front St. W. Feb. 14, 8 p.m.; reception to follow.

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Friends of Yiddish: What's Happening in the World of Yiddish Today? is a lecture in Yiddish and English by author and York University professor **Kalman Weiser**. Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Sunday Feb. 13, 2 p.m. Members free; guests $5. RSVP by Feb. 9 to Sandy, 416-458-1440.

Fern Lindzon

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New Memoir from Vladimir Rott: Toronto author **Vladimir Rott** has recently published *Joy of Discoveries*, a second book of memoirs. He makes a presentation and signs copies of the book at Torah Emeth Congregation Hall, 1 Viewmount Ave. Saturday, Feb. 5, 8 p.m. Free admission; refreshments. Please RSVP to 416-782-3175.

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Personal Storytelling: Actor-writer **Tracey Erin Smith** offers personal storytelling classes designed to help people write, direct and star in their own one-person show by transforming raw material from life into creative solo performances. No prior acting experience necessary. Miles Nadal JCC, Thursdays 7 to 9:30 p.m. for 10 weeks, Feb. 24 to April 28. Details at cre8_tv@yahoo.com.

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Names in the News: British author **Anthony Horowitz**, creator of a popular series of novels about teenage spy Alex Rider, has been commissioned by the estate of **Sir Arthur Conan Doyle** to write a full-length Sherlock Holmes novel.

Conan Doyle wrote some 56 short stories and four novels about the popular detective. Horowitz's book, which is due for publication in Britain in September, will be the fifth Sherlock Holmes novel ever written. A fan of the great detective since he was a teenager, Horowitz has said that he set about writing "a first-rate mystery for a modern audience while remaining absolutely true to the spirit of the original."

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Names in the News II: *The Orphan Rescue* (Second Story Press) by Toronto author **Anne Dublin** has been named a finalist for the 2010 National Jewish Book Award (U.S.) for Children's and Young Adult Literature and a 2011 Sydney Taylor Notable Book (Association of Jewish Libraries). This historical-fiction book for ages nine to 13 takes place in 1937 in Sosnowiec, Poland.

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Arts in Brief

• **Jordan Klapman** discusses Lerner and Loewe (librettist **Alan Jay Lerner** and composer **Frederick Loewe**) and plays piano as part of the series on Broadway's Great Jewish Composers and Songs We Love to Sing. Miles Nadal JCC, Active Senior, Thursday, Feb. 3, 1:30 p.m.

• The **Fern Lindzon Quartet**, consisting of Lindzon on piano, **Bill McBirnie** on flute, **Dan Fortin** on bass and **Nick Fraser** on drums, performs dinner jazz at Chalkers Pub, 247 Marlee Ave. (near Glencairn subway). Saturday, Feb. 5, 6 to 9 p.m.

• Film critic **Adam Nayman** discusses Canadian art-house films and shows film clips as part of the series In Nayman's Terms: Surfing the New Wave Cinema. Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre Media Mondays, Feb. 7, 7 to 9 p.m. $12 drop-in per lecture; students $6. 416-924-6211, ext. 606.

• Toronto-based singer-songwriter **Donna Greenberg** launches her new CD *Mav'rik* with a concert with **Jordan Klapman**, **Glenn Anderson**, **Henry Heillig**, **Tom Skublics** and **Jon Seiger**. $15. The Annex Live, 296 Brunswick Ave. Feb. 12, 8 p.m. Reservations, 416-929-3999.

• The United Jewish Appeal of Greater Toronto presents *The Simpsons*' producer-writer **Mike Reiss**, as he reflects on "The Simpsons, Comedy and Judaism." $30. Westin Prince Hotel, 900 York Mills Rd. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m.

• Miles Nadal JCC is seeking people over 65 who love to sing to join a seniors choir that will meet every Tuesday 1 to 2:30 p.m., Feb. 22 to the end of June. No experience necessary, very affordable; first meeting free. Contact Gillian at gillians@mnjcc.org.

• Toronto-based director-performer **Alon Nashman** and the **Cecilia String Quartet** take Theaturtle's production

Eyal Bitton

of **Hans Christian Andersen**'s *The Snow Queen* on tour this month to Ottawa and Vancouver.

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Out of Town: Beth Jacob Synagogue, 375 Aberdeen Ave., in Hamilton, presents "Journey to Jerusalem," an oratorio with music and lyrics by **Cantor Eyal Bitton** that takes viewers on a musical journey through the history of the Jewish people. Starring Bitton, **Michele Tredger**, along with the **SteelTown Symphony**, conductor **Richard Haighway** and narrated by media personality **Michael Coren**. $25, Sunday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m. 905-522-1351.

Dining Pleasures

Ethnic TV entrepreneur brings the world to Canada

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Slava Levin, the chief executive officer of Ethnic Channels Group Ltd., the only Canadian company that brings multiple language programming to Canada's diverse population, has a simple yet compelling broadcast philosophy.

"I want to bring the world to Canada," he said.

Levin, an immigrant himself, has been bringing international programs to viewers in Canada for the past six years. He licenses content from a host of countries – including Russia, Israel, Egypt, Greece, Germany and Pakistan – and distributes it on 36 channels through providers like Rogers Cable, Telus, Shaw, Bell TV and MTS.

Ethnic Channels Group, based in a 10,000-square-foot-plus facility in northern Toronto, distributes foreign programming, from news and current affairs to general entertainment and sports, to hundreds of thousands of subscribers in Canada and the United States.

In compliance with regulations mandated by the CRTC – the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission – it also produces local content. And since 2008, Ethnic Channels Group, a media sponsor of Al Jazeera English, has offered an Internet television service, NexTV.

"We're truly a multicultural company in a multicultural country," said Levin, 42, who was born in Kiev, Ukraine, and immigrated to Canada with his parents, Israel (Izzy) and Paulina, in 1976.

The Levins arrived in Canada, settling first in Hamilton, at a time when emigration from the former Soviet Union was severely restricted. Israel Levin, a typewriter repair man who's now 62, wanted to leave Ukraine so that his son would have a better future.

Originally intending to immigrate to Israel, he changed his mind during a nine-month layover in Italy. Once in Canada, he would play an integral role in his career.

A graduate of Newtonbrook Secondary School in Toronto, Levin studied business and marketing at George Brown College and then architecture at Humber College.

But after graduating, he was unable to find a suitable job. "The market was down, the competition was tough," explained Levin, who was then a bachelor. "I wouldn't have been able to support myself."

Having noticed that there were no video rental stores in his neighbourhood in Richmond Hill, he opened a shop, Moving Pictures Video, and ran it for three years. "I did pretty well until jumbo video outlets came along. It was hard to compete with them."

Around this juncture, Israel Levin, a big fan of Russian TV, bought a satellite dish. After figuring out how to hook it up to a satellite, he watched Russian shows at home. Sensing an opportunity, Israel printed flyers advertising his services. The response from the Russian community was positive. "Our phone didn't stop ringing," said Levin, who together with his father began installing satellite dishes in Russian homes.

Taking the idea one step further in the mid-1990s, Levin established International Satellite Antenae Services, which won the rights to distribute Russian-language programming in Canada. "It was an immediate success," he recalled. "The Russian community was starving for content from Russia."

Back then, 30,000 Russian families, nearly all Jewish, lived in Toronto and environs, compared to 80,000 families, about half of which are Jewish today.

Levin then approached NTV, a Russian state channel, and won the right to distribute its programs in Canada and the United States and, later, in Israel, Australia and Germany. As NTV's chief operating officer in North America, he travelled every other week. "I was tired of the travelling. I'm probably the only guy who ever went to Australia for one day."

Having launched NTV world-wide, Levin, now married and a father, was ready to try something new. In 2004, he launched Ethnic Channels Group, renovating a Royal Bank space he turned into offices and studios.

Slava Levin and his father, Israel
[Sheldon Kirshner photo]

His rationale was clear.

"I realized Canada was still virgin territory for ethnic TV. There were a handful of providers – Chinese, Italian, Greek, South Asian – but the market was basically untapped. I knew there was an opportunity. I had done my homework. If I didn't do it, someone else would. I was in the right place at the right time."

Levin's analysis was spot on. Consider the math. Canada today is home to 32 ethnic groups with a population of more than 100,000. The population of 10 of these communities is one million or more.

For Levin, therefore, the future seems exceedingly bright. According to Statistics Canada, one-third of Canadians will be members of a visible minority by 2031.

Levin has two partners, Gregory Antimony, his old boss at NTV, and Oleg Masliy, who joined him with "open arms and open wallets."

They have some 40 employees, representing a rainbow of nationalities, and depend on three streams of revenue: subscription fees, advertising and technical support services

Though Levin's father is not officially employed by the company, he comes in once in a while as a volunteer "to make sure we're doing our jobs. He has helped me build this business."

Levin, in part at least, owes his success to his network of contacts in Toronto's ethnic communities.

"It's hard to get into this field," said Levin, a car buff who has owned 20 cars in the last decade. "A lot of it is based on relationships, rapport and trust. You have been entrusted with preserving content, not defacing it with your own agenda or political views. If I do something wrong, there are repercussions."

Careful not to broadcast offensive content, he believes in free speech as long as it does not incite violence or ethnic tensions. "Generally, we stay out of the political scene," he said.

He agreed to carry Al Jazeera English because it is "very different" from its Arabic counterpart, which has been accused of being anti-Israel.

Looking ahead, Levin hopes to expand Russian, Greek and South Asian programming. "We want to add value to them," he said.

He has applied for another Israeli channel and has won CRTC approval for Jewish Life TV, which was only available in the United States until now.

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Ethnic cleansing in the bloodlands

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Political mass murder and ethnic cleansing were two of the ugly leitmotifs of the dictatorships established by Joseph Stalin in the Soviet Union and Adolf Hitler in Germany in the 20th century.

These ideologically driven regimes murdered 14 million civilians, mainly Jews, Ukrainians, Belarusians, Poles, Russians and Balts, in a blood-soaked area extending from Poland and the Baltic states to Ukraine and Russia.

Timothy Snyder, a Yale University professor of history, presents a sweeping chronology and stinging indictment of this man-made demographic catastrophic in an important book, *Bloodlands: Europe Between Hitler and Stalin* (Basic Books). He's not, of course, the first scholar to deal with this immense and highly troubling topic. But he may be the first to synthesize these events in an impressively coherent narrative under the cover of a single volume.

The killings he examines in such meticulous fashion began with Stalin's scheme to collectivize the lands of Ukrainian farmers, which resulted in the deaths of three million lives, and continued with the Great Terror, during which time about 700,000 dissidents were shot and killed.

More deaths followed as German and Soviet armies occupied Poland in 1939 and as Germany invaded the Soviet Union some two years later.

In occupied Poland and the Soviet Union, the Nazis killed millions of Jewish men, women and children. He cites a death toll of 5.4 million Jews, though the commonly acceptable figure is six million.

Snyder starts with the Soviets' 1928 Five-Year Plan under which farms would be seized, peasants would be forced to work in shifts and crops would be treated as state property. To Stalin, collectivization would allow the state to control agricultural output, feed its workers and earn hard currency for investment in industry.

Stalin's Jewish associate, Lazar Kaganovich, was placed in charge of the project. When peasants resisted and staged a grain strike, he reacted ruthlessly, imposing mass starvation on them. Stalin, in 1933, announced that they would be "liquidated as a class."

Apart from being starved, they were resettled in remote camps, known as gulags. Rafal (Raphael) Lemkin, the Polish Jewish lawyer who coined the term genocide, would describe the oppression of Ukrainian peasants as "the classic example of Soviet genocide."

Snyder compares collectivization to the Nazi boycott of Jewish businesses in Germany, but the comparison is misleading, since Stalin's policy was not based on race or forced emigration.

He is on firmer ground when discussing Soviet and German concentration camps. By 1938, more than one million Soviet citizens had been sent to dreaded gulags. By contrast, 20,000 Germans had been dispatched to such camps as Dachau and Buchenwald. "Soviet terror, at this point, was not only on a far greater scale," Snyder writes. "It was incomparably more lethal."

He claims that the Great Terror of 1937 and 1938, when Stalin wiped out political opponents, was essentially based on ethnic grounds. The Polish national minority in the Soviet Union, along with Ukrainian farmers, were scapegoated for the failure of collectivization, he says. Ethnic Poles were deported to the wilds of Siberia and Kazakhstan. In 1940, 4,400 Polish army officers were executed in Katyn.

Germany's invasion of the Soviet Union ushered in "a calamity that defies description," Snyder notes. As war raged, the Germans killed more than 10 million people.

In Snyder's assessment, Hitler and Stalin were arch social Darwinists, with both fervently believing that progress was only possible after violent struggle between races and classes.

Hitler, he observes, treated the Slavs much as North Americans dealt with the indigenous Indians. The Nazis used food as a weapon, subjecting Soviet citizens to starvation on a grand scale.

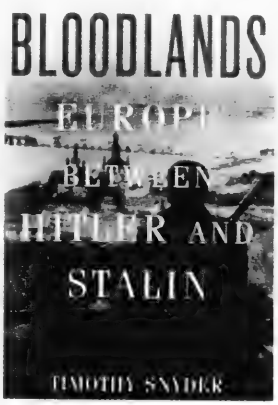
By his estimate, Germany shot and starved to death more than two million Soviet prisoners of war. Conversely, about 600,000 German PoWs and labourers died in Soviet camps.

Snyder reminds us that the Nazis associated Soviet brutality with Jews, thereby fanning antisemitism among Ukrainians in particular.

Poland was a Nazi killing ground. From 1941 to 1944, Jews were exterminated at six major facilities: Chelmno, Belzec, Sobibor, Treblinka, Majdanek and Auschwitz. Still other Jews were shot en masse, with the German army aiding and abetting such operations.

Germany's ally, Romania, was complicit in the Holocaust, murdering 300,000 Jews, mainly in Transnistria, seized from the Soviet Union.

During the war, Stalin targeted Soviet minorities. Aside from ethnic Poles, he deported 89,000 Finns, 900,000 ethnic Germans and a host of Muslims in the Caucasus and Crimea, including Kalmyks, Chechens, Balkars and Tatars.



The Soviet leadership, he writes, was not particularly concerned with the plight of Jews. After 1941, Stalin never singled out Jews as Hitler's victims, and in the wake of the war, Moscow distanced itself from Jewish suffering. "In the Communist worldview, it was not the Jews but the Slavs who were the central figures, as victors and victims, in the Second World War."

For Soviet Jews, the postwar era was an utter disaster. With the emergence of state antisemitism in 1948, the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee was formally dissolved and Jews were dismissed from their positions, accused of being both "Jewish nationalists" and "rootless cosmopolitans." It hardly mattered that these glib categories cancelled each other out.

As Snyder correctly points out, Soviet-style antisemitism spread its tentacles into eastern Europe. "It was rarely a tool of governance, but it was always available in moments of political stress." Show trials in Czechoslovakia and antisemitic purges in Poland completed the picture.

Past and present mingled as assimilated Jews were hounded out of Poland after 1967. Snyder's capsule comment is telling: "Residents of Warsaw could not help but notice that they left from a railway station not far from the Umschlagplatz, whence the Jews of Warsaw had been deported by train to Teblinka only 20 years earlier."

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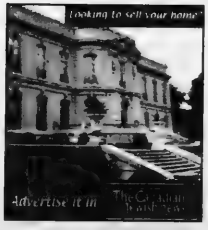

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U.S. can count only on Israel

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File photo of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and U.S. President Barack Obama deliberating last September in Washington. *[Israel Sun photo]*

When Obama and his advisers look at a map of the region, they see only one state they can count on: Israel. The regime is stable, and support for America is well-entrenched. Obama may dislike Netanyahu and his policy on the Palestinians, but after losing his allies in Turkey, Lebanon and Egypt, and with the uneasiness gripping his friends in Jordan and the Gulf, Washington can't afford to be choosy. He will have to move closer to Israel, and for another reason as well: an anxious Israel is an Israel that is prone to military adventures, and that's the last thing Obama needs right now.

Now is the time for Netanyahu and Defence Minister Ehud Barak to justify their claim that Israel is the West's outpost in the Middle East. Israel should use the regional crisis to heighten security and diplomatic cooperation with Washington, and not to expand the settlements. Israel, too, can't be too choosy, after losing strategic alliances with both Turkey and Egypt within a year.

Last weekend's phone conversation between Obama and Netanyahu, after a prolonged estrangement, was the first sign of their awareness of the opportunities represented by the crisis.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who has forged close ties with Obama, was to arrive in Israel on Monday. Netanyahu could use her as a channel of communication to the White House and give her the honour of restoring relations between Jerusalem and Washington. It's Netanyahu's opportunity.

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Jewish player drafted by Ducks alleges antisemitism

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

A Jewish hockey player is taking his former employers in the East Coast Hockey League and the NHL to court over allegations of antisemitism.

Jason Bailey, a native of Ottawa, is alleging that the Bakersfield Condors of the ECHL, as well as its NHL affiliate, the Anaheim Ducks, and two Condors coaches were guilty of antisemitic harassment and discrimination.

A third-round selection in the 2005 NHL entry draft, Bailey was traded by the Ducks to the Ottawa Senators and now plays for the Senators' AHL farm team in Binghamton. He claims Martin Raymond, the Condors' head coach, and Mark Pederson, the team's former assistant head coach, repeatedly targeted him with antisemitic insults.

In court documents filed last week in Los Angeles, he also alleges that his playing time was limited and that he was demoted to a team in Iowa as retaliation for raising concerns about the treatment he received.

"From the beginning of Mr. Bailey's time with the Condors to its end, Mr. Bailey was subject to severe and/or pervasive harassment on the basis of religion by being forced to endure a barrage of antisemitic, offensive and degrading verbal attacks regarding his Jewish faith," the court document states.

The legal complaint goes on to outline a number of instances of antisemitic harassment. Raymond allegedly said Jews "only care about money and who's who." Raymond also referred to his own Jewish ex-wife as a "bitch" who took all his money, and he allegedly stated "he never wanted this son to be raised Jewish or to wear a yarmulke," the document states.

The allegations involving Pederson are also disconcerting. When he received a friend request for his Facebook page, Pederson allegedly told Bailey, "I got a friend request from a dirty Jew."

And when Bailey's name came up in a team meeting over who should be in charge of raising money for a team party, Pederson said, "I don't know if we can trust him with the money. He's Jewish."

The documents say Bailey found his working conditions "intolerable and hostile." He complained to Ducks assistant general manager David McNab, who told Bailey he and the Ducks found his complaints unbelievable.

Afterwards, Bailey claims, he was sent in retaliation to the Iowa Chops for two months, where he received almost no playing time. During that time, Bailey complained to Condors owner Jonathan Fleisig, who ignored his concerns.

After the Ducks tried to demote him to the Central Hockey League – Bailey cited his contract and refused the move – the team suspended Raymond for one week and Pederson for two.

The coaches each wrote letters of apology to Bailey, but the player's Los Angeles lawyer, Keith Fink, believes the letters were completely insincere.

Raymond said his "intent was to have a jovial moment" and that as a French-Canadian, "I, too, have come face to face with bigotry and understand how such remarks can negatively affect lives."

Pederson said he never intended to insult or hurt Bailey and "from all that has happened, I have learned and become a better person."

Fink said the letters acknowledged the coaches' misconduct. "Both coaches should be gone" (fired), he said, and the Condors should implement anti-discrimination training for its personnel. The teams should also put into place a proper grievance mechanism to address future complaints.

The court complaint go further. It asks for general and punitive damages, though the amount requested is currently unspecified.

Fink told *The CJN* that "the team did not expect Jason to take this step. This in no way will help his career within the old boy network." Because of it, pro teams will likely pass over him when there is another player with similar abilities available, Fink suggested.

Bailey is the grandson of Holocaust survivors and was brought up to not accept antisemitic treatment, Fink said.

"He comes from a family with a good set of values and character, and that means more than a paycheque at the end of the day."

Jason's dad, an Ottawa doctor, has the attitude of "never again. He's that school. You have any antisemitism and you put yourself in front of a speeding train. That's the mentality."

Fink said that since the story broke, he received six e-mails in two days from college and professional athletes saying they had experienced similar incidents and thanking Bailey for raising the issue.

Alex Voihanski agrees Jewish players face antisemitic comments at various stages of their careers. Voihanski, general manager of International Scouting Services, which scouts, evaluates, analyzes and ranks players aged 16 to 19, said "what Bailey's reporting is pretty extreme, like something you'd have expected 30 or 40 years ago."

But he's heard from Jewish players at the college and junior levels that they too have faced antisemitism. "The guys don't report it because they don't want to be blackballed. I'm sure it's sometimes done in jest, but it's a game that historically has not been full of minorities.

"I don't think it's rampant, but it's there. I've heard it from numerous guys, everything from 'dirty Jew' to comments about Jews and money."

Voihanski described Bailey as a very good skater who plays a grinding game and is adept at cycling the puck down low. He was slated to be part of the Canadian team at the 2007 World Jewish Championships in Israel, but had to pull out when the Ducks changed the start of their rookie camp.

The Ducks and Condors have not responded to media requests for comments. Ironically, the Ducks are owned by Henry and Susan Samueli, philanthropists known for giving to a number of Jewish causes.

ESPN.com reported last week that the NHL is investigating Bailey's allegations.

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Comedian writes about Oprah – no, not that Oprah!

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

With about 20 years experience as a standup comic, Michael Gelbart feels comfortable and confident about his ability to connect with an audience and make them laugh.

But connecting with readers through a novel is new to Gelbart.

A Montreal native who moved to Toronto with his family in his early teens, Gelbart has built an impressive career since he started doing standup at the Yuk Yuk's comedy club when he was still in high school.

Since then, he has starred in two comedy specials that aired on CBC and CTV, written for film and television, and landed a couple small acting gigs.

Most recently, 37-year-old Gelbart, who spends most of his time in Los Angeles, wrote a self-published debut novel titled *The Other Oprahs*, about four women who share a name with one of the most famous, powerful women in the world, Oprah Winfrey.

He said he was inspired to write this book when he performed a show with Greg Behrendt, who wrote *He's Just Not That Into You*.

They talked about his rise to fame after he had written the book, and Behrendt told him that his book – which has since been made into a film – didn't really become a huge sensation until Winfrey featured it on her talk show.

"That was a light-bulb moment, where I was like, 'Wow, Oprah has so much power. It would really suck if your name was Oprah because no matter how good you are... even if you had a huge accomplishment in your life, people would [hear the name] and always think of her,'" Gelbart said.

He decided to write a work of fiction that combined this idea with the knowledge he gained from relationships with ex-girlfriends.

"I decided to write a work of fiction and put some of my thoughts or ideas or observations about women and give them to the characters."

Oprah Goldstein, the first of four Oprahs – who Gelbart said was named as a "shout out to his fellow Jews"– works in advertising and desperately wants to overcome her fear of singing in public.

Professionally, life is good for Oprah Winston who is a tough, determined, successful real estate agent who hosts a local TV show. But her teenage son wants nothing to do with her, despite her efforts to reconnect with him.

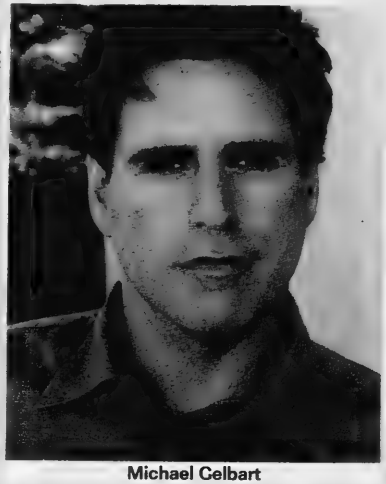
Oprah Star is an aspiring model/actress who stumbled on her raw talent as a boxer. She considers embracing her talent – but only if it'll help her lose four pounds.

Finally, Oprah Fanning, a celebrity memorabilia collector, is the reason the four Oprahs find each other. She started a chat room for anyone who shares her first name. On this forum, the women support each other through their successes and failures, while building relationships.

Gelbart said he was apprehensive about creating four female characters and contemplated giving the idea to one of his female writer friends, but eventually chose to tackle the challenge himself.

"If you're going to write four completely different women and you're not a woman and it seems cumbersome, the best thing to do is not see them as women, but as human beings," he said.

"I had to get over the fact that they were women. I took observations I made throughout my relationships, I took little things from different women I dated."



Michael Gelbart

'It would really suck if your name was Oprah... because people would [hear the name] and always think of her.'

In fact, while Gelbart attributes his ability to create female characters to a number of failed relationships, he joked that it's also the reason he isn't more famous.

"I've been in some serious relationships through the years and spent more time dating than I did focusing on my career at some points. So times when I should have been working hard, I was on the phone with some girl going, 'No, I didn't say that, you said that!'

"But I don't want to view any of that time as wasted, because I learned a lot, and when I came up with the idea for the book, that was when I realized that I could take all that knowledge I obtained in those relationships and turn it into something positive."

Now that his latest project is complete, Gelbart is ready to present it to the world in a format that he thinks he invented.

During a book signing he's doing at the Indigo bookstore in the Manulife Centre in Toronto on Feb. 17, Gelbart said he plans to have female comedians and actresses play the characters.

"These are four women speaking in the first person, so it would be really weird if I was reading as them. I know a lot of actresses and comedians in Toronto, and they were eager to do it."

He added that if he is doing a book signing in a city that doesn't have local talent, he'll organize an online contest that asks people to submit videos of the four characters speaking and viewers can vote on the best ones.

While he's north of the border promoting his novel, Gelbart will also be using the opportunity to so some stand-up.

From Feb. 10 to 12, he'll be in Halifax, headlining at the local Yuk Yuk's, and from Feb. 16 to 20, Gelbart will be performing at the Toronto Yuk Yuk's.

For more information about Gelbart or the book, visit www.michaelgelbart.com or www.theotheroprahs.com.

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Adam and Susan believe discipline means a "time-out." When one of the boys misbehaves, which means they have already done irreparable damage, he's forced to sit at a table for a few minutes, but with access to an electronic gaming device. This is a consequence? There was an incident in which I grabbed Dylan's arm as he was jumping on my living room couch and I smacked his bottom. The way Susan berated me, you would have thought I committed the worst crime. I love those two boys, but not in my home. They're planning to visit during their spring break. How do I get out of it without being a shrew? I'm feeling very guilty.

Ask Ella

By Ella Burakowski

Bummed Out Bubbie

Dear Bummed Out Bubbie,

Adam and Susan have put you in an unfortunate position. There's no proven method of disciplining a child. Many of us grew up being spanked from time to time and have not turned out too badly. However, many experts feel physical discipline is a form of violence acted out when a parent has lost control.

Discipline without physical punishment can be very effective if it's done properly, but many parents have not mastered this method. A time-out during which a child is playing a game or watching TV isn't much of a deterrent from committing the same unacceptable behaviour in the future.

Adam and Susan have made a decision on how to raise their children, and you must respect their choice. If you feel their method is ineffective and your solace and personal property are being damaged because of it, you have every right to protect yourself.

At 75, you've done your time and it's your turn for enjoyment and relaxation. You need to communicate your feelings. Don't lecture them on whether their method is working. It's not your place. However, as you respect their choices, they must respect yours. You have earned the right to a peaceful, safe home without the whirlwind of two unruly children. Tell them how much you love them and how you would enjoy spending time together, just not under your roof. Suggest that they rent something nearby, and maybe offer to help them find something. Let them know that at this stage in your life, you don't have the patience to live with two rambunctious, albeit adorable, boys.

Adam and Susan need to take responsibility and accept the repercussions when their disciplinary methods don't work. If they're smart, they'll realize that time with Bubbie is more important than where they stay during their visit.

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN, *e-mail: ellacjn@gmail.com. But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*

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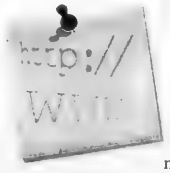

• Jane Otieno, the wife of Kenyan public services minister Dalmas Otieno Anyango, who is among those who have come to Israel's Rambam Hospital for orthopedic surgery.

Also on the web :

Addictions crisis intervention and counselling program gets a new home.

Jewish high school students in Montreal will learn about the tragic story of the St. Louis and gain practical experience in radio production thanks to a $50,000 federal grant.

A new student organization at McGill University is seeking to bring some civility to discussions on the Middle East conflict.

Compassion is one of the most powerful human emotions, and when combined with faith and goodness, is incredibly healing, writes *CJN* Life Coach Corner columnist Judy Siblin-Librach.

Some insight into steroids

We were discussing a patient during palliative care rounds. The attending physician said, "It's amazing how well she has done with the Decadron. When she came in from home, she was almost comatose, and the family believed she would soon be gone. Within days, she became alert and now can interact with them. They think it's a miracle."

She continued, "I explained the effects of Decadron [one of the trade names for a potent corticosteroid – the class of drugs often referred to as steroids] on brain metastases, from her primary [original source of cancer] in her lung. It may be weeks or longer that she benefits, but eventually that will come to an end. Meanwhile, I told them to enjoy whatever days or weeks they have left together."

Senior Side of Life

By Michael Gordon

I had heard similar stories before, ranging from minimal to sometimes very dramatic effects of steroids, as in the current case. As we spoke, I recounted an interesting interaction I had some weeks earlier while giving a talk on elder-care ethics at an out-of-town conference. The audience comprised health care professionals and lay people, some of whom were family members of patients in the care of the nursing home that was hosting the event. During the question-an-answer period, I was addressed by a lay member of the audience. "Is it not unethical to prescribe steroids to older individuals? Are they not particularly dangerous drugs with lots of side effects?" the person asked.

I tried to answer in general terms, as I learned long ago that a large forum isn't the place to have patient-specific discussions. The last thing I would want is for someone to say to a treating physician, "Well, Dr. Gordon, the well-known geriatrician, stated quite emphatically that it's 'wrong' or 'right,' or 'proper' or 'improper,' to prescribe steroids to older people."

I tried to give a general answer, "It depends on the situation. There are times that steroids can be very useful in treating certain conditions that can occur in the elderly. You should ask the attending physician about the reasons for the decision."

The person persisted. "But why would a doctor even consider steroids, with all their side effects. We read about steroids all the time – they should be dangerous drugs. I looked it up and found many instances in which steroids have caused serious problems. I believe it's unethical to prescribe such a drug to an older person. Don't you agree?"

It was clear that I had to move on, and, as diplomatically as possible, I said, "It's always dangerous to enter into a discussion about a specific clinical situation without all the information. This isn't an appropriate place to discuss individual cases."

The person tried to continue, but I called on someone else to ask a question pertinent to the general topic under discussion. The point of the story is that steroids – meaning corticosteroids, not anabolic steroids for muscle mass enhancement – have many potential medical uses. Although they can have many potentially serious side effects, they can also have dramatically beneficial effects, depending on the underlying condition.

The important thing is to discuss the use of such medications with a physician and be wary of what you might find in a general Internet search. It may be very misleading if you don't find reliable and reputable resources on drugs and clinical information specific to the condition under consideration.

Dr. Michael Gordon is medical program director of palliative care at Baycrest and co-author with Bart Mindszenthy of Parenting Your Parents (Dundurn Press). His latest book, Moments that Matter: Cases in Ethical Eldercare, follows his previous book, Brooklyn Beginnings: A Geriatrician's Odyssey. All can be researched at his website: http://www.drmichaelgordon.com.

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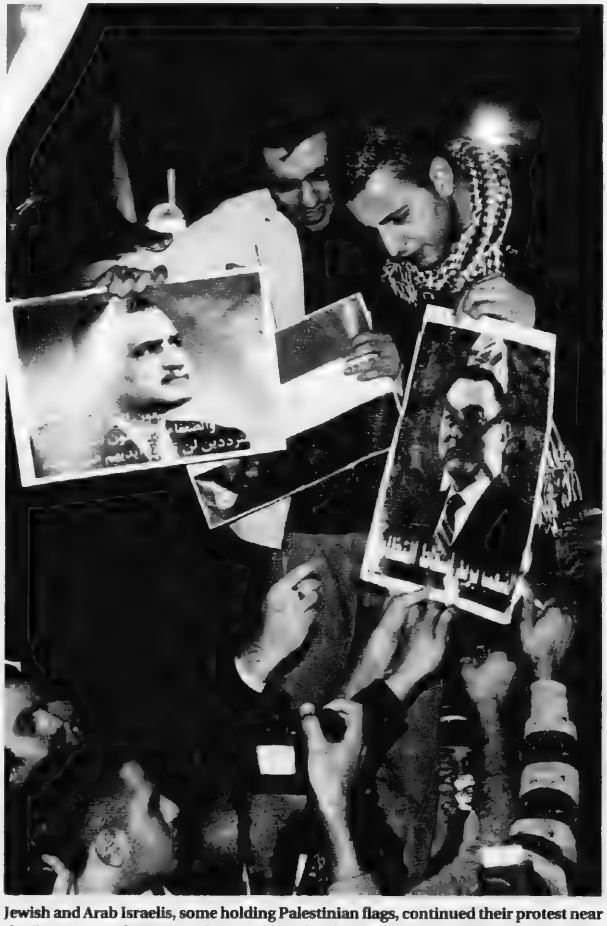
Israelis wary of Egyptian uprising



Jewish and Arab Israelis, some holding Palestinian flags, continued their protest near the Egyptian embassy in Tel Aviv calling for the resignation of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Some protesters held signs with anti-Mubarak slogans which read: "It's time for the regimes of tyrants to be replaced around the world." Israeli police ensured the security of the embassy. ***Please see related stories on pages 4, 8, 9, 11, 12, 31, 32, 33, 34.*** ***[Flash90 photo]***

'We certainly don't know if it's good or bad'

Jenny Hazan
CJN Israel Bureau

TEL AVIV — As mass demonstrations raged in the streets of Cairo and pressure was building on Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to resign, pundits as well as Israelis from all walks of life weigh in on how the turmoil in Egypt could affect Israel.

Tel Aviv-based blogger Benjamin Kerstein, writing on Pajamasmedia.com, put the Israeli interest in Egypt in context in his entry, "Watching Egypt burn: an Israeli perspective."

"Like the rest of the world, Israel doesn't know what to think about the revolution in Egypt," Kerstein wrote. "We aren't even sure if it really is a revolution. We certainly don't know if it's good or bad. And we have absolutely no idea what the eventual outcome will be."

But, he continued, "Unlike the rest of the world, what is happening now in Egypt has immediate and potentially disastrous consequences for the Jewish state."

Given this reality, it's no wonder most commentators have envisioned the worst-case scenario, namely that rather than leading to the election of a democratic government, the outcome of the current unrest in Egypt will be a power vacuum that will create an opportunity for the ascent of a radical Islamic entity, as happened during the Iranian Revolution in 1979.

Abbas Milani, director of Iranian studies at Stanford University and co-director of the Iran Democracy Project at the Hoover Institution, thinks that will happen in Egypt. Milani told Mideast blogger Michael Totten in an interview, titled "The Iranian Revolution echoes in Egypt," that the Muslim Brotherhood, the only large, organized opposition group in Egypt, is likely to fill any vacuum left by Mubarak.

The potential consequences for Israel of a hostile Islamist government in Egypt are obvious and go beyond the dissolution of Egypt's peace treaty with Israel. As one Israeli woman, 37-year-old Rotem Cohen, sipping coffee in a Tel Aviv café put it, "The worst case scenario for Israel? Instead of having Lebanon on one side, we'll have Lebanon on three sides, or even four, between Egypt, Gaza, and now maybe Jordan, too.

"That's the scariest thing about what's happening right now," said Cohen, a mother of two. "It seems to be spreading to other places in the Arab world, and look at the pattern – wherever there's weakness, Iran jumps in and takes over. That's what happened in Gaza and in Lebanon."

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CANADA

CHW Target Set

MONTREAL — Canadian Hadassah-WIZO (CHW) has launched its 2011 campaign with the goal of raising $2.5 million for programs benefiting women and children and health care in Israel and Canada. Among the projects the organization supports in Israel are the Hadassim Children and Youth Village, the Nahal Youth Village, Netanya Technological High School, the Neri Bloomfield College of Design, and six daycare centres. Founded in 1917, CHW, whose national headquarters is in Montreal, has 10,000 members in more than 40 communities in Canada.

Spiegel Joins Shul

TORONTO — Beth Tzedec Congregation – Canada's largest shul, with 2,700 member families – has appointed Randy Spiegel as its executive director. Spiegel, executive director of the Zareinu Educational Centre of Metropolitan Toronto for the past 8-1/2 years, starts his new position next month.

WORLD

Muslims Visit Camp

WARSAW — Some 150 Mideast Muslim leaders, as well as Jewish clergy and Christians, visited Auschwitz together. The Muslims, from Morocco, Jordan, Turkey and Iraq, were joined by politicians from around the world at the site of the former death camp Feb. 1 to mark its liberation in 1945. They were led by the mayor of Paris and members of the Aladdin Project, a Paris-based program that teaches Shoah history to Muslims through programs such as translating texts into Arabic and Persian.

18+ Rating For Film

BERLIN — German authorities have barred people under 18 from seeing a Turkish film widely considered antisemitic. Jewish groups are raising concerns about the release in Europe of *Valley of the Wolves-Palestine*, which critics say demonizes Israelis and contains virulent stereotypes of Jews as bloodthirsty child-killers. Deidre Berger, head of the American Jewish Committee office in Berlin, welcomed the decision by Germany's ratings agency to restrict access to the film, which depicts a group of Turks who set out to avenge the killing of nine Turks by Israeli soldiers on the Mavi Marmara boat, which tried to break the naval blockade of Gaza last May.

Incidents Still High

LONDON — Antisemitic incidents in Britain fell significantly in 2010 from their record high, but the number was the second-most in a year since records have been kept, an annual report said. Figures released Feb. 3 by the Community Security Trust saw 639 antisemitic incidents reported in 2010. A record 926 occurred in 2009, largely attributed to Israel's war in Gaza. Included in the 2010 reported incidents were 114 assaults, 83 incidents of damage and desecration of property, 385 incidents of verbal abuse, graffiti and hate mail, 32 direct threats, and 25 cases of mass-mailed leaflets and e-mails.

Accused Nazi Dies Before Trial

Peter Egner

SEATTLE — A retiree living near Seattle, Wash., accused of committing genocide and other crimes as a Nazi officer during World War II died a month before his denaturalization trial.

Peter Egner, 88, died Jan. 26 in an assisted-living community in Bellevue, the *Seattle Times* reported.

Egner, a Yugoslavia native, was accused of joining the Nazi-controlled Security Police and Security Service in April 1941 in German-occupied Belgrade. The Nazi mobile killing unit took part in killing some 17,000 Serbians in World War II.

Egner came to the United States in 1960 and became a citizen six years later. The Justice Department filed a lawsuit in 2008 to strip him of his citizenship, saying he lied about his Nazi past on his citizenship application.

Egner admitted volunteering for the Security Police and Security Service, and to guarding prisoners as they were being transferred to concentration camps. He also admitted being an interpreter during interrogations of political prisoners that sometimes involved torture. Prisoners often were executed afterward. Serbia had formally requested his extradition to stand trial in Serbia.

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UJA, CJC sever ties with Winchevsky Centre

Jewish group disassociated over anti-Israel speakers

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) have disassociated themselves from the Winchevsky Centre over an event held at the secular Jewish institution that featured an anti-Zionist speaker.

But the two organizations left the door open to discuss the issue, and Maxine Hermolin, executive director of the centre, has requested a meeting.

The Feb. 1 event, titled "Never Again for Anyone," featured Auschwitz survivor Hajo Meyer, a member of the International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network (IJAN), which co-sponsored the evening with American Muslims for Palestine and the Middle East Children's Alliance.

Meyer – whose appearance was his only Canadian stop on a North American speaking tour – was joined by Aboriginal writer Lee Maracle and Khaled Mouammar, president of the Canadian Arab Federation.

According to Howard English, the federation's vice-president of corporate communications, Meyer crossed the line when he told his audience, "it [Israel] has grown much more aggressive and much less human than in the years after the Second World War. So that means that it can very easily lead to the destruction of Israel as a state from within. That is one of my hopes."

English did not attend the event, but said that UJA Federation and CJC sent someone to monitor it, and that the quote was taken from a recording of Meyer's speech. He said it was "particularly repugnant in our eyes and symbolized what this event was all about."

Len Rudner

In a Feb. 3 letter to Hermolin, representatives of the federation and CJC stated that the organizations had no alternative but to sever their affiliation because of the belief that "providing a platform for these views serves to strengthen those who work toward Israel's destruction."

The letter was signed by Sheldon Goodman and David Spiro, co-chairs of the federation's committee on public affairs, and by Frank Bialystok, chair of CJC, Ontario region.

In a joint phone interview last Friday, English and Len Rudner, Ontario regional director of Canadian Jewish Congress, said they could not recall either organization taking such a step in recent decades.

However, roughly 60 or 70 years ago (depending who you ask), CJC expelled United Jewish People's Order (UJPO) – an institution of the Winchevsky Centre and a co-sponsor of last week's event – over concerns about UJPO's support of communism and allegations of Soviet control of the organization. UJPO became part of CJC again until about half a dozen years ago, when CJC passed a bylaw allowing only for individual membership, not group membership, David Abramowitz, president of UJPO Canada, told *The CJN*.

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Paradigm shifting

From the editor's desk...

Like tectonic plates, when a paradigm shifts, we often lose our balance. We seek to hold on to the familiar markers, but they are not where they once were. The plates settle. The paradigm settles. And then so do we.

But it can take a long time.

The paradigm is massively shifting in the Middle East. But it has not yet settled. First Tunisia. Now Egypt where the situation is quite fluid. Events were still unfolding there as these words were written late last week some 13 days after the protests began. Which Arab country will next force the removal of its autocratic rulers?

Out with the old order, the protesting masses have said. But who and what are coming in with the new order? Pundits, analysts, commentators, observers and editors have run amok in every journalistic and blogging medium the past month offering their invaluable expertise on precisely every aspect of the situation in Egypt and the Middle East.

No one clairvoyantly predicted the sudden, even shocking, fall of the Mubarak regime. No one, yet, can predict the regime that will replace it.

From the vantage of someone who lives in an open, free, liberal western democratic society and who deeply cares about the future of the Jewish state, the following are two key recurring thoughts.

1. We hope for the flowering of a successful, democratic society in Egypt in which its people will be free to pursue their personal and societal prosperity and who will consider themselves aligned with the democratic West as well as culturally and historically with other nations of the Middle East.

2. We fear for the future.

Not surprisingly, writers in Israel, who are increasingly concerned over the possibility of enemies soon on all sides of the country's borders, have been especially poignant in expressing the incongruity of these two competing yet complementary thoughts.

Ha'aretz columnist Anshel Pfeffer, was in Cairo last week in Tahrir Square during the first days of the rioting. For fear of being harmed, he did not disclose that he was Jewish or Israeli. Pfeffer acknowledged President Hosni Mubarak's steadfast protecting of the bilateral Egyptian-Israeli relationship. But also pointed out that the strong relationship at the diplomatic level did not translate to positive feelings for Israel with the rioting "man on the street."

"But Israel still remains a convenient bogeyman for all occasions. Those in Israel who have been bewailing the almost certain loss of a staunch strategic ally would do well to remember that in his three decades as president, Mubarak did very little, if anything, to educate his people and change their devilish perspective of Israel.

"I would like to believe that contrary to the prophecies of doom emanating from the corridors of power in Jerusalem this week, the revolution in Egypt will not ultimately result in an Islamic republic on the Negev border. Certainly hundreds of Egyptians I spoke to over the last seven days have no intention of allowing that to happen. Mubarak kept the peace for 30 years, and there is certainly reason to be grateful for that. But it is still considered dangerous to walk the streets of Cairo speaking Hebrew, even when all is calm."

Writing last week in the *Globe and Mail*, renowned Jerusalem-based commentator Yossi Klein Halevi expressed profound disappointment in the way that U.S. President Barack Obama seemed to have instantly disengaged from his former ally Mubarak. "Obama's demand that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak accept an immediate transition of power has hardly calmed an anxious Israeli people watching the fall of its closest Arab ally. For Israelis, the American president doesn't appear principled and resolute but untrustworthy and flailing. By insisting that Mr. Mubarak immediately resign, Mr. Obama undermines the possibility of a peaceful transition that could empower democrats, rather than the Islamist Muslim Brotherhood," Halevi wrote.

It appears that Obama was persuaded by the line of thought expressed by Halevi. The American administration entirely changed its approach last weekend regarding Mubarak. As reported in *Ha'aretz*, Obama's special envoy for Egypt, Frank Wisner, said on Saturday that Mubarak must stay in power for the time being to steer changes needed for political transition. (The Obama administration subsequently said Wisner didn't coordinate his comments with the U.S. government, but did not contradict the nub of his statement.)

Halevi also astutely noted that "Israelis will not consider a withdrawal from the West Bank at a time when Israel's treaty with Egypt – so far, the only successful land-for-peace agreement – appears at risk."

The political ground in the Middle East is shifting. We grasp for new markers of stability, with both hope and fear guiding our hands.

– *MBD*

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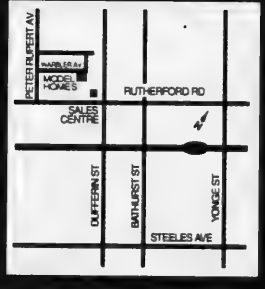

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Hillel launches Schalit awareness campaign

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

A student-led campaign is underway at the University of Toronto to raise awareness about Gilad Schalit – an Israeli soldier who was kidnapped by Hamas in 2006 – and to motivate the Red Cross to continue its efforts to secure a meeting with him.

"He hasn't been visited by the Red Cross. Under the Geneva Convention, the International Committee of the Red Cross [ICRC] has the right to visit prisoners of war. They haven't been given that right because they're dealing with a terrorist organization," said Beca Bookman, Hillel of Greater Toronto's Israel affairs chair.

Schalit, who was kidnapped by Hamas in a cross-border raid two months before his 20th birthday, has not once been visited by the Red Cross despite repeated requests. International humanitarian law dictates that Schalit is entitled to visits by the ICRC to determine his health and living conditions. He is also entitled to some form of contact with family, but to date, the only contact between Schalit and the outside world has been through three letters, an audio tape and a video.

"He's been in captivity for the last four years, so students in university can relate to that. If they just graduated high school, they know what [four years] means, if they're just graduating from university, they definitely know what four years means," said Bookman, 20, a political science and Jewish studies student.

Students explain the importance of the Schalit awareness campaign at U of T.

The campaign started Jan. 26 and runs twice a week until Feb. 21 in various high-traffic areas on campus. It borrows its theme, "How do you measure four years?" from *Seasons of Love*, a song featured in the musical *Rent*.

Bookman said that instead of handing out flyers with information they suspect most students won't read, they opted to put up large posters that will catch their attention.

The first poster asks students to think about what they managed to do over the span of four years, and to write their accomplishments down on sticky notes that are then added to the poster.

The second display has a picture of Schalit and lists the main details of who he is and his current situation.

"The banners are very engaging, they are exciting looking... It has a face of a human being – students don't know who he is, so they're stopping and wondering what's going on," Bookman said.

"Once they are educated, we have postcards that we printed up that we'll be sending to the International Committee of the Red Cross to remind them that he is still in this horrible situation and that they should continue their work in trying to get visitation rights."

She said the message on postcards offers support to the ICRC and its aim of providing basic human rights to people.

"But after four years, we want them to know we still care about Gilad Schalit and hope they will continue their efforts in working toward gaining their visitation rights... We understand that four years is too long for any person to have gone without a visit from family, friends and people who care."

Bookman said the campaign has been well-received, and in just three days of tabling, more than 100 postcards were signed.

"Students appreciate what the Red Cross does and they support its work, so they're happy to get involved with this campaign."

The event has also opened the door to debate and dialogue about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Bookman said.

"We're happy to discuss those issues... But this campaign is about a human life... so we're talking with people who may have questions, or they have ideas and we talk about them."

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No self-delusion

U.S. President Barack Obama last week changed his tack while trying to sail his foreign policy in the raging seas of Egyptian unrest. As he witnessed the depth and permanence of the protests against the Mubarak regime, his first response was to call for the immediate stepping down of the Egyptian president from power. On the weekend however, he significantly altered position by suggesting Mubarak should be part of the orderly transition to fair and open elections in Egypt. We can only speculate what caused the change in the president's thinking. We can however say that it was unworthy of the American administration to have treated its former staunch ally like a piece of smelly detritus to be quickly tossed away to placate the surging throngs in Cairo.

Recently appointed vice-president Omar Suleiman has been leading the negotiations with various opposition parties to try to establish a protocol of transition to the post-Mubarak days.

It is hard to gauge how smoothly those talks are progressing. Self-appointed opposition leader Mohamed ElBaradei complained that the Suleiman-led negotiations were "opaque." "Nobody knows who is talking to who at this stage," he told the media on Sunday. And yet, as reported in *Ha'aretz*, a representative of ElBaradei's group, National Association for Change, met with Suleiman on Sunday and described the talks as "a positive first step."

The Muslim Brotherhood, too, has been invited by Suleiman to join the talks. Two weeks ago, the Brotherhood was a banned political party. Today, it appears to be part of Egypt's political future. This is extremely worrisome.

Like its hard-core, radical Islamist ideological kinfolk in the region, the Brotherhood is shrewdly using the levers of democracy in the hope of imposing its anti-democratic orthodoxy upon the people and society that it would govern.

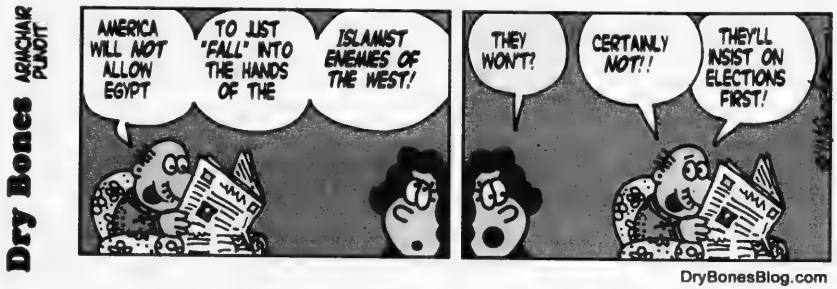
Jerusalem Post editor David Horowitz last week reminded us what the group stands for. "The Brotherhood is committed to death-cult jihad in the cause of widened Islamist rule, [and] was the progenitor of Hamas and central to Islamist radicalization among the Palestinians."

Brotherhood spokesperson Essam el-Erian told the *New York Times* last week that "Israel must know that it is not welcome by the people in this region." Another Brotherhood spokesperson, Mohamed Morsy, last week refused to say his party would honour the Israel-Egypt peace treaty. He refused to say he would recognize Israel. He did not, however, refuse to remind the world that the Brotherhood opposes Zionism – that is, a Jewish sovereign state in the Middle East.

Only the Egyptians will ultimately determine who and how they will be governed after Hosni Mubarak. But we must not delude ourselves about the nature of the Egyptian Brotherhood and the nature of a future Egypt they might govern.

25 years ago in *The CJN*

Soviet Refusenik Anatoly Sharansky, 38 flew to Israel after being released in an East-West exchange of prisoners in Berlin. Sharansky, a mathematician and computer expert, had served eight years of a 13-year sentence for spying for the West after he founded a group that monitored human rights abuses in the Soviet Union.



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Community needs to be united

Finally, the Montreal Jewish community is taking a step forward to being on the same page. Every time antisemitism rears its ugly head, we must denounce it. Quebec Jewish Congress and Federation CJA came to the conclusion that the recent cowardly acts against five synagogues and a Jewish school were, in fact, antisemitic criminal acts ("Attacks on Montreal synagogues went unreported in January 2010," Jan. 27).

I find it disturbing that our community has not been united. Why did B'nai Brith conclude that we were being targeted and not Congress? When all were aware that there were a number of antisemitic incidents in the community, why were they referred to as isolated incidents of vandalism? Do we need proof that the Young Israel of Chomedey's near disaster was an antisemitic act? The school next door was not touched, but my shul was!

Some are still concerned about bringing attention to our plight or creating copycats. Isolated acts of vandalism, indeed! And, to have seriously criticized B'nai Brith as being "extremist," as "exaggerating." For what purpose? Our silence, our perceived division, emboldens the other guys. The best way to defeat the perpetrators of hate is to expose them. We must speak up – in our schools, our holy institutions and on our streets – and let our political leaders know that we are against antisemitism and racism, but are for and united with Israel, and indeed for our Jewish brothers and sisters everywhere. We speak up for the downtrodden of all nations, because we want a better tomorrow for our children and our grandchildren.

Larry G. Rosenthal
Laval, Que.

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'Let them go' should include Pollard

The box in the centre of your letters to the editor page lists Israelis missing and captured by Arab government and terrorist groups. Considering the unprecedented confinement of Jonathan Pollard, a former civilian intelligence analyst who was convicted in the United States of spying for Israel and received a life sentence in 1987 after a trial that was flawed with government intervention with a trial judge and with a breach of a plea bargain, I would suggest that Pollard be placed in the box under "Let them go!"

Bert Raphael
Thornhill, Ont.

Editor's Note: There can be no doubt that the penalty meted out to Jonathan Pollard has long ago surpassed all reasonable limits and purposes. Nevertheless, we cannot include him among the missing-in-action Israeli soldiers. It simply is not the same. To do so would totally alter the meaning of a soldier who is missing in action, whose fate and whereabouts are unknown. As much as we grieve for the plight of Pollard, the same cannot be said for and about him.

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LET THEM GO...
Ron Arad, Zachary Baumel, Zvi Feldman, Guy Hever, Yehuda Katz

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The number of days Hamas has held Gilad Schalit captive

PhD student seeks Jewish immigrants

I am seeking to interview Jewish immigrants (or their children) who arrived in Canada in the late 1940s. I'm a PhD student at the University of Toronto. My research is on the history of Canadian citizenship. In particular, I focus on groups that were historically excluded from becoming Canadian, such as Jews were for most of the 1930s and 1940s. If you were a Jewish immigrant in the late 1940s, or are the child of one, and would be willing to be interviewed for about an hour, please contact me. Interviews are confidential and anonymous.

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Will Israel face hostile regime in Egypt?

Leslie Susser
JTA

Egyptians demonstrate in the streets of Cairo last week. *[Israel Sun photo]*

For Israel, the popular uprising against the Mubarak regime raises the specter of its worst strategic nightmare: collapse of the peace treaty with Egypt, the cornerstone of its regional policy for the past three decades.

That's not the inevitable outcome of the unrest. A modified version of the Mubarak government could survive and retain the "cold peace" with Israel. But if, in a worst-case scenario, democratic or Islamic forces were to come to power denouncing Israel and repudiating the peace deal, that could herald the resurrection of a major military threat on Israel's southern border.

The largely American-equipped and American-trained Egyptian army – by far the most powerful military in the Arab world – numbers around 650,000 men, with 60 combat brigades, 3,500 tanks and 600 fighter planes. For Israel, the main strategic significance of the peace with Egypt is that it has been able to take the threat of full-scale war against its strongest foe out of the military equation. But a hostile regime in Cairo could compel Israel to rethink its military strategy, restructure its combat forces, and, in general, build a bigger army, diverting billions of shekels to that end, with major social and economic consequences.

A hostile government in Cairo could also mean that Egypt would be aiding and abetting the radical Hamas regime in neighbouring Gaza, rather than, as at present, helping to contain it.

Worse, if there is a domino effect that also leads to an anti-Israel regime change in Jordan, with its relatively large Islamic political presence, Israel could find itself facing an augmented military threat on its eastern border, too. That could leave it even worse off than it was before 1977, facing a combined military challenge from Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and the Palestinians – with the added menace of a fundamentalist Iran that seeks to acquire nuclear weapons.

The strategic importance of the peace with Egypt has come to the fore during a number of crises over the past decade. Without it, the Second Palestinian Intifadah (2000-2005), the Second Lebanon War (2006) and the Gaza War (2008-2009) could easily have triggered wider regional hostilities. But in each case, in the teeth of region-wide popular sentiment against Israel, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak adamantly rejected calls to commit Egyptian soldiers to the fray. On the contrary, Mubarak was critical of Hezbollah in Lebanon and of Hamas in Gaza for provoking senseless killing, and he played a significant role in achieving postwar ceasefire arrangements. "Not everything Mubarak did was right," Israeli President Shimon Peres declared last week. "But he did one thing for which we all owe him a debt of gratitude. He kept the peace in the Middle East."

Because Mubarak has served as a bulwark against regional chaos and was for decades a central pillar of American strategy against the radical forces led by Iran, Israelis found it baffling that U.S. President Barack Obama turned his back on the embattled Egyptian leader so quickly. Pundits argued that Obama's stance sent a deeply disconcerting message to America's moderate allies across the region, from Saudi Arabia to Morocco, that they, too, might be as peremptorily abandoned in time of need. That message, the pundits said, might drive those equally autocratic leaders elsewhere for support, even possibly toward America's regional foe, Iran.

Secondly, the pundits insisted that by distancing himself from Mubarak, Obama was encouraging the would-be revolutionary opposition in Egypt in a gamble that could prove counterproductive to American and western interests. Clearly, Obama was hoping for democracy in Egypt and a concomitant increase in popular support for America across the region.

In his Cairo speech in June 2009, Obama offered the Muslim peoples of the Middle East a new beginning. Now, he seems to be using the Egyptian crisis to underscore that appeal to the Muslim masses. But Israeli pundits warn that this is most unlikely to work. They maintain that instead of democracy in Egypt, there could well be a two-stage revolutionary process – an initial quasi-democracy, overtaken within months by the emergence of an autocratic Islamic republic under the heel of the Muslim Brotherhood. It would be similar to what happened when the United States supported pro-democracy forces against the Shah in Iran in the 1970s, only to see the emergence of the fundamentalist ayatollahs. Moreover, in the event of an eventual Muslim Brotherhood victory, the big regional winner would be fundamentalist Iran.

Israeli diplomats across the globe have been instructed to quietly make the case for the importance of stability in Egypt. Careful not to exacerbate an already delicate situation by saying anything that might be construed as support for one side or the other, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has merely reaffirmed Israel's desire to preserve regional stability. But it's safe to assume that his government would be relieved to see power remaining in the hands of Egypt's current ruling elite — say, through a peaceful handover to Mubarak's recently appointed vice-president, Omar Suleiman.

> *Mubarak has served as a bulwark against regional chaos*

The Israeli hope is that Suleiman, the former head of Egypt's intelligence services and a major player in everything related to Egyptian-Israeli ties, would be able to continue Egypt's pro-western alignment and its support for the peace deal with Israel, while allowing a greater degree of democracy in Egypt and pre-empting the rise of an Islamic republic. But it's unclear how much popular support he can muster, given his close ties down the years with Mubarak, who seemingly overnight has become the most hated man in Egypt.

However the events in Egypt play out, they will clearly have an impact on the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. The very notion of a threat to the peace with Egypt will almost certainly further reduce the Netanyahu government's readiness to take risks for peace. In a news conference with German Chancellor Angela Merkel in Jerusalem last week, Netanyahu re-emphasized the importance he attaches to the security element in any peace package – "in case the peace unravels." As for the Palestinians, the Egyptian protests could trigger Palestinian demonstrations pressing for statehood – without peace or mutual concessions.

As usual, events seem to be reinforcing both sides of the Israeli political divide in their core beliefs. The right is already saying that Israel should not make peace unless it can be assured of iron-clad security arrangements, and the left maintains that if only Israel had already made peace with the Palestinians and the Arab world, then popular unrest such as the protests in Egypt would not be potentially so earth-shattering.

Either way, the events in Egypt are not good news for those advocating Israeli-Arab peacemaking. They could push efforts to resolve the conflict back several decades.

We shouldn't be smug when looking south

The year 2011 began with an assassination attempt that shocked some Americans and killed six bystanders instead of the intended victim. The attempt on U.S. Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords should come as no surprise. Public discourse in America is poisonous. Judaism teaches that when we give words to thoughts that are destructive of another, we are destroying that person's life as surely as if we pulled a gun.

Words that cut down another person, like feathers in the wind, can never be collected and put away. Such words are heard increasingly in U.S., and now to some extent in Canadian, public discourse.

Jean M. Gerber

in Vancouver

There is something decidedly un-Christian in the worldviews of American radical right politicians, who focus on the remarkably prescient words of Jesus "I come not to bring peace, but the sword" but forget the rest of his testaments. Proclaiming themselves Christian warriors, they destroy.

But before we preen ourselves in the mirror of self-righteousness, let's take a look at some of the public discourse in Israel. As they say, "in other news," we hear that a small but vocal group in Israel has once again voiced a disturbing message of bold and blatant discrimination veiled in religious garb.

But the problem isn't confined to this recent episode.

There are two solitudes in Israel today: not between Jew and Arab, but between Jew and Jew. This divide has been nurtured and enabled from the early days of the state. Separate school systems assure that Jewish children of each group will grow up with no idea of how the other thinks. There are no shared schools, no shared youth movements, no shared army experience, no shared responsibilities as citizens. Indeed, haredim often deride the very state that supports them. Warning of terror and catastrophe, they silence any voice of moderation.

There is no place in a western democracy, which Israel considers itself to be, for such a chasm.

For years, haredim and their supporters have deformed discourse in Israel. Recent events – the call to forbid rental or sale of land to non-Jews, warnings against dating Arab men – are simply a continuation of that trend. To continue to allow a few to speak for the many has brought Israel to this pass, paralyzing the political process and preventing meaningful change.

That thousands of men are excused from military service and allowed to collect money from the state while reviling its essence is nothing less than a scandal. If the haredim are allowed to sway national policies – both internal and external – we shouldn't be surprised if the government remains frozen. Of course, other nations assume that Israel will never want peace.

The statement from Rabbi Ovadia Yosef attributing loss of life in Israel's recent forest fire to failures of observance – as if God sent up in smoke those who did not observe Shabbat – is only one of many egregious statements from that quarter. And insisting that the state enforce law against women davening at the Kotel? What century are they living in?

These people aren't defending Jewish ethics, Jewish faith or Israel. They twist single statements in a multivalent text to fit a circumstance that they invent, then rail against.

I'm not saying that this way of thinking is similar to Nazism. State Nazism sprang from a tradition of European antisemitism dating back to the foundations of European Christianity. The state marshalled scientific and technical skills to kill millions.

Fortunately, these recent declarations have not been transformed into state policy by Israel's government (although there have been times when there have been attempts to do just that). Indeed, by their actions, the rabbis demonstrate their ignorance of the wellsprings of a tradition they profess to protect. They cannot recognize that Israel is a state of all its citizens, and however well or badly it operationalizes the principle, fortunately, it is still the principle that all citizens, Arab and Jew, men and women, are entitled to equality before the law. (Now if only the guardians of the Kotel knew this.)

Gabrielle Giffords

On the other hand, joy still abides. Public discourse in Israel has some positive developments.

Some Orthodox men have begun an experiment in dance, in a group called Ka'et ("timely"). Combining prayer movement with dance, and using tallitot as part of the movements, they connect with both the secular and religious – no small feat in a country that's very divided.

More dancing, less dismay.

Having regrets makes us human

Recently, I heard a sports star being interviewed. When asked to look back on his life, he said he had no regrets. That statement startled me. How could it be that someone has no regrets? I understand that he was satisfied with his accomplishments. His successes were significant, and he was proud of them. But to say he had no regrets is to go way beyond pride or satisfaction.

We're human after all, finite and imperfect. We live our lives without a tidy GPS guidance system telling us to turn left or right at the next corner. Surely, this man had made some mistakes in his life – gone off-road at some point. Statements such as his make me wonder what kind of modern mores and patterns of self-appraisal are considered appropriate today. How do we conceive our humanity? Is there no room for modesty or humility?

Must one present oneself as perfect, all-knowing and wise without doubts and without faults in order to be considered successful? Are we afraid to show any weakness? Do we think that there can be no fault lines here, hence we have no regrets. Perhaps if I claim no regrets, no outsider can censure or condemn me. The natural consequence of this is that we need never say, "I'm sorry."

Have you seen the program *NCIS*? (I confess to watching it.) It has one frequently referred-to "rule," which is, "Don't say you're sorry. It's a sign of weakness." What kind of message is that for a popular TV show to send? Since when is that courteous expression a sign of weakness instead of a sign of compassion, empathy or appropriate remorse?

Conceivably even worse was the line from the 1970 film and novel *Love Story*, by Erich Segal: "Love means never having to say you're sorry."

What idiocy! How can love void a human responsibility and emotion? Why should love make you immune to decency? On the contrary, one should be more obligated or responsive to the person you love.

My 20-month-old granddaughter Maya knows that it's proper to say "Sorry." I'm sorry if I did something wrong. And I'm sorry if you're sad.

What does it mean when we say sorry? Under what circumstances do we use that phrase?

Primarily, we say it when we've made a mistake or done something wrong. By using that exact phrase, we apologize and admit culpability. We do make mistakes. We do have regrets. So how can being in love release you from owning up to wrongdoing? How can taking on the responsibility for your own actions be a sign of weakness? What is this subversive cultural attitude teaching us? Is this the fashionable refrain: show no regrets, claim perfection.

We also say sorry when we show empathy with someone who is suffering. I'm sorry if you're sad or in pain. I'm sorry if there is an earthquake and people are affected. It's a necessary part of our lives as human beings to identify with others in their time of grief and relate to their emotional state.

Norma Baumel Joseph

in Montreal

It's part of our connection to express that concern by telling people that we're sorry. It's neither a sign of weakness nor irrelevant. Rather, it's a sign of our shared humanity and sense of a common community. Additionally, there are times when we're sorry in general – for the sad state of affairs without a specific focus. I can be sad and sorry. I can also be in a sorry state.

How can denying or avoiding being sorry enhance our lives. Are we denying emotion so that we appear faultless, unmarked and unblemished. In truth, that leaves us appearing inexperienced, insensitive or numb. Is that what we want to project to the world or to teach our children? If humans don't need to say sorry, if people have no regrets, how will we create a vibrant responsive and responsible social unit? What will be the civil indicators of our social units?

Finally, what does it say about ourselves as human beings if we show no regrets and never say sorry. The pretentious attempt to appear faultless only betrays a frail humanity. We are finite and imperfect. Humility seems more appropriately human.

Protests in Arab world challenge status quo

The status quo in the Middle East was shaken to its core last week as a grassroots popular uprising in Egypt cutting across class and generational lines forced its authoritarian president, Hosni Mubarak, to promise to resign after an election in September. The unrest, stirred by social networking sites, Facebook and Twitter, and galvanized by the Al Jazeera satellite television channel, erupted in demonstrations shortly after the fall of Zine El Abidine Ben Ali's dictatorial regime in Tunisia.

With Ben Ali hounded out of office after 18 years, protests swirled in Algeria and Sudan and engulfed Yemen and Jordan. In Jordan, following an increase in food and fuel prices and calls for political reform, King Abdullah II fired the prime minister and replaced him with an official who was briefly Jordan's ambassador to Israel. In Yemen, President Ali Abdullah Saleh said he would not extend his three-decade rule when his term expired in 2013.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto .

Protesters in Cairo, Amman and Sanaa called for real reform in the face of political repression, corruption, cronyism and economic stagnation. They demanded democracy, accountability, human rights and jobs, which have always been in short supply in an area plagued by despotism and residually high unemployment and underemployment.

But the focus was on Egypt, a historically and culturally pivotal nation in the Arab world, a bastion in the struggle against Islamic fundamentalism and the first Arab country to sign a peace treaty with Israel.

The turmoil in Egypt, the worst since the so-called bread riots in January 1977, was nothing less than an epic moment in the annals of the modern Middle East. Protesters' signs emblazoned with the words "Game Over" spoke volumes. For once, the hackneyed slogan "people power" really meant something.

Now 82, Mubarak came to power in 1981 after his predecessor, Anwar Sadat, was assassinated by Muslim radicals, who resented his historic rapprochement with Israel.

Mubarak, the vice-president and the former commander of the air force, was Egypt's fourth president after Mohammed Naguib, Gamal Abdel Nasser and Sadat, all military men. A cautious and colourless leader who lacked Nasser's or Sadat's charisma, he imposed a form of stability by ruthlessly crushing dissent. He quelled disturbances in 1986 when paramilitary security forces went on a rampage, burning and looting major tourist hotels near the Pyramids. He survived a serious attempt on his life in 1995. Throughout the 1990s, he successfully fought a nation-wide rebellion launched by two extremist organizations, Islamic Jihad and Gamaa Islamiya.

Mubarak ruled by decree, imposing a state of emergency soon after succeeding Sadat.

Expressions of democracy, ranging from freedom of association to freedom of speech, were banned. The government had the authority to arrest people without charge and detain them indefinitely.

Although he agreed to hold multi-party elections in 2005, this was an empty exercise in democracy, cynically designed to defuse internal tension and fend off external pressure. Since the vote was rigged, Mubarak's National Democratic party won virtually every seat in parliament. To no one's surprise, protesters set fire to NDP headquarters after the recent demonstrations got under way. Being an autocrat, Mubarak banned the Muslim Brotherhood, permitting its candidates to run only as independents in elections. He intimidated and arrested the leaders of the Egyptian Movement for Change (Kefaya), an alliance of liberal nationalists and conservative Islamists who demanded his resignation and opposed his plan to bequeath his powers to his son, Gamal, a banker and high-ranking member of the NDP.

Hosni Mubarak at the height of his powers in the 1990s

Mubarak imprisoned two of Egypt's most prominent pro-democracy figures – Ayman Nour, a member of parliament whose politically motivated arrest made a mockery of Mubarak's commitment to the rule of law, and Saad Eddin Ibrahim, a human rights activist who was jailed for "defaming" Egypt.

Mubarak also cracked down on the April 6 Youth Movement, a Facebook organization led by Ahmed Maher to support industrial workers planning a strike to demand better wages and conditions.

Though he instituted economic reforms, they did not trickle down to the mass of impoverished Egyptians, who comprise the vast majority of Egypt's population of 82 million. The pro-business reforms not only widened the gap between rich and poor, but emboldened Mubarak's legion of critics.

On the eve of the current tumult in Egypt, where revolutionary fervour burns brightly this week, tensions continued to build.

Last year, Mubarak's hand-picked legislators extended the state of emergency by two years, disillusioning Egyptians who believed it would be ended. When activists sought assurances that Mubarak's son would not succeed him, the police beat and arrested them. Succumbing to foreign entreaties, he released from prison Abdel Kareem Nabil, a blogger, who incurred the wrath of the regime by criticizing the state of emergency and the murder of fellow blogger Khaled Said, killed in police custody.

As 2010 ended, pro-democracy organizations cried foul over what they branded as a bogus election. Buoyed by events in Tunisia but upset by its failure to win a single parliamentary seat after winning a fifth of all seats five years ago, the Muslim Brotherhood demanded an end to the state of emergency and called for fresh elections.

Mubarak blithely ignored these demands, determined to be president-for-life and perpetuate his dynasty.

He was similarly tone deaf to U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's scathing critique concerning the shortcomings of Arab leaders. In a speech in Qatar in mid-January, she said: "Those who cling to the status quo may be able to hold back the full impact of their countries' problems for a little while, but not forever."

Judging by the current ferment in Egypt, she was right. But it took Mubarak a while to appreciate the gravity of the situation. After claiming that the leaderless demonstrations would destabilize Egypt, he reshuffled his cabinet, appointing Omar Suleiman, his chief of intelligence, as vice-president.

Suleiman invited the opposition to participate in a "dialogue" on constitutional and legislative reforms. The protesters reiterated their demands – Mubarak's ouster and free elections. Buckling to a U.S. demand for an "orderly transition," Mubarak announced he would not contest September's election. Before calling on Mubarak to step down, President Barack Obama urged his pre-eminent Arab ally to introduce immediate political and economic reforms.

The Egyptian army, the final arbiter of politics in Egypt since the 1952 revolution, appears satisfied with this solution, and has urged protesters to go home. Prior to this, the army renounced the use of force against "our great people" and recognized "the legitimacy of your demands." This statement signified the death knell of a pro-western Arab leader who has outlasted his welcome.

U.S. strategy during this crisis has been clear. Washington hopes that a new president will preserve its vital interests in Egypt. In all fairness, Mubarak was useful. He preserved the 1979 peace treaty with Israel, supported Israel's talks with the Palestinians, helped enforce the siege of the Gaza Strip, kept Islamic radicals in Egypt at bay, co-operated in the global war on terrorism, backed the ouster of Iraq's Saddam Hussein and quietly supported U.S. objectives in Iraq and Afghanistan.

At the end of the day, Mubarak became a liability rather than an asset. A comment made by the then-U.S. secretary of state, Condoleezza Rice, in Cairo in 2005 was instructive: "For 60 years, my country pursued stability at the expense of democracy [in the Middle East], and we achieved neither."

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Should we fear Egypt's Islamic Brotherhood?

Images of mass demonstrations of Egyptian civilians in the streets of Cairo and other cities against the nearly 30-year autocratic rule of President Hosni Mubarak captured the hearts and minds of the media covering this momentous event.

For almost a week after the demonstrations began, and then grew to an extent rarely seen in the Arab world, two themes dominated much of the coverage, especially (but not only) on the commentary side.

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

First, that this popular and mostly peaceful uprising expressed not just a demand for the end of Mubarak's rule, but also an intense yearning for democracy.

And second, that the Muslim Brotherhood, an Islamist movement and the most organized force in the country besides the army, was being low key and moderate, and might even play a responsible role alongside secular reformers in a new government, or at least could be held in check by them.

Some acknowledged reason for a degree of skepticism, but were nonetheless cautiously optimistic that things just might work out this time. Here, for instance, is the *National Post*'s editorial take on Feb. 1: "Of course, these are still early days – and there is no guarantee that the Islamists really will give up Egypt's future to moderates and liberals. History is littered with revolutions – including Russia's in 1917 and Iran's in 1979 – that were hijacked by radicals. Yet we believe such a hijacking is unlikely in Egypt. Like everyone else in the world, Egyptians have seen what has become of Gaza, Sudan, Taliban Afghanistan, Pakistan's tribal regions and Iran under Islamist regimes: All these lands have degenerated into poverty, internal repression and pariah status."

Anti-Mubarak protests in Cairo last week
[Israel Sun photo]

That assessment expresses a noble aspiration, in particular from a western perspective, that would like to see reformers succeed in casting off a dictatorship and moving Egyptian society at long last toward modernity and moderation. That indeed would be a major, and arguably a monumental, achievement.

The only problem is whether the view from here of what is transpiring in Egypt actually mirrors the hopes, forces and structures on the ground over there.

Last December, the highly respected Pew Center published the results of a survey of attitudes in Arab and Muslim countries about the role of Islam in politics. It found that when asked about the struggle between modernizers and Islamic fundamentalists, Egypt ranked at the top (along with Nigeria) in supporting the latter. Nearly 60 per cent of Egyptian Muslims said they identify with the fundamentalists.

That is hardly encouraging news for those who believe Egyptian society is about to move in the direction of liberal democracy (for which, in any event, there is no foundation). Indeed, what does such research say about the prospects for reform and genuine democracy beyond the mechanics of elections? And could secular reformers who have no sustained organizational base prevail against the Brotherhood, which is not only deeply entrenched but also enjoys broad popular support?

The program of the Brotherhood includes, domestically, the imposition of Sharia law and, in foreign policy, the shredding of the peace agreement with Israel.

One often reads that former Egyptian president Anwar Sadat was assassinated in 1981 by a member of a radical "offshoot" of the Brotherhood because he made peace with the Jewish state. But as some scholars of Egypt and Islam have pointed out, it was clear from the testimony at the assassin's trial that another key motivation for the murder was Sadat's repeated refusal to implement Sharia law.

In the years after the assassination, when the Brotherhood was officially outlawed and many of its key figures arrested, tortured or constantly harassed, the organization learned to survive and play by rules that lend it the appearance of being a "moderate" religious movement. Many Israeli analysts warn, however, that when the moment is right, the Brotherhood will almost certainly seize control and place Egypt firmly in the orb of the Islamists.

If so, the consequences could be dire for both the freedom of Egyptians and the safety of Israelis.

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Open Window Bakery outlet still operating

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Rumours of the complete demise of the Open Window bakery chain may have been a bit premature.

As reported last month, the 54-year-old operation closed the doors of all its facilities around the GTA on Jan. 17, leaving more than 150 employees jobless.

However, as of last week, its Thornhill outlet, located at 300 John St. in the Thornhill Square Shopping Centre, remained open and was serving baked goods to customers.

Though the branch is listed on Open Window's website as one of the now-defunct chain's locations, a call to the Thornhill outlet by *The CJN* revealed that it was indeed still in operation.

A manager calling himself "Simon" answered the phone. When asked how the store was still open, he said his store was "an independent."

Further questioning about how he could continue using the bankrupt company's famous logo and name, prompted him to testily respond: "I don't know. No one's called about it."

He then abruptly ended the interview, saying he was "very busy" and hung up the phone.

It was unclear where the store was sourcing its baked goods from.

The CJN was unable to contact the former owners of the chain to ask about the John Street location's continued operation, as phones continued to go unanswered at the company's head office and e-mail queries to the company's last CEO, Gail Agasi, were not returned.

Open Window bakery was founded in 1957 by Max Feig, a Holocaust survivor, along with three partners: Louis Friedman, Emil Friedman and Leslie Kellerman.

Feig took sole possession of the business in 1984 after buying out his partners, according Carole Friedman, Emil's widow.

She said it "tore at her heart" to read the story of the bakery closing and how most of the reports about it neglected to mention the other three founding partners by name.

Feig is suffering from Alzheimer's and is unaware of the demise of his business, according to his family.

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Jewish chaplain retains police post

JTA

York Regional Police won't remove a rabbi as its Jewish chaplain following complaints that he made homophobic remarks.

After a five-month probe, the force said Rabbi Mendel Kaplan remains a chaplain "in good standing."

The investigation was prompted by a complaint last August by Kulanu Toronto, a group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer Jews, alleging that Rabbi Kaplan, spiritual leader of Chabad @ Flamingo in Thornhill, wrote a "homophobic" e-mail to Toronto rabbis.

The controversy arose in the wake of last summer's Gay Pride Parade in Toronto in which Canadian Jewish Congress urged community-wide support for gay Jews to counter an anti-Israel group, Queers Against Israeli Apartheid.

Kulanu also cited a "vile" sermon allegedly offered by Rabbi Kaplan "in which he attacked the LGBTQ community in a more than hateful and disgusting manner." The group asked for a review of his status as a police chaplain.

In a Jan. 11 response to Kulanu, York Regional Police said that after speaking with "experts," it has determined that Rabbi Kaplan's statements were a "technically correct interpretation of scripture through his role as a rabbi" and "were not viewed as hateful."

Rabbi Kaplan told JTA that he was "very pleased" with the police decision.

"It was nothing unexpected," he said. "All of the accusations were hearsay [and] untrue, and for that reason I have no concern."

Kulanu executive director Justine Apple said that although the police probe "seems fair," she was disappointed with the decision. Apple said Kulanu is seeking an apology from Rabbi Kaplan to his congregation and that "perhaps [he] even make a statement to the general Jewish LGBTQ in Toronto apologizing."

She added that Kulanu may ask for a meeting with Rabbi Kaplan.

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Our friends, our enemies and ourselves

Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz
Special to The CJN

My synagogue was recently in the news. On a cold January night, vandals broke the windows of six different Montreal shuls, including my own, an attack that was reported in media worldwide. In 2011, even a small wave of antisemitism is big news.

The fact Jews still have real enemies is to some a bit of a shock. This attack provided an ugly reminder that even in democratic countries, antisemitism is still very much alive. Our synagogue's broken window shows that Jews still have real enemies.

At the same time, the aftermath of this attack also demonstrated how many friends our community has. I got a call from federal Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff and an e-mail from the minister of immigration, Jason Kenney. My inbox was a veritable interfaith gathering, with multiple responses from ministers, priests and imams.

Most touching was a note from the grandson of a Dutch man who had defended Jews from the Nazis and died in Sachsenhausen because of his activism. He wrote me to say that he would continue his grandfather's legacy, and do anything he could to protect the Jews.

Let's be clear: 2011 is not 1938. The Jews are integrated into the mainstream, and most Canadians see an attack on Canadian Jews as an attack on Canadians, just as most Americans would see an attack on American Jews as an attack on Americans.

Contemporary acceptance of Jews is remarkable by any standard. Sadly, the people who seem to show the least enthusiasm for Judaism are the ones who matter most: young Jews.

Guest Voice

It's sad that it takes a broken window to get Jews to think about their Judaism. In the aftermath of this attack, I heard from people I rarely see in shul. Like many North American congregations, most of our members visit infrequently, and, beyond the High Holidays, the synagogue is forgotten most of the year in the absence of incidents such as those last month.

British Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks jokes that the one way to fill up synagogues would be by putting up large signs outside declaring "no Jews allowed," because contemporary Jews would be certain to join any institution that would refuse them membership. He's absolutely correct. Jews have had enormous success battling hatred and discrimination. We have made our way into country clubs that once restricted membership, and moved into once-restricted neighbourhoods. But we're finding it much more difficult to handle success, and as we enter the mainstream, we leave our Jewish identities behind.

The Jewish world has changed in the last 100 years. We still have enemies, some as vicious as 100 years ago. But today we have many more friends and are a North American success story. What has changed the most is that Jewish identity is increasingly defined by what we oppose: antisemitism, terrorism, and Holocaust denial. Otherwise, we have only the vaguest idea of what it means to live as a Jew.

But antisemitism may eventually fade away. If so, what will become of Jewish identity?

Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz is the spiritual leader of Congregation Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem in Montreal.

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A perfect game

It is rare indeed when one looks to professional athletes for moral guidance. We long ago learned that the extraordinary talents they possess are manifest primarily in the physical realm. It should be of no surprise that people who are worshiped by millions and paid enormous sums of money to play games have difficulty in the moral sphere.

This problem isn't limited to athletes and helps explain why our sages, while appreciating the tremendous benefits of wealth and its attendant power, were leery of both, fearing the harm it could do to one's character. When one is blessed with great wealth, one must work harder and harder on moral development.

Professional athletes, perhaps more than others, have the capacity to use their enormous influence for the benefit of society. And thankfully, many are actually involved in various charitable endeavors. Sandy Koufax, in refusing to pitch in the World Series on Yom Kippur, likely had a greater impact on the Jewish people than even the most inspiring of Yom Kippur services.

Gil Meche of the Kansas City Royals retired recently. It's rare when the retirement of a career 84-83 pitcher toiling for a last-place club merits much coverage, especially in an article devoted to Jewish business ethics. But this was no typical retirement. He retired to ensure that he would not be paid the $12,400,000 he was guaranteed for the final year of his contract. "When I signed my contract, my main goal was to earn it. Once I started to realize I wasn't earning my money, I felt bad... Honestly, I didn't feel like I deserved it. I didn't want to have those feelings again."

Money Matters

Rabbi Jay Kelman CA

The baseball world was stunned. When a team signs a player, they expect to pay him. Collecting oodles of money regardless of performance is, sadly, part of baseball, and so many other business cultures. Collecting such pay may be perfectly legal, but it falls short of the standard for those who aspire to a life of moral excellence.

The Talmud, commenting on the verse "He speaks truthfully in his heart" (Psalms 15), relates that the fourth-century sage Rav Safra was approached by someone who wanted to buy an article from him. When his original offer was ignored, he upped the offer and was again greeted by silence. When Rav Safra broke his silence, it was to announce that he would accept the original offer, explaining that he was reciting the Shema and could not respond. But, despite no legal obligation to do so, Rav Safra insisted on making good on his acceptance of the original offer, the one he accepted "in his heart."

In a society that's governed by supply and demand and intense competition for perceived talent, salaries for executive positions are often many hundreds, and even thousands, of dollars above those of average workers. I will leave it to you to ponder whether the much greater salaries paid to movie stars, athletes and CEOs compared to brain surgeons, teachers and social workers reflects the scarcity of the former compared to the latter, or rather reflects the fact that we value the former more than we do the latter.

Troper writes about Jewish politics in 1960s Canada

Views & Reviews

Martin Lockshin

The '60s was a crucial decade for the culture and values of much of the western world. Its music and its political, cultural, sexual and intellectual values are still, to a surprising extent, part of the fabric of Canadian society. Can the same be said about the Jewish values, culture and politics of the Canada of 50 years ago?

Harold Troper, one of the leading historians of the Jews of Canada, has just published *The Defining Decade: Identity, Politics, and the Jewish Community in the 1960s* (University of Toronto Press), a detailed study of Jewish politics and identity in Canada in the '60s. Troper makes a compelling case that this decade was crucial to the development of Canadian Jewry. In 1960, Canadian Jews were a fairly timid community with little political clout. By the end of the decade, they were not afraid to speak out loudly, if not always effectively, on issues of communal concern.

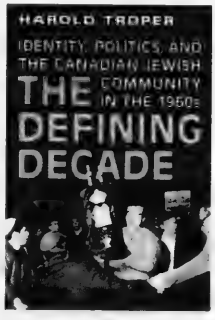
Troper's book is based on interviews and painstaking archival research, and is well footnoted, yet it is written in an accessible and readable style. In fact, the style borders on the casual, with scattered statements like, "Of course, Jews are Jews," or "How were Duplessis and his party viewed by most Montreal Jews? Like pigs at a bar mitzvah," or "This initial organizational meeting did not go any smoother than any meeting of Jews might be expected to go."

Troper is a master raconteur. He tells a number of gripping and entertaining stories in great detail: for example, the Jewish reactions to the planned Canadian Nazi Party demonstration in Toronto's Allan Gardens in 1965; the community reaction in 1968 when Larry Zeidel, a Jewish National Hockey League hockey player, was the victim of antisemitic taunting on ice and took the law into his own hands; the negotiations between Montreal Jews and the local school board where, in some neighbourhoods, Jews made up a very high percentage of the students in the "Protestant" schools; the lengthy and vitriolic battle between the Jewish community and the anti-Zionist Rev. A.C. Forrest of the United Church (particularly acute right after the Six Day War in 1967) and Jewish agitation against the exclusionary membership policies of Toronto's Granite Club.

As Troper writes in his introduction, he had originally planned to write a book specifically about the effect of the Six Day War on Canadian Jewry and only subsequently decided to expand his research to all the issues of the '60s. But this book still contains an extensive chapter about the Six Day War showing the impressive maturation of the Canadian Jewish community into a force for fundraising and political lobbying for Israel. Troper analyzes the salutary effect that that war had on Jewish identity and pride in Canada, and explains the realignment of political power inside the Jewish community in the wake of the war.

(While the book seems carefully edited, I was surprised to see the claim, on page 179, that UN Resolution 242, passed on Nov. 22, 1967, called for "the immediate and total withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from all territories occupied in the war." In fact, that resolution said nothing about the timing or extent of any withdrawal, purposely using the ambiguous language "withdrawal from territories," and not "withdrawal from the territories," and certainly not "from all territories.")

The book will be of interest to anyone who cares about the contemporary Canadian Jewish community, since so many of the issues on our agenda today (e.g., fights about public funding for Jewish schools or questions about how to deal with leftist anti-Israel agitation on university campuses) were issues already then. Readers like me who lived in Canada in the '60s will find the book of even greater interest as it breathes life into old memories. (While I am not certain, I think that, in the picture on the cover of the book of the 1968 post-Simchat Torah demonstration for Soviet Jewry in Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto, I am the teenager with the embarrassingly long sideburns shown in profile at the right side of picture.)



Troper has decided to concentrate his analysis on political issues – both the politics of the Jewish community lobbying local, provincial and federal governments, and the internal political squabbles of the Jewish community. The countercultural forces of the '60s can be seen clearly in the way that many Jews rebelled against Canadian Jewish Congress and other elements of the traditional communal governance structure.

At over 300 pages, the book is probably long enough. But I couldn't help noticing that a number of aspects of Canadian Jewish life in the '60s were omitted or mentioned only in passing. There is a wonderful story yet to be told about the vast growth of Jewish educational institutions in Canada in the '60s. Jewish studies in Canadian universities also began then thus enriching Canadian Jewish intellectual life. Hebrew and Yiddish culture thrived in the '60s in many Canadian cities in a way that was almost unheard of south of the border.

There was also an extremely rich religious-intellectual life in Canada in the '60s. When I think about Toronto, the city that I know best, I am amazed that at one point in those years, in an area just two or three kilometres long, you could find Rabbi Gunther Plaut, Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg and Rabbi Walter Wurzburger, all writing impressive books and articles in English that were being read widely, putting Canadian Jewry on the intellectual map of, respectively, Reform, Conservative and modern Orthodox intellectuals throughout the world. And just a few kilometres away from them, you could find Rabbi Gedaliah Felder and Rabbi Avraham Price writing erudite books and articles in Hebrew that are still being studied and cited throughout the world among students of rabbinic texts. Another religious intellectual, Rabbi David Hartman, was active in Montreal for much of the '60s. (Of these six rabbis, only Rabbi Plaut and Rabbi Rosenberg are mentioned in the book, and only for their political activities.) I'm hard-pressed to think of any decade of greater religious-intellectual creativity in Canada before or since.

Still for those who are interested in the political side of Jewish identity issues in Canada of the 1960s, Troper has written the definitive book.

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George Brown dean lauded for role in new campus

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Lorie Shekter-Wolfson, the woman credited as the visionary for George Brown College's new $175-million campus on Toronto's waterfront, won the 2010 Colleges Ontario Award for exemplary service for her leadership role.

Shekter-Wolfson – the Waterfront Development's assistant vice-president and the dean of George Brown's community services and health sciences department – said she was "totally honoured, surprised... that people felt that strongly that I should win something like this."

The award is presented annually to recognize individuals, organizations and volunteers who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of Ontario's college system.

Since Shekter-Wolfson joined George Brown in 2002, she has pushed forward with a vision that has literally changed the face of Toronto.

George Brown will welcome health-science students in September 2012 to its third campus overlooking the Toronto Harbour on the waterfront.

The campus will house a dental health school, a health and wellness school, a services management school, and a nursing school, with informal learning spaces, rooftop terraces and state-of-the-art labs.

The fact that the new campus will be a major part of Toronto's waterfront development is something she can't take all the credit for, said Shekter-Wolfson.

She said she initially proposed that George Brown's new campus be housed on King Street near the St. James campus.

"We were approached by Waterfront Toronto. They didn't just want residential towers because they wanted education, they wanted some industry, residential, stores, and so a number of educational institutions were approached," Shekter-Wolfson said.

"Waterfront Toronto was very impressed with our concept, with our vision for education... and they were trying to create a vision of health and wellness down there. A centre for health sciences fit that vision and this was a marriage made in heaven."

John Milloy, minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, left, and Tony Tilly, chair of the college presidents' committee, Colleges Ontario, present the 2010 Colleges Ontario Award for exemplary service to Lorie Shekter-Wolfson for her role in bringing George Brown College's new campus to Toronto's waterfront.

In addition to putting her stamp on the waterfront with George Brown's new campus – which has been granted $61.5 million from the province, $30 million from the federal government and about $25 million from the college, with plans for the rest of the money to come from Waterfront Toronto and private donors – Shekter-Wolfson has also had a major role in changing the way health professionals learn and work together.

Shekter-Wolfson, who has worked as a clinician, an administrator, an educator and a consultant in the health-care system, has insisted on an interprofessional education strategy to improve the health-care sector by promoting a more collaborative, team-based approach to patient care.

"Even though we do sometimes work in teams, coming from my many years of living and breathing the health-care system, I feel there is a huge need to improve the way we work as teams to ensure better safety for patients," she said.

Part of the vision that would change the curriculum to introduce new skill sets to health-science students, she added, was a new space.

"From day one, I said... if we're going to try to create this opportunity for students and faculty to work closely together to develop curriculum together and offer it, in some case, jointly, then we need to look at a space that will enable that."

With an initiative on this grand scale, Shekter-Wolfson said she was met with many obstacles.

The first challenge was to bring her peers and colleagues on board with her concept of interprofessional education.

"When I first started, I felt like a lone wolf. But now it's becoming much more prevalent."

She said that there were challenges when it came to the construction because the campus is being built on land that has never been developed before.

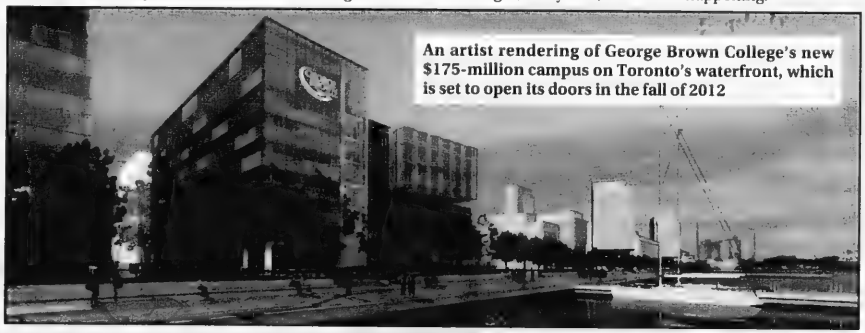
But despite the challenges, they are making huge progress and the feedback has been very encouraging, she said, adding that the biggest reward is watching elements of her vision come to life.

When Shekter-Wolfson sat in on a presentation given by one of her staff members on the curriculum that George Brown will offer in its health-sciences program, she thought, "three years ago, I never would have heard this. That is hugely rewarding."

She said she was also thrilled when she learned about the commitment from the government to help fund the project.

"[That] really showed that there was a lot of confidence in what we were doing.

"And, of course, when we actually started digging – I mean, you can talk about it, but until then it was all theoretical... Then one day there is a crane down there... and I thought, 'Holy cow, this is now happening.'"



An artist rendering of George Brown College's new $175-million campus on Toronto's waterfront, which is set to open its doors in the fall of 2012

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Collaborative program keeps seniors connected to community

UJA Federation's Seniors' Task Force creates Healthy @ Home

By Daniel Horowitz

According to geriatric specialists, living an isolated life, that is a life without connections to family, friends, neighbours or colleagues, carries the same risk of early death associated with smokers or those who are severely obese.

UJA Federation of Greater Toronto created the Seniors' Task Force, chaired by Lionel Robins, to find creative ways to keep our seniors healthier and happier and in their own homes longer.

The Task Force, comprised of a number of talented and committed volunteers and staff agencies that serve seniors, quickly paid dividends to the community by creating several initiatives, the cornerstone of which is Healthy @ Home.

Responding to the growing number of seniors across the GTA – many of whom are isolated because of either low-income, frailty or the fact that they are newcomers – Healthy @ Home creates supportive communities, bringing social, recreational, educational, cultural and health programs to where seniors live. The hope is that the program will keep seniors healthier and stimulated, thus preventing premature onset of depression and other ailments, delay institutionalization and allow them to remain active members of the community.

Above, some beneficiaries of UJA's Healthy@Home initiative. (Inset photo, Lionel Robins, chair, UJA Federation's Seniors' Task Force)

Phase I of Healthy @ Home introduced the program to apartments on the Bathurst Street corridor, between Steeles and Lawrence. Last week, Phase II was launched in York Region with participants enjoying a healthy lunch, program orientation, music and dancing. Nearly 300 seniors have benefited so far.

"I didn't want to get involved in something just for the sake of being involved, I wanted to get involved in something that I have a chance to make better," explains Robins, who is no stranger to communal involvement thanks to his efforts on behalf of UJA Federation, the Bernard Betel Centre and Princess Margaret Hospital, to name but a few. "But the real motivation for me to become involved was because of what I saw happen to my mother. At one time, she was the most upbeat person, but she was ultimately put into a much smaller, more isolated environment and went downhill quickly. But, when I would take her up to the lake on weekends, where she sat, chatting with others, she was her old self again. It was like Jekyll and Hyde."

The program is delivered by a collaborative group of Jewish agencies including the Bernard Betel Centre (as the lead agency), Baycrest, the Jewish Russian Community Centre and JIAS Toronto. Funds for the program come from multiple sources including UJA Federation, the Bernard Betel Centre, the Pearl Langer Fund and the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto. Healthy @ Home is operated efficiently because of in-kind contributions and volunteers who assist with the program.

"I find this whole experience so fulfilling, personally," says Robins. "Especially now, as I see the resources we have, the needs that are out there, and the people we have on board who are meeting those needs, I believe we are on the right track. We have a lot of great people collaborating for the greater good, we have a great process in place, and, like a snowball rolling down a hill, we continue to gain more momentum and we continue to transform many lives for the better."

"As the convener of the Seniors' Task Force, we are excited to see the combined skills of our community's great seniors' agencies, and our passionate lay leaders, come together to create initiatives such as Healthy at Home," said Ted Sokolsky, President & CEO, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto. "I am confident that these talented and motivated individuals will continue to make great strides in ensuring that our seniors live their lives with the respect and dignity they deserve."

For more information about Healthy @ Home, contact Julia Migounova at 647.261.0792 or healthyathome@ujafed.org

UJA Carmel Fire Fund raises close to $300,000

By Howard English

To the casual eye, Israel's Carmel forest is a serene symbol of Israel's northern beauty. Until you notice blackened trees and charred earth, remnants of a raging fire that started December 2 last year and ended up taking 44 lives. The scene is still beautiful but scarred by tragedy.

For 26 members of UJA Federation's Winter Family Mission, the Carmel forest tour was both tearful and fulfilling. Tearful because so many innocents became victims of an unpredictable inferno, and fulfilling because mission participants met some of the people who will benefit from the $280,000 raised by nearly 1,500 donors, through UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's Carmel Fire Fund.

At the Haifa fire station, whose firefighters were the first to battle the blaze, mission co-chairs Gil & Elisa Palter presented a $25,000 cheque from the fund to the men who confronted the fire. But more than money, the memory of Danny Hayat, 35, who died during the blaze, weighed on the minds of his colleagues and dear friends.

Students at Bialik Hebrew Day School hold a cheque for UJA's Carmel Fire Fund (l-r) Gal Dekel, Dan Shechner, Sandra Gans and Adam Levin

"It's very difficult to talk about Danny after everything that happened," said Amir Banias, deputy chief of the rescue team. "He was the best friend, the best commander. The fire fighters at this station cry at night for Danny. His family is now our family." Danny's wife, Hofit, gave birth to a baby girl, Elah, less than three weeks after her husband died.

"It was gut wrenching to hear the heartfelt tributes to Danny Hyat from his colleagues, every single one of whom had tears in his eyes when they talked about Danny. You could see from their body language that they were in both shock and pain from his tragic death," said Gil Palter.

Mission members also met Roni Sofer, a daring Israeli photographer who rescued three people from the raging blaze,

UJA fire fund proceeds are also helping the youth village of Yemin Orde, which suffered considerable fire damage, to rebuild. "The children were very frightened," recalled village representative Yisraela Tadela. "It took many days for them to calm down."

Other urgent fire fund-supported activities include counseling for those who suffered trauma, in addition to emergency shelter and respite activities for evacuees.

In Toronto, students at Bialik Hebrew Day School did their part for the fund, raising more than $3,300 to assist fire victims.

"Each day, we made a conscious decision and a deliberate effort to bring in the coin of the day," said Bialik student Julia Sebastien. "It was amazing to hear the PA announcements each afternoon telling us the total for the day and the week."

JPPS stakeholders to get vote on merger plan

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The proposal to merge with United Talmud Torahs/Herzliah High School (UTT/Herzliah) will be put to a vote by major stakeholders, parents of Jewish People's and Peretz Schools/Bialik High School (JPPS/Bialik) were told last week.

JPPS/Bialik president Arnold Cohen explained later to *The CJN* that the school system's bylaws require that parents, donors and alumni be given a say before a merger, closing, sale or acquisition of a school takes place.

When the vote will be held or how it will be conducted has not been determined, but he did indicate it would be binding.

Close to 500 parents attended a closed information session at Bialik Feb. 2 to hear for the first time officially what the schools' boards are planning, in cooperation with Federation CJA.

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Parents of UTT/Herzliah met simultaneously at Herzliah. They, however, are not constitutionally entitled to a vote on such decisions, president Charles Leibovich said, and there is no intention to have one.

"We will be consulting everybody and getting their feedback," he said.

Cohen said this doesn't mean the future of the project rests with one partner. The board of either school could put an end to project or change its mind on the timeline.

However, both boards approved the merger plans last fall.

Cohen felt that most parents at his school's meeting left reassured that the merger makes sense, but that it's "not a done deal."

He described the meeting as "the beginning of a consultation process," and that when sufficient input has been gathered the matter will be voted upon. "Nothing is guaranteed... nothing is inevitable," he said.

Leibovich said that about 200 parents attended his school's meeting, which he described as "a roomful of passionate people who care about their school.

"This is the beginning of a dialogue. It's hard at the beginning. People want more details," he said.

Smaller meetings are starting this week for parents at both schools. JPPS/Bialik also has an e-mail address for inquiries and an interactive website for discussion is in the works.

At the same time, a "transition committee" is being formed that will include parents and staff to oversee the move to merger, scheduled to be completed by August 2013.

The goal is to create a "community" school that can accommodate a broad spectrum of Jewish observance and ideology.

The total projected enrolment is 2,175. The two schools today have more than 1,800 students combined.

Many JPPS/Bialik parents were relieved to hear from Cohen that their children would not have to adopt Orthodox practice such as wearing kippot or reciting prayers in a merged school, and the admissions policy would be a liberal one. The school would accept children not deemed Jewish by Orthodox standards, either because of their matrilineage or the denomination that certified a parent's conversion.

UTT/Herzliah enforces Halachah in its selection of students.

Leibovich said he's confident that parents of UTT/Herzliah , which has a more religious and Hebrew orientation, will come to accept that the "pluralistic" school envisioned is "a way of teaching respect of others" and realize it will be welcoming to those who are more Orthodox or traditional.

Federation president Jack Hasen, who is observant, spoke at the UTT/Herzliah meeting.

The letter of intent for the merger plan stipulates that kippot be worn during Judaic studies and at other appropriate times, which has gone some way to reassure UTT/Herzliah parents.

A merged school would be large enough to accommodate a wide range of Jewish studies options in its curriculum, the school leaders say.

UTT/Herzliah has a little more than half the number of students as JPPS/Bialik, which has about 1,200. The former has experienced the more serious decline in enrolment and financial problems in recent years, which is the reason for the downsizing to a single campus. When first proposed in 2007, the idea was met with strong opposition from parents and the St. Laurent Jewish community. The federation will be assisting the schools in raising funds for the construction of the two new schools.

In separate Jan. 31 letters sent to parents, the school leaders wrote that the federation has assured them of "significant" funding for the merger project. The secrecy that surrounded the project until little more than a week before the parents' meetings was due to the desire to be confident that it was viable, they say.

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Documentary screened despite Iranian objections

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

It's been called the movie the government of Iran did not want you to see, but last Sunday 370 defiant theatre goers and free speech advocates sat down to view the Canadian premiere of *Iranium*.

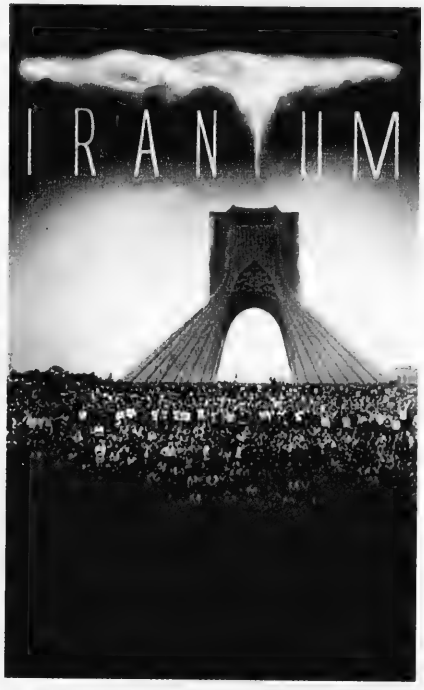
They crowded Library and Archives Canada (LAC), the Ottawa institution that last month cancelled screening of the film.

LAC acted after receiving complaints from the embassy of Iran, followed by threatening phone calls and suspicious letters that required the presence of the police hazardous materials team. Citing security concerns, the library cancelled the film's screening, which was originally scheduled for Jan. 18.

The national library's decision was overturned by National Heritage Minister James Moore, who addressed the crowd at the LAC.

"The Iranian embassy will never dictate what movies we watch in Canada," Moore told the audience, according to the *Ottawa Citizen*. "President Ahmadinejad, you have no right to extend the theocratic bullying arm of your government onto Canadian soil in a building, an agency, of the government of Canada, a stone's throw from the Parliament of Canada. You will not tell the government of Canada, you will not tell a single Canadian, what movie we can or cannot watch."

Earlier, the minister said he was "disappointed that Library and Archives Canada chose not to show the film ... due to threats of violence."



The minister's intervention was cheered by Fred Litwin, founder of the Free Thinking Film Society.

"I applaud the Minister of National Heritage, James Moore, for his determination in standing up for freedom of speech – but it should never had had to go to his office," Litwin said.

The library should not have caved in to threats in the first place and "police should have provided extra security," he said.

Police and security guards were out in force during the screening, which sold out despite coinciding with the Super Bowl.

Addressing the audience, Litwin credited the Iranian Embassy for the large turn out.

"I want to send them a case of the finest Israeli wine," he joked. "I really owe them a debt of gratitude."

In addition to the support of political commentators, Litwin received dozens of e-mails from Iranian emigres who were concerned about the reach and brazenness of the Iranian government. "'My family and I thought we'd left this behind when we left Iran and now they have influence here,'" Litwin quoted them as saying.

The 60-minute film traces the history of Iran's nuclear ambitions, its threat to international stability, Iran's sponsorship of international terrorism and the repression of its citizens. It also outlines various scenarios that could arise should Iran develop nuclear weapons.

Litwin created the Free Thinking Film Society four years ago to screen films of a conservative or libertarian perspective that he felt were being ignored by Ottawa movie houses. Among the films screened by the society are, *The Stoning of Soraya M; Reclaiming Pride*, a story about a Toronto gay activist's efforts to oppose anti-Israel advocacy at the Toronto Gay Pride Parade; *Crossing the Line: The Intifada Comes to Campus; Atomic Jihad*; and *The Battle Over Durban II*. From Nov. 12 to14, 2010 the society hosted its first annual Free Thinking Film Festival.

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Abbas to visit Canada to meet Jewish leaders

David Lazarus
Staff Reporter

Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas will visit Canada "within the next six months" specifically to have a "meaningful dialogue" with a cross-section of Canadian Jewry, *The CJN* has learned.

"It is confirmed," Liberal MP Irwin Cotler disclosed in a recent interview in his Mount Royal riding office. "The raison d'etre for his visit to Canada is to meet with the Jewish community.

"The idea would be that he would meet with a representative group [of Canadian Jewry]," Cotler said. "Organizational heads, students, academics, business people, rabbinic leaders – a cross-section, for an open dialogue."

The only Jewish community figure made aware of the visit so far is Canada-Israel Committee CEO Shimon Fogel, Cotler said.

The Foreign Affairs Ministry is not involved with arrangements for Abbas' visit, he said.

It was arranged privately between Abbas and Cotler over the holiday season during one of Cotler's regular visits to the Middle East, held in part to confer with officials in Israel, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and the PA.

However, the meeting between Abbas and the Jewish community is being hosted officially by Cotler and the bipartisan committee he formed, the joint House-Senate Committee on Middle East Peace and Reconciliation.

The committee includes Cotler's fellow Liberal MP, Bob Rae, as well as Conservative senators Linda Frum and Hugh Segal.

Efforts by *The CJN* to reach Fogel and the parliamentarians for comment were unsuccessful at press time.

As part of the visit, Cotler also expects Abbas to meet with "government people, parliamentarians, and the like." The Foreign Ministry could conceivably be involved in that part of the trip, Cotler said.

He said Abbas, whom he first met in 1977 and has maintained contact with ever since, indicated to him last fall that he wanted to meet with Canadian Jewish leaders. Abbas previously has met with Jewish leaders in the United States and France.

While in the Middle East, Cotler met for three hours with Abbas and with PA Foreign Affairs Minister Riad Malki in Ramallah.

Cotler said Abbas and Malki were open to the idea of having a Canadian serve as "referee" in a revived Israeli-Palestinian group monitoring "incitement," which is present in PA textbooks, media and mosques.

But he also quoted Abbas as saying that while he doesn't deny that incitement against Israel takes place in the PA, "I'm not going to play the blame game. There's also incitement on the Israeli side."

Meeting with Netanyahu a week after Abbas, Cotler said the Israeli prime minister was also receptive to the idea of reviving the incitement-monitoring group, with a Canadian presence.

Netanyahu also indicated to Cotler his willingness to go to the PA to speak with Palestinians, as Abbas previously has done in Israel.

Cotler reported that Abbas reacted favourably to the idea of designating "one or two" Palestinians to be part of the Canadian Parliamentary Coalition to Combat Antisemitism. He said Abbas expressed regret that he couldn't attend the coalition's conference last November in Ottawa, although he did send a statement.

Similarly, Cotler related that Netanyahu was pleased by the adoption of the Ottawa Protocol at the conference and indicated his desire to attend the next one.

Things are "proceeding apace," Cotler said, in efforts by Canada to reform the PA's justice sector, efforts, he noted, that he's pleased to see continuing under the Tory government.

Cotler would like to revive the idea of holding a "justice summit" for justice ministers from interested nations, a project he began after becoming justice minister in 2003 but which never saw the light of day when the Liberals were defeated in 2006.

On the peace process, Cotler said he emphasized to both Abbas and Netanyahu the importance of direct negotiations without preconditions on the overriding issues of security and borders.

"I said [former Egyptian president Anwar] Sadat and [former Israeli prime minister Menachem] Begin made peace because of direct and sustained negotiations," Cotler related. "There were no Europeans, no international community, no Americans."

A deal was achieved then and is possible now, Cotler believes, because each leader has the capacity to "carry the country" with a deal in hand and is "looking for his place in history."

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Jewish Children/Youth with Complex Challenges Need Loving Homes

BY: JO MICHAELS

I recently had the privilege of meeting Joseph*, a three year old little charmer, and Abby*, a funny, passionate 12 year old girl.

Joseph and Abby are two of the 90+ children currently in the care of Jewish Family & Child, (the only Jewish Children's Aid Society in Ontario) and they share a common bond - they both have challenges they are striving to overcome.

I was taken with Joseph the moment we met. His warm smile and kind eyes could melt the hardest of hearts.

Joseph was born with neurological impairment resulting in vision and hearing loss. Because of his challenges, he is behind on several developmental milestones; however, JF&CS is working diligently with Joseph's current foster family and community resources to ensure he reaches his potential.

As Joseph grows he will require ongoing rehabilitation, a special school and possibly specialized equipment. Plain and simple - Joseph requires a long-term home to provide a stable, supportive environment which will meet his complex emotional, social and physical needs. Currently, he attends therapies several times a week and it is expected this will continue.

Joseph needs a loving family that will not only understand how to tend to his unique needs, but who will be a strong advocate to ensure he receives the services he requires at school and in the community.

He would do best as the only child in a family, or where he is the youngest child with a number of years between him and the next child, but what Joseph especially needs is a committed, long-term caregiver who is experienced and strives to meet his therapeutic needs.

Caring for Joseph requires stimulation and ongoing exposure to sensory activities. He requires a highly structured, stimulating environment.

Challenges aside, Joseph is a truly delightful little boy with a great deal of personality and a lot of love to give a family.

Abby and I really hit it off when we realized that despite our age difference, we both loved the *Twilight* movies! I learned quickly that her favourite part of the day is the music program at her day treatment centre. She loves to sing and says the best songs are "the ones you can really dance to!"

Abby has a fairly severe intellectual disability and as such needs understanding and a high level of supervision. She often has behaviour challenges, but can be redirected with skill and patience. Abby, much like Joseph, needs a loving, long-term family who will work closely with the staff at her treatment centre and who will be proactive in learning how to manage problem behaviours that arise from her learning challenges and cognitive delays.

JF&CS struggles to find homes that offer permanency and the possibility of adoption for children like Abby and Joseph. They understand healthy attachments; they know that children need stability and security whenever possible. Unfortunately, despite best efforts, it remains a challenge.

If you think that you (or someone you know) can provide the type of home and care these children need, there is no time like the present to contact JF&CS and change the life of a vulnerable, Jewish child.

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New fund aims to empower women

Diane Koven
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — Women helping women is the idea behind Ottawa's newly constituted Women's Collective Endowment Fund (WCEF).

The goals of the WCEF, recently launched as a fund of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation, are "to engage, educate and empower women to become catalysts for change [by] supporting initiatives that strive to expand and improve opportunities and choices in the lives of women and children."

The organizing committee had hoped to have 20 founding members paying $500 each to launch the fund. Instead, it welcomed nearly 30 women to its initial program, and many more are waiting to join.

As its opening event on Jan. 23, the WCEF joined forces with the local chapter of Soup Sisters, a volunteer group of women who gather once a month to make soup, package it and deliver it to a women's shelter.

In groups of four and five, the women worked at various stations in the commercial kitchen of Urban Element, guided by a professional chef and Soup Sisters volunteers. They chopped and stirred, following the recipes provided, filling the air with the aromas of four different varieties of homemade soup.

What could be better on a freezing cold winter evening than a bowl of steaming soup? "The soup will nourish the women and nourish their souls," said Lynne Oreck-Wener, who spearheaded the initiative.

"When the soup arrives [at the shelter], it will bring the message that there are kind people who care about them."

Rather than launch the collective with a luncheon or speaker, Oreck-Wener thought that the Soup Sisters project was the perfect initiative. "It is a hands-on experience, a practical experience of what this fund is supposed to do."

Oreck-Wener moved to Ottawa with her family in 1996 from Winnipeg, where there was a women's endowment fund, and she knows of a number of other such funds around North America. When she became a member of the board of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation, she suggested starting one in Ottawa.

Having heard from a number of women that they'd like more of a voice in the community, she felt that a collective would enable women to feel included and empowered. But rather than look for a couple of major donors to provide start-up funds, Oreck-Wener decided to enlist 20 women who would each contribute $500 to come up with an initial $10,000.

"The amazing thing is that people came on board and even told friends... every women loved the idea of women giving to women." Since more than 20 women donated $500 each, others will be able to become involved from now on by contributing $100 each.

Once the money has been invested for a year, interest will be available for distribution. In the meantime, guidelines for applying for funds will be drawn up, with the money earmarked to improve the lives of women.

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CJPAC opens Edmonton office

Lauren Kramer
Pacific Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The Canadian Jewish Political Affairs Committee (CJPAC) recently opened a new Western Canada office in Edmonton and appointed Eleanor Johnston as its regional director.

Johnston, a Toronto native in her 30s, will be primarily responsible for Vancouver, Victoria, Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon and Regina.

Eleanor Johnston

The mandate of this national independent organization is to engage the Jewish community in the political process so as to advance relationships with Canada's political community and foster Jewish and pro-Israel leadership.

"CJPAC feels Western Canada is important enough that we need to reach out to the Jewish community on the ground, instead of traveling from out east," she said. "I'll be speaking to Jewish community leadership, young people, anyone who's interested in politics, who's pro-Israel and wants to advocate on behalf of Jewish causes."

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Johnston takes over in Western Canada

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The organization hopes to give individuals and communities the tools to communicate their messages on a political level. "It behooves us as a community to get our voices heard by those who make decisions," Johnston said. "We need to reach politicians on various levels, get them engaged in the Jewish community and get our message out."

Johnston said she will spend most of her time travelling and meeting with various groups in the cities she's responsible for.

"One-third of Canadian MPs come from Western Canada. We know that if our community's voice is to be heard, we need to be reaching out to the unique Jewish and pro-Israel communities of Western Canada," said CJPAC executive director Mark Waldman.

Johnston spent the past two years as senior special assistant in communications and parliamentary affairs for Peter Kent in his former role as minister of state and foreign affairs for the Americas (he was recently named environment minister). She began her parliamentary career as a Canada-Israel Committee intern with Tory cabinet minister Stockwell Day and was quickly hired to run Day's parliamentary office. She later worked as assistant to Dave MacKenzie, Conservative MP for Oxford.

"I certainly understand the system in Ottawa, and I'm eager to work professionally with the Jewish community, something I've been doing voluntarily for years," she said. "I'm so glad to be part of CJPAC. I've been watching them for years. I know this will be a challenge but I'm looking forward to doing some really good things in Western Canada."

SNUGGLE UP AND READ: Jacob Benjamin, a kindergarten student at Associated Hebrew Schools' Kamin branch in Thornhill, along with his mom, Michelle, and little sister, Rachel, work on a survey graph based on the book *Little Pea* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal. They attended Associated's annual Snuggle Up and Read event on Jan. 23, which featured special storytelling for preschool students and their families. Pyjama attire was welcome!

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FAMILY MOMENTS

Mazel Tov

The Canadian Jewish news

Mazel tov to the Brenman & Spiegel families of Toronto on the engagement of their children Gila & Akyva!

Regina Spiler - 90 years young! Love, Michael, Frances, Lawrence, Philip, Tracy, Tovah, Igor, Tammy, Ron, Adam, Victoria, Talia, Scott, Kyle, Lili, Nate, Rylee, Maia, Gabe.

Mazel Tov! It's your birthday. Happy 87th birthday, Mom. From your daughters Carol and Wendy. May you have many more.

Beth, Ilan, Sabrina & Joelle announce the birth of Max on Dec. 24. Grandparents, Clara & Albert Moskovic, Viviane & Charlie Dahan, great-grandfather Isaac Bohbot.

Mazel tov to Ben Lands on your 90th birthday! Wishing you continued good health. Much love from your children and grandchildren.

Abramovitz - Guidis: Aviva & Xavier announce the arrival of Salomé Joa born Jan. 16. Proud grandparents are Zaide Raymond, Arlette, Claudie & Norbert.

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Thursday, Feb. 10

KULANU

First queer Jewish speed-dating program. Wolfond Centre, 36 Harbord St. 7:30 p.m. $5. Guys and girls divided into age groups. Register at 416-819-7431 or kulanutoronto@gmail.com.

SPEED-DATING

Speed-dating for young professionals. Includes beer, wine and conversation. Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 8 p.m. $10 with reservation, $15 at door. RSVP lauren@beby.org or 416-633-3838. Co-sponsored with Beth Sholom, Beth Tikvah, Beth Torah, Beth Tzedec and Shaar Shalom.

Saturday, Feb. 12

MISHPACHAH MINYAN

Shaar Shalom invites families with young children. 10:15 a.m. in Cayne Family Chapel. Service starts with Torah reading. Ends the same time as main service. Everyone welcome. 905-889-4975.

SHABBATON

Temple Har Zion holds a Shabbaton, with Torah study and breakfast, 9 a.m., Shabbat services 10:30 a.m., potluck lunch at noon. 12:30 p.m., **Ray Havelock** on "Is the Pseudopygripha Kosher? What Didn't Get Into Tanach?" 905-889-2252.

Havdalah on Ice with Temple Har Zion. Elvis Stojko Arena, 350 16th Ave., Richmond Hill. Hot drinks, pizza and cookies. No charge. 7:30-8:30 p.m. RSVP thzskates@gmail.com or ext. 5.

MIZRACHI BAYIT

Rabbi Francis Nataf, educational director, David Cardozo Academy, at Shabbat speaker program. Kiddush. Services at 9 a.m.

HALTON-PEEL BNAI SHALOM

Bnai Shalom Congregation of Halton-Peel, Mississauga, Oakville, Burlington and area monthly Shabbat service. 10 a.m. in Oakville. Conservative egalitarian. Details and location, www.bnaishalom.ca or info@bnaishalom.ca, or call 905-901-9889.

MEDIEVAL JEWISH THINKERS

Rabbi David Horwitz of Yeshiva University discusses the thought, influence and worldview of biblical commentator **Kli Yakar**, 16th-century chief rabbi of Prague. 8:30 p.m., Or Chaim Yeshiva.

Sunday, Feb. 13

BIBLICAL IMAGES

Featuring rabbis **Gad Dishi, David Horwitz** and **Francis Nataf.** Shaarei Shomayim, 9:30 a.m.-noon. www.torahinmotion.org, 416-633-5770.

LIONS AND TIGERS

Cool creatures at Shaar Shalom, 12:30-2p.m. Grades 1-5 and their families. Non-members $7. www.shaarshalom.ca.

JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

Beth Jacob Synagogue, Hamilton, presents a gala concert, Journey to Jerusalem, with **Cantor Eyal Bitton**. 7 p.m. 905-522-1351.

THE DEFINING DECADE

Identity, politics and the Canadian Jewish community in the 1960s, with **Prof. Hesh Troper.** Congregation Darchei Noam, 7 p.m.

KIDSTOCK

Kids' Peace, Love and Happiness themed event at Temple Sinai, 3-5 p.m. Includes balloon artist, face painter, treats and a musical extravaganza. Proceeds support Na'amat. Tickets www.kidstock.ca.

ADDRESSING ISRAEL'S FUTURE

Canadian Friends of Peace Now and First Narayever Congregation present a panel discussion with professors **Derek Penslar** and **Mira Sucharov**. First Narayever, 187 Brunswick. 7:30 p.m. No charge. Call 416-322-5559.

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Monday, Feb. 14

BIALIK ALUMNI TRIBUTE

Bialik Alumni Hebrew Day School presents a Bialik Alumni Musical Tribute, an evening of music from J.S. Bach and Iannis Xenakis, performed by cellist **David Eggert** and percussionist **Lev Loftus**. Glenn Gould Studio, 250 Front St. W., 8 p.m. Free to alumni, $10 general public. Tickets at the door, cash only.

PROTECT YOUR HEART

Heart and Stroke Foundation staff present the facts about heart disease and stroke. 1:30-3 p.m., Wortsman Hall, main floor, Baycrest Hospital. 416-785-2500, ext. 3374, or lkamenitz@baycrest.org.

Wednesday, Feb. 16

JEWS FOR JUDAISM

Fifth in Jews for Judaism Counter-missionary survival seminar, Sin, Sacrifice and Atonement. **Rabbi Michael Skobac**. Lipa Green Centre, Rm. 3, 8 p.m. Free. 416-789-0020.

GUILD CHALLENGE

Members of the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles present Guild Challenge projects on the theme of family history. Shaarei Shomayim. 8 p.m. Guests $5.

JAZZ FOR SENIORS

Baycrest presents an intergenerational community event: Jazz for Juniors and Spirited Seniors. Baycrest Winter Garden Court, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call 416-785-2500, ext. 2209.

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Other News

ANNEX SHUL MILESTONE

Milestone weekend honouring founding members, first full-time spiritual leader **Yacov Fruchter.** Saturday, Feb. 12, 9:30 a.m., Wolfond Centre, Shabbat services, community kiddush. Feb. 13, 7 p.m., cocktail reception, Bang & Olufsen Yorkville, 175 Avenue Rd., Live entertainment. $75. Kosher. Proceeds to the Annex Shul Community Fund. Register at www.annexshul.com/events.

JEWS IN THE BEACH

Community history enthusiast **Gene Domagala** traces "The Jewish Presence in the Beach," from early 20th century to the present. Feb. 20. Part of 90th anniversary celebrations at Beach Hebrew Institute. Admission free. www.beachhebrewinstitute.ca.

FOR SENIORS

Bernard Betel Centre. 416-225-2112. Feb. 15. Lecture – "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall... Women's Toiletry," with art educator **Rachel Levin.** 10-11:30 a..m. Members $3, non-members $6. Digital photography – 6-week series of lectures and workshops. $75. Call **Dianne Erdos-Rush,** ext. 128.

Association of Jewish Seniors. General meeting. Feb. 17, 10 a.m. Shaarei Shomayim. "Final Planning: Making Sure Everything Is in Order" with representatives from Toronto Hebrew Memorial Park and Steeles Memorial Chapel. Members free, guests $2. Call **Tammy,** 416-635-2860, ext, 458.

MNJCC Active Seniors. 416-924-6211. Computers for Absolute Beginners, 8 sessions, Tuesdays 1-3 p.m., beginning in March. Ext. 155. Forming a seniors choir, Feb. 22 to June, Tuesdays, 1-2:30 p.m., no experience necessary. $50 for 16 weeks; no one turned away. **Harriet** at ext. 133 or gillians@mnjcc.org.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. Call **Valerie,** 416-395-7881. Casino Rama and show, Feb. 17. Thursdays, line dancing, 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon, Canasta. Tuesdays, drop-in art classes, 10 a.m. Thursdays, social bridge, 12:30 p.m. Seniors woodworking, skilled craftsmen, repairs, etc. Call 416-630-6487.

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday social afternoons. Bridge, mah-jong, Rummikub. Refreshments, $2. Call **Pearl,** 416-635-6317 or **Sheila.** 416-665-3333.

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PROSSERMAN JCC

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Shabbat party! Bring your kids for singing, dancing, storytelling and Shabbat-related arts and crafts. Call **Monique,** ext. 4012.

Committee for Dynamic Learning welcomes new people. Thursday, Feb. 10, 1:30-3 p.m., Rm. 211. RSVP ext. 4235 or 4259.

Movie Mondays with **Larry Anklewicz.** *The Chosen.* Feb. 21. Rm. 205, 1:30 p.m. $5. at the door

Tickets now on sale for *Happy Days the musical,* at Stage West, March 30; *Zero Hour,* April 13; *To Life,* May 18.

MILES NADAL JCC

750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211, www.mnjcc.org.

Sundays on Bloor, Feb. 13, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. "The Esther Scroll," the adult version of the original story, with **Seymour Epstein.** Free. Ext. 154, sharonis@mnjcc.org.

Every Friday morning Shabbat party, with **Sarah Brodbar-Nemzer.** For ages birth-4 yrs old. 10-10:45 a.m. Free.

Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation with MNJCC present documentary film *Artur Szyk and the statute of Kalisz.* Lecture by **Prof. Piotr Wrobel.** Tuesday, Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m. PJHF/MNJCC members $8, others $10. Admission at the door only. pjassem@rogers.com.

Music workshop: singing and vocal percussion, with Free-Play Duo **Suba Sankaran** and **Dylan Bell.** Sunday, Feb. 27, 2-4 p.m. Members $25, general $30. 416-694-1266.

Personal storytelling classes, with **Tracey Erin Smith.** Thursdays for 10 weeks, 7-9:30p.m. cre8tv@yahoo.com.

Support group for adult children of Holocaust survivors starting. Info evening: Monday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m. harrietw@mnjcc. Together with Baycrest.

Strength and Self, ongoing support, yoga and meditation group for women who have suffered abuse. Mondays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Michelle/Kim,** 416-924-6211, ext.147

Angelina Ballerina: The Musical. Al Green theatre ongoing to March 19. 416-642-8973.

Koffler Centre of the Arts, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-6 38-1881, ext, 4228, www.kofflerarts.org.

Art Explorers, ages 8-13. Painting, drawing, printmaking and sculptural techniques, and different media, including clay, plastic wood, wire or fabric. Until March 13. Sundays 1-3 p.m.

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Starting soon: Graphic Details, Confessional Comics by Jewish Women. Feb. 17-April 17.

For more information, **Alexandra Sipos-Kocsis,** 416-849-3136, www.kofflerarts.org.

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SCHULICH CHARITY ASSOCIATION FASHION SHOW: Proceeds from the Schulich Charity Association's (SCA) recent fashion show went to the MukiBaum treatment centres. At the mike is Michael Goldfarb, director of sponsorship for SCA and a volunteer at the MukiBaum Community Outreach Program, with some of the show's participants in the background. MukiBaum treats children and adults with developmental disabilities and emotional/psychiatric disorders using play, music, art therapy and psychotherapy.

OBITUARIES
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BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

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Syla Silver	Jan 26/11	499 Beverley Glen Bl
Jeffrey Newman	Jan 27/11	1345 Ravenshoe Rd
Rachel Manning	Jan 28/11	31 Troyer Court

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Chava Rosenfarb
Grande dame of Yiddish literature

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — A gathering to remember Chava Rosenfarb, one of the last of the acclaimed Yiddish novelists, was held last week in Montreal, her home for nearly 50 years. She died in Lethbridge, Alta., Jan. 30 at age 87.

Rosenfarb's magnum opus was the gritty epic *Der boim fun lebn*, later translated as *The Tree of Life*, a 1,000-page fictional work based on the hardships she witnessed in the Lodz Ghetto during World War II. Most of her work, which also includes poetry, stories, essays and plays, concerned the Holocaust or prewar Jewish life.

She was the recipient of Israel's prestigious Manger Prize in 1979, among other international literary awards.

Born in Lodz, Poland, in 1923, Rosenfarb had lived in Canada since 1950, when she immigrated with her former husband, Dr. Henry Morgentaler, later to become Canada's foremost abortion-rights activist.

After they divorced in the mid-1970s, she divided her time between Montreal and Melbourne, Australia, with her partner Bono Wiener, a childhood friend, until his death in 1995. In 1998 she moved to Toronto and, in 2003, to Lethbridge, where her daughter, Goldie Morgentaler, is a professor of English at the University of Lethbridge.

Goldie translated several of her mother's works into English. Some were also translated into Hebrew.

In 2006, Rosenfarb received an honorary degree from the university, making her the first Yiddish writer to be so recognized by a Canadian university.

The daughter of a restaurant waiter and textile factory worker, Rosenfarb grew up in a family devoted to the Jewish Socialist Bund.

As a teenager in the ghetto, Rosenfarb began writing poetry and joined the underground literary milieu. She and her family were deported to Auschwitz in August 1944, from there she, her mother and sister (now Henia Reinhartz of Toronto) were sent to the Sasel labour camp, and finally to the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, where they were liberated.

Her father, they learned, had been killed on a transport out of Dachau, when the train was bombed by the Americans near war's end.

After the war, in Brussels, Rosenfarb began working on *The Tree of Life*, which was eventually published in the original Yiddish in 1972.

"It is one of the few novels, as opposed to memoirs or autobiographies, to be written by an actual survivor of the Holocaust," her daughter noted. "[It] was immediately hailed as a masterpiece by the Yiddish press, which repeatedly emphasized its unique place in the literature of the Holocaust."

Rosenfarb was unusual for having achieved status as a Yiddish novelist, traditionally a male domain, and some have argued she was the greatest woman writer of Yiddish ever in any genre. She also brought a realism to her female characters that was not common in the Yiddish canon.

The Manger Prize jury extolled the three-part book as "tower[ing] powerfully over the Jewish literature of the Holocaust."

Chava Rosenfarb

The trilogy follows the fates of 10 Jewish inhabitants of the Lodz ghetto, from varied walks of life, from 1939 until its liquidation in 1944. Although fictional, Rosenfarb based the head of the Judenrat (the Nazi-appointed Jewish council) on the real-life Mordechai Chaim Rumkowski, a controversial figure because of the power he wielded.

Despite her wartime experience and half-century of writing, Rosenfarb felt she never adequately communicated the enormity of the Holocaust. "I have very great doubts about whether Holocaust literature is possible," she said in Montreal in 2004. "Even for a person like myself... what I write is only an echo of the reality."

For that reason, she avoided any direct depiction of the horrors of the concentration camps.

The Tree of Life was published in English in Australia in 1985 and re-issued from 2004 to 2006 in three volumes by the University of Wisconsin Press.

Rosenfarb began to write seriously after settling in Montreal, a mecca for Yiddish culture. She counted luminaries such as Melech Ravitch, Rochl Korn and I.I. Segal, a generation older than her, as friends. Her first published work was the poetry collection *Di balade fun nekhtikn vald (The Ballad of Yesterday's Forest)* in 1947.

Later, with two children, writing had to be confined to the wee hours of the morning. There were other challenges. As Goldie recalled, after her brother was born in 1956, her father, also a Lodz native, decreed that Yiddish was no longer to be spoken at home. Abraham Morgentaler is now a doctor in Boston.

Her second-best-known novel was 1982's *Bociany*, the name of an imaginary Polish village and based loosely on the lives of Rosenfarb's parents. She translated this work herself into English, and it was published by Syracuse University Press, earning her the 2000 John Glassco Prize of the Literary Translation Association of Canada.

A series of short stories written in the 1980s about (mostly female) Holocaust survivors' often troubled postwar lives in Canada was translated by her daughter and published by Canada's Cormorant Press in 2004 as *Survivors: Seven Short Stories*. It won the Helen and Stan Vine Canadian Jewish Book Award.

Morgentaler regrets that her mother's work is not better known outside the Yiddish-speaking world. "Her fate as a writer thus reflects the general isolation of Yiddish literature from the mainstream of world literature, an isolation that has unfortunately grown more profound with time," Morgentaler wrote.

At a tribute to her at Concordia University in 2004, Rosenfarb lamented the disappearance of Yiddish literature. "In my 54 years here, a desert has replaced the forest," and she feared that writing in the mamaloshen would be "dismissed as merely a curiosity."

"My hope is this treasure will never perish, but bear witness to the spiritual triumph of our people and enrich generations to come."

Abe Arnold
Historian was a community leader

Myron Love
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Abe Arnold, who died Jan. 28 at age 88 after a lengthy illness, was a historian who documented Jewish life in Canada, as well as a national leader on the left in Canadian Jewry and a pioneer in fighting for enhanced civil rights in Canada.

Abe Arnold

"He was a remarkable man," said journalist Martin Zeilig, a longtime friend. "He had a vigorous intellect and boundless energy. He could be cantankerous at times, but I think that's what kept him going."

Roz Usiskin, another close friend of Arnold's, worked with him in many areas during his active years in Winnipeg. "We were both involved in the founding of the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada [which Arnold led from 1968 to 1975], United Jewish Peoples Order programs, in *Outlook* magazine and in founding the Joseph Zuken Memorial Association," she said. (Zuken was a long-serving Jewish Communist city councillor in Winnipeg.)

"Abe was always full of ideas. His historical research into Jewish life in Canada was amazing. He put out a prolific amount of writing. And through his work in civil rights, he was very influential in the country as a whole."

Arnold was born in Montreal in 1922. His formal education included business college, journalism and public relations. Before coming to Winnipeg in 1965 to serve as western regional director of Canadian Jewish Congress, he served as an editor in Toronto (1946-49) and in Vancouver for the *Jewish Western Bulletin* (1949-1960). He also worked as public relations director for the Jewish Federation/Combined Jewish Appeal in Montreal (1960-65).

As a historian, his major works were *Jewish Life in Canada*, published in 1976, and *Judaism: Myth, Legend, History and Custom from the Religious to the Secular*, a study of Jewish history and tradition from a secular humanist perspective, which was published in 1995.

He contributed chapters to several other books and wrote numerous articles for Jewish publications, including *The Canadian Jewish News, the Jewish Post and News* in Winnipeg, *Canadian Jewish Outlook* in Vancouver and *Humanistic Judaism*, which is published in Detroit. He was also a contributor the *Beaver*, Canada's history magazine.

In 1978, Arnold helped found the Manitoba Association of Rights and Liberties (MARL) – along with Usiskin – and he served as its first executive director (until 1988). For his work with MARL, he was honoured in 1994 with the Manitoba Human Rights Achievement Award as a "life-long advocate of human rights and civil liberties."

Winnipeg's Jewish community bestowed on him one of its Shem Tov awards in 1997. He also received an honorary doctorate from the University of Winnipeg in 2001 and was appointed a member of the Order of Canada in 2004.

Zeilig last saw Arnold a couple of weeks before he died. "He was frail but still alert," he said. "Despite having his activities restricted due to illness, he still retained his interest in the community."

Arnold is survived by his wife of 66 years, Bertha, his son, Mark, and his family in Toronto, and daughter, Shelley, and her family in Winnipeg. He was predeceased by his daughter, Frances.

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A lot of people have asked me: "Isn't it unjust or true that only a man can initiate a *Get* or Jewish Divorce? If true, doesn't this mean that a woman can get stuck waiting for the man to start the process forever?

In fact, although one or the other Jewish spouse has sometimes denied his or her consent for a Get — or tried to use that power to consent as a "bargaining tool" in exchange for rights of custody, property or other financial deals — the ability to initiate a Get is grossly misunderstood and misinterpreted by much of the public. When the right to consent is abused, then the courts in Canada, particularly in Ontario, have the ability to deny such a spouse the right to have access to the Courts on the application of the spouse who requires a Get.

In 1986 and 1991, I crafted and helped introduce new laws to Ontario's Family Law Act and Canada's Divorce Act that allowed a spouse who required a Get to apply to a Judge who now has the ability to "strike the pleadings" of any spouse who refuses to provide his consent to a spouse's religious remarriage. This means that if a spouse refuses to provide or consent to a Jewish Divorce, a Judge could deny him or her relief, such as a Canadian civil divorce, custody or access to his/her children, property rights, spousal or child support or the right to defend any application for such rights. And the problem doesn't just affect women, who if they don't obtain a Jewish divorce and remarry can give birth to children who in observant Judaism may have trouble marrying other Jews, except for Jews like themselves or converts (these people are called "mamzers" to the tenth generation).

In fact a recent study in Israel has shown that actually more women are holding up men for a Jewish divorce then the other way around (surprise)! In any event, although procedurally, it is the man who "gives" the woman the divorce document or Get when the Jewish divorce ceremony is officiated by a Jewish Court or "Beth Din", either the man or the woman can initiate the process by calling the Rabbi or clerk of the Jewish Court to make an appointment for the ceremony itself. If the other spouse refuses to come to the Beth Din, then family, Rabbinical and community pressure often succeeds in persuading that spouse to attend. If not, then sometimes one has to resort to the Canadian Get legislation, although the fact is that it is rarely used, which is a testimony to its success.

Laws are often enacted for their moral utility. Many people are aware that using the Get as a bargaining tool is no longer sanctioned by Canadian law, and that awareness of the Get Law in and of itself has become a deterrent. In a 2008 Quebec case (Bruker v. Markovitz), Justice Rosalie Abella of the Supreme Court of Canada commented very favourably on the Get law as follows: "Section 21.1 of the Divorce Act, which gives a court discretionary authority to rebuff a spouse in civil proceedings who obstructs religious remarriage, is a clear indication that it is public policy in this country that such barriers are to be discouraged. As the comments of the then Ministers of Justice show, these amendments received overwhelming support from the Jewish community, including its more religious elements, reflecting a consensus that the refusal to provide a get was an unwarranted indignity imposed on Jewish women and, to the extent possible, one that should not be countenanced by Canada's legal system."

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UBC student government approves flotilla funding

Lauren Kramer
Pacific Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Jewish students at the University of British Columbia learned last month that the Alma Mater Society Council, the university's student government, voted to approve the transfer of $700 from student fees to the Canadian Flotilla to Gaza.

The funds were moved to the flotilla, which aims to set sail in the spring, via UBC's Social Justice Centre (SJC), a student-funded entity that's controlled by members of the group Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights (SPHR).

The school's Israel Awareness Club (IAC) and the Vancouver Hillel Foundation had argued that student fees should remain on campus or be transferred through legitimate aid agencies. They suggested that activists raise their own donations for their causes on campus and not use student fees for this purpose.

President Bijan Ahmadian was the only AMS council member to vote against the transfer at the Jan. 26 meeting. The rest voted in favour or abstained.

The issue came to light in early December, when elections at the Social Justice Centre's annual general meeting were spontaneously cancelled. Many Jewish students attended the meeting hoping to elect new leaders for the SJC and reverse its support for funding the Canadian flotilla.

Students complained to the Alma Mater Society that due process had not been followed at the SJC meeting, and the AMS quickly froze the SJC's financial accounts until it could discuss the matter further. In the interim, SPHR targeted AMS council members and Ahmadian, demanding through phone calls and e-mails that the funding be released immediately.

To counteract this, Hillel students circulated a petition on campus insisting that the AMS take control of the SJC and freeze all funding until fair and transparent elections were held.

The AMS' investigation into the issue involved the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and FINTRAC, an agency that tracks suspicious financial transactions. Ahmadian told the *Toronto Star* that the AMS was "concerned the funds would be going to support terrorism, so we asked FINTRAC if they have any records, and they just told us they have nothing to be suspicious of."

"I'm concerned about the use of student fees for something that does not benefit students," he told *The CJN*.

"Personally, I've always said that fees collected from students should be used for students, and not wired offshore for causes. Our legislative procedures committee is now considering passing legislation so that in future, student fees cannot be used toward donations, only towards improving student life."

Ahmadian said that although he voted against the use of SJC funding for the flotilla, "I can't control the council."

Vancouver Hillel president Eyal Lichtmann said he wasn't surprised council voted in favour of the transfer.

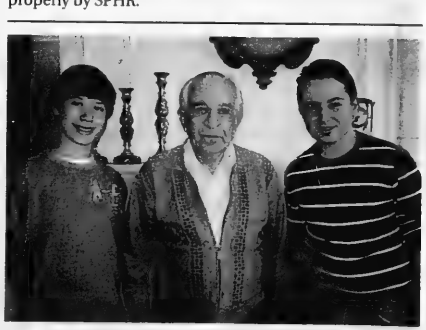
"Members of the Israel Awareness Club always knew that the sacrosanct independence of 'resource groups' meant the council would almost certainly rubber-stamp the transfer," he wrote in a statement. "The IAC's victory comes from the fact that council was forced to look very deeply at the legality and morality of this transfer. More importantly, IAC members educated thousands and thousands of peers on campus about the realities of Israel's efforts to prevent weapon transfers into Gaza and the decades of attacks on civilians Israel has faced."

He said he believes the AMS' approval of the funding contravenes the advice of its legal counsel.

"We provided them with evidence that the Canadian Flotilla to Gaza is not a peaceful mission. People on board have publicly declared that they intend to run the blockade and they're prepared for violence. But the Canadian government has indicated that the blockade is legal. This is an illegal act, and the AMS is funding it."

In a statement to supporters on its website, the SJC said: "It has been a long three months of fighting and we are relieved that this battle is over and successful. We are proud of the AMS council for doing the right thing in this situation. Moreover, we are thankful for all of your support throughout this entire ordeal. We would not have been successful if it wasn't for your letter-writing, your attendance at the various meetings, and your overall support in general."

In an e-mail comment to *The CJN*, SPHR president Omar Shaban said that his group is "very happy that the AMS finally voted in favour of allowing the $700 donation. The fact that this happened demonstrates that intimidation, harassment and defamation do not work with SPHR, the SJC and even the AMS. The AMS council members voted in favour fully aware that this money is going to be used properly by SPHR."



GIVING THANKS: Robbins Hebrew Academy students Matthew Cohn, left, and Eli Feldman recently visited Harry Perlstein, a Holocaust survivor, at his retirement residence. The students thanked him for a gift he gave to the school that provides tuition relief to families requiring financial assistance. Perlstein said the gift was made to honour the memory of his wife, Rose Perlstein. Over lunch, he entertained the students with stories about his life and answered their questions about the Holocaust.

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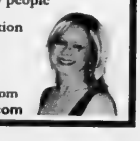

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פֿאַר די פֿון איך וואָס חיים ניטש הער חוה ראָזענפֿאַרב איז נעהען און וואָס איר טויט ברענט פֿאַר די פֿון אונדז וואָס האָבן אַלטן יידיש טייַער איז די פּסטע דערקלערונג אַז מיר האָבן פֿאַרלאָרן, נאָך סוצקאַוויץ, אינע פֿון די פּראָפֿעסענטע פֿון אונדזערע נאָך דער מלהמה נעבליבענע יידישע סוייבער. חוה איז אריפֿגעוואָקסן אין אַ בונדישער פֿאַמיליע און נעהען אַ שילער אין דער מדעם סוף אין לאָדזש.

חוה ראָזענפֿאַרב, נעבאָרן אין 1923, דערציילט די ז האָט אַנגעפֿאַנגען איר שרייבן אריף ערנסט צו זעכצן יאָר "אונטער די דראָען פֿון לאָדזשער געטא. די יאָרן האָס איך האָב דאָרטן פֿאַרבראַכט זיינען, ניטש קוקענדיק אריף דער נדיל אין ליידן, נעהאלטן פֿאַר מיר די ריינסטע און פֿרוכבארסטע. דער צופֿאַל האָט נעהאלט איך זאָל מיך צוזאַמענפֿן מיט באַסת קינסטלעריסע נשמהס. צוואַמען מיט די האָב איך מיך אריפֿגעהרבען איבער דער האַנדלאַוויקיט און זופּיקיט פֿון נעטא לעבן. די חאָס האָבן נעשאַפֿן, האָבן נעקוקט חיטער, חי איבער די נעטא דראָען און די זיינען נעהען פֿרי."

חוה, צוזאַמען מיט איר מאַמע און שוועסטער האָבן דורכגעמאַכט אירשריק און ברעגן-בעלזן. נאָך איר באַפֿרייונג פֿון לאַגער האָט זי חסנה נעטהאָט און אין 1950 זיך באַזעצט אין מאַנטריאָל פֿון וואָנעט זי איז אָנגענאָמען מיט איר ליטעראַריש אַרבעט. איר פּאָעזיע און דערצאיילונגען האָס מען נעדרוקט אין דער גאַלדענער קייט און אַנדערע יידישע דזשורנאַלן. זי האָט נעהזונען די מאָנעט פֿרעמיע און אַנדערע אינטערנאַציאָנאַלע פֿרעמיעס. איר מיסטערוחערק, אַ דרייַ בענדיק שילדערונג פֿון לעבן אין לאָדזשער נעטאָ, *דער בוים פֿון לעבן*, איז דערשינען אין 1972 אין איבערגעזעצט נעוואָרן אין העברעיש און ענגליש.

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Canada, U.S., hope for democratic Egypt

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Whoever ultimately takes control of Egypt's government after President Hosni Mubarak relinquishes power should be ready to continue to honour the country's current peace agreement with Israel.

That was the message Lawrence Cannon, Canada's minister of foreign affairs, had late Sunday afternoon for all parties looking to form the next Egyptian government.

In a statement, Cannon noted that while Canada supports the Egyptian people "as they embark on this vital transition toward a more democratic system of government," the Canadian government expects "that any government that will emerge will uphold Egypt's commitment to international law, as well as all past peace accords and agreements, including with Israel."

Israel and Egypt signed a peace treaty in 1979 as an outgrowth of the U.S.-mediated Camp David Accords.

Cannon added that any reform to the Egyptian political system should make that country more, not less, stable.

"While the need for democratic reforms is pressing, reform should not occur in a vacuum that could result in extremism, violence and intolerance. All elements of any future government must never seek to attain political objectives through terrorism," Cannon said.

Also over the weekend, U.S. President Barack Obama said he was confident that an orderly political transition in Egypt would produce a government that will remain a U.S. partner.

In an interview with Fox News on Sunday, Obama also said the ideology of the banned, Islamist Muslim Brotherhood, Eqypt's best-organized opposition group, includes anti-U.S. strains.

But the Brotherhood lacks majority support, he said.

"What I want is a representative government in Egypt, and I have confidence that if Egypt moves in an orderly transition process, that we'll have a government in Egypt that we can work with together as a partner."

Obama said that only Mubarak, who took power in 1981, knows if he will leave office soon.

"But here's what we know – that Egypt is not going to go back to what it was," Obama said. "The Egyptian people want freedom, they want free and fair elections, they want a representative government, they want a responsible government. So what we have said is you have to start a transition now."

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton called for a broad cross-section of Egyptian political forces to be included in talks with the government to make sure that the Egyptian people's "legitimate aspirations" are met.

Clinton also stressed that incidents of harassment and detention of activists, journalists and other elements of civil society must stop.

But she also appeared to soften U.S. pressure on Mubarak to step down.

"We want to see a process begun that will lead to an orderly transition that has milestones and concrete steps that lead us toward free and fair elections," Clinton told reporters on board her airplane on Sunday while returning from a Munich security conference.

Egypt's vice-president, Omar Suleiman, a longtime intelligence chief, held unprecedented talks with the Brotherhood and other opponents of the regime on Sunday as demonstrators in Cairo's Tahrir Square, marking a "Day of Martyrs" for those killed in protests, said they would intensify their 12-day battle to end Mubarak's rule.

Mubarak has vowed to stay on until elections in September.

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Protesters in Cairo vow to stay until Mubarak quits

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CAIRO — Egyptian judicial officials have promised to start questioning three former ministers and a senior ruling party official this week, in the government's latest concession aimed at curbing the unrest that has wracked the country over the last two weeks.

The government is also expected to release a Google marketing manager who was detained during the anti-government demonstrations calling for the ouster of President Hosni Mubarak, who has ruled the country for 30 years.

Meanwhile, Mubarak's new cabinet met Monday for the first time since the government was reshuffled in the wake of the mass protests. Mubarak, who has refused calls to step down before September polls, has tried to focus on restoring order.

But protesters, camped out in Tahrir Square in the heart of Cairo, have vowed to stay until Mubarak quits, and hope to take their campaign to the streets on Tuesday and Friday.

Omar Suleiman

Vice-president Omar Suleiman met Sunday with representatives of the various opposition groups, including the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood, to begin negotiations over reforms and a transition to democracy.

The opposition groups said that the meeting was held in a positive atmosphere, but reiterated that they would not cease their protests until Mubarak and his guard were removed from power.

Suleiman, Egypt's former intelligence chief who is leading the government's management of the crisis, offered a series of new concessions, saying the government would no longer hamper freedom of press and won't interfere with text messaging or the Internet.

He proposed setting up a committee of judiciary and political figures to study proposed constitutional reforms that would allow more candidates to run for president and impose term limits on the presidency, the state news agency reported. The committee was given until the first week of March to finish the tasks.

The offer included a pledge not to harass those participating in anti-government protests, which have drawn hundreds of thousands at the biggest rallies.

One of the biggest fears of protesters is that if Mubarak or his close confidant, Suleiman, remain in power, they will exact revenge for the humiliating demonstrations by rounding up protesters and torturing them. Many protesters have reported seeing undercover security forces in the crowds every day, photographing the demonstrators with cellphone cameras.

Suleiman's offer to eventually lift emergency laws with a major caveat – when security permits – would fulfil a longtime demand by the opposition. The laws were imposed by Mubarak when he took office in 1981, and they have been in force ever since. They give police far-reaching powers for detention and suppression of civil and human rights.

Suleiman also proposed opening an office that would field complaints about political prisoners, according to the state news agency. He promised measures to fight corruption and to prosecute those responsible for the unexplained disappearance of police from Cairo's streets more than a week ago. And the government agreed to set up a committee including independent figures and members of the youth movement to monitor the "honest implementation" of all the new agreements.

Some prominent figures from Egypt's elite have suggested that there is a deliberate attempt by the regime to cling to power by offering just enough to satisfy some established opposition groups like the Brotherhood.

Abouel Ela Madi, an ex-Brotherhood member, said the regime hopes to draw the organization away from the other protest groups.

"If the regime manages to influence the Brotherhood, it will have a shattering effect. A bulk of the protesters belong to the Brotherhood and thus their talks might play a negative role in foiling the completion of the revolution," he said. "I hope they don't make this mistake."

Of all the opposition groups that met with Suleiman, the Brotherhood stands to gain the most. There have been no known discussions between the group and the regime at this level since Mubarak took power in 1981.

The Brotherhood won 20 per cent of parliament's seats in 2005 by fielding candidates as independents, but thousands of its members were arrested in crackdowns over the past decade and it failed to win a single seat last year in elections that were marred by fraud.

The Brotherhood's potential rise is a key concern of the United States and Israel, countries that have depended on Mubarak as an ally in the Arab world.

The Brotherhood aims to create an Islamic state in Egypt, but insists it would not rescind Egypt's 1979 peace treaty with Israel and would not take hardline measures such as forcing women to cover up in public.

The Brotherhood did not organize or lead the protests currently under way.

It ordered its supporters to take part a few days after they began, sensing that the protesters, mostly young men and women using social networks on the Internet to mobilize, were able to sustain their momentum. Now the Brotherhood's followers appear to be growing in Cairo's Tahrir Square, the epicentre of the uprising.

Suleiman and Mubarak have blamed the Brotherhood for fomenting the unrest, which turned violent for a time early last week when Mubarak supporters tried to push protesters out of the square. But opening talks with the Brotherhood is a tacit recognition by the regime of its role in the ongoing protests as well as its wide popular base.

Iran proclaims 'domination' over Gulf

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JERUSALEM — Iran showed off new missile and satellite technology on Monday and said that it had "complete domination" of the entrance to the oil-rich Gulf.

As part of Iran's annual revolution celebrations, a time traditionally marked by new technological and military advances, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad unveiled locally made satellites, while a senior commander showed off mass produced missiles.

"We should reach a point where we will be able to provide our knowledge and technology in the aerospace field to other countries," Ahmadinejad said in a speech, unveiling the satellites he said were for scientific purposes, and showing film of a satellite-carrier rocket.

Although Iran is not engaged in any military conflict, it is on constant alert against possible attacks from the United States and Israel, which have not ruled out possible pre-emptive strikes to stop Tehran getting nuclear weapons.

Iran says it has no intention of making nuclear bombs and that its atomic program, which is the subject of U.S., European and UN sanctions, is entirely peaceful.

In 2009, Iran launched a domestically made satellite into orbit for the first time, a step that increased the West's fear that the Islamic Republic is seeking to build a nuclear bomb and missile delivery systems.

The chief commander of the Revolutionary Guards, Mohammad Ali Jafari, said the new mass-produced missile would be able to target enemies at sea.

"Its speed is three times greater than the speed of sound, and it cannot be traced and deactivated by enemies," official news agency IRNA quoted Jafari as saying.

Another Guards commander, Ali Fadavi, reiterated Iran's threat to close the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow channel through which 40 per cent of the world's seaborne oil trade passes.

"The Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz are under the complete domination of the Revolutionary Guards ... and it would be blocked in case of a threat," he said, according to the semi-official Mehr news agency.

Foreign analysts say Iran would be reluctant to take such a drastic step as it would cut off its own oil exports.

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The Arab revolution and western decline

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Comment

After half a century during which tyrants have ruled the Arab world, their control is weakening. After 40 years of decaying stability, the rot is eating into it. The Arab masses will no longer accept what they used to accept, and the Arab elites will no longer remain silent.

As well, processes that have been roiling beneath the surface for about a decade are suddenly bursting out in an "intifadah" of freedom. Modernization, globalization, telecommunications and Islamization have created a critical mass that cannot be stopped.

The example of democratic Iraq is awakening other countries, and Al Jazeera's broadcasts of protests in the Arab world are fanning the flames. And so the Tunisian bastille fell, the Cairo bastille is falling and other Arab bastilles will fall.

The scenes in Arab countries are similar to the Palestinian intifadah of 1987, but the collapse recalls the Soviet collapse in eastern Europe of 1989. But no one knows where this "intifadah" will lead. No one knows whether it will bring democracy, theocracy or a new kind of democracy. But things will never again be the same.

The old order in the Middle East is crumbling. Just as the Free Officers Movement brought about the Egyptian Revolution in the 1950s, bringing down the Arab monarchism that had relied on the colonial powers, the 2011 revolution in the square is bringing down the Arab tyrants who were dependent on the United States.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak meets with U.S. President Barack Obama in happier times.

For some 60 years, the West gave the world imperfect but stable order. It built a kind of post-imperial empire that promised relative quiet and maximum peace. The rise of China, India, Brazil and Russia, like the economic crisis in the United States, has made it clear that the empire is beginning to fade.

And yet, the West has maintained a sort of international hegemony. Just as no replacement has been found for the dollar, none has been found for North Atlantic leadership. But Western countries' poor handling of the Middle East proves they are no longer leaders. Right before our eyes, the superpowers are turning into palaver powers.

There are no excuses for the following contradictions. How can it be that U.S. president George W. Bush's America understood the problem of repression in the Arab world, but Obama's America ignored it until last week? How can it be that in May 2009, Hosni Mubarak was an esteemed president whom U.S. President Barack Obama respected, and in January 2011, Mubarak is a dictator whom even Obama is casting aside? How can it be that in June 2009, Obama didn't support the masses who came out against the zealot Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, while now he stands by the masses who are coming out against the moderate Mubarak?

There is one answer: the West's position is not a moral one that reflects a real commitment to human rights. The West's position reflects the adoption of U.S. president Jimmy Carter's strategy: kowtowing to benighted, strong tyrants while abandoning moderate, weak ones.

Carter's betrayal of the Shah during the Iranian Revolution brought us the ayatollahs, and will soon bring us ayatollahs with nuclear arms. The consequences of the West's betrayal of Mubarak will be no less severe. It's not only a betrayal of a leader who was loyal to the West, served stability and encouraged moderation – it's a betrayal of every ally of the West in the Middle East and the developing world.

The message is sharp and clear: the West's word is no word at all, and an alliance with the West is not an alliance. The West has lost it. The West has stopped being a leading and stabilizing force around the world.

The Arab liberation revolution will fundamentally change the Middle East. The acceleration of the West's decline will change the world. One outcome will be a surge toward China, Russia and regional powers like Brazil, Turkey and Iran. Another will be a series of international flare-ups stemming from the West's lost deterrence.

But the overall outcome will be the collapse of North Atlantic political hegemony not in decades, but in years. As the United States and Europe bury Mubarak now, they are also burying the powers they once were. In Cairo's Tahrir Square, the age of western hegemony is fading away.

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'Fall of Mubarak means decision time for Netanyahu'

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Cohen doesn't predict all-out war, such as Israel faced in 1967. "No, what we'll have is what we have in Lebanon – semi-state-affiliated terrorist organizations operating autonomously from the government, fighting proxy wars for Iran, with a government that's not strong enough to stop them or do anything about it. Except instead of one front, we'll have it on all sides."

Harvard Law School professor Alan Dershowitz raises another potential consequence for Israel – that a hostile Islamist leadership in Egypt will lead to the end of Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations.

In "The Egyptian revolution may produce a Lebanon-type Islamic regime" which Dershowitz wrote for the Huffington Post, he said, "The first casualty may well be the peace process between Israel and the Palestinians. The Palestinian Authority will be emboldened by the prospect of a powerful military ally on Israel's border. The Israelis will be reluctant to surrender any more territory if they can no longer count on peace with Egypt (and perhaps with Jordan)."

The worst-case prospect of an all-out regional security crisis has been a painful reminder to some Israelis of the state's existential fragility. *Ha'aretz* commentator Aluf Benn pondered how the state will protect itself, given that the current defence structure is based on peace with Egypt and that military values have eroded over the years.

"And who exactly will be serving in this expanded army – the ultra-Orthodox and Arabs, who are more or less exempt from conscription? Or maybe the immigrants from Eritrea and Sudan, who already know the lay of the land?" Benn asked in "The fall of Mubarak means decision time for Netanyahu."

Are Israelis afraid for the future? If they are, you would never know it from the mood on the streets, where everything is business as usual. Then again, as Cohen said, "Haven't you noticed that Israelis are never openly fearful? Even in the heat of the war in Lebanon, when there were missiles falling, people didn't seem outwardly fearful. It's just the Israeli way."

Some of the protesters in Cairo last week show their hatred of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. ***[Israel Sun photo]***

On the more optimistic side are those Israelis who are inspired by the calls for democratic reform in Egypt and anticipate the positives of gaining a democratic Arab neighbour. One such Israeli is Anshel Pfeffer, who wrote a column called "Why should Israel be the only democracy in the Mideast?" for *Ha'aretz*.

Some believe that if democracy emerges, it will mean an even stronger and more reliable brand of peace with Egypt. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu alluded to this possibility in a recent speech covered by *Ha'aretz*. "As much as the foundations for democracy are stronger, the foundations for peace are stronger," he said.

Others who are inspired by Egypt's democratic movement are less hopeful about its outcome. "It's a revolution that I think is happening for all the right reasons but is going to have all the wrong results," Cohen said.

"It was inevitable. These Arab dictatorships are so oppressive that resistance was bound to erupt. But it's a rebel without a cause thing. It's people saying what they don't want, but no one leading, and when no one leads, whoever is most powerful takes over and in this case, it looks like it will be radical Islamists," she added.

Even if the revolutionaries get the democracy they are fighting for, Israel may still suffer dire consequences.

In an interview on the Global Research in International Affairs Center website, director Barry Rubin reviewed the latest Pew poll.

"In Egypt, 30 per cent like Hezbollah… 49 per cent are favourable toward Hamas… and 20 per cent smile… at Al Qaeda. Roughly speaking, one-fifth of Egyptians applaud the most extreme Islamist terrorist group, while around one-third back revolutionary Islamists abroad," Rubin said.

"Asked if they supported 'modernizers' or 'Islamists,' only 27 per cent said modernizers, while 59 per cent said Islamists… This doesn't tell us what proportion of Egyptians want an Islamist government at home, but it is an indicator."

The neighbouring Arab country may become democratic, but as Totten writes in "Egypt needs liberalism," it doesn't mean Egyptian society's popular values will be conducive to positive relations with Israel.

Ynet op-ed writer Avi Trengo said in "Peace in Egypt's interest" that no matter what happens, Egyptian peace with Israel will remain intact because of economic interests, and the fact that many of Egypt's economic ties to the United States are contingent on the maintenance of peace with Israel.

Others, like man-on-the-street Moshe Lazar, are not so sure. "One of the things that stops Egypt from attacking Israel is American support," says the 36-year-old Tel Aviv resident, who is a captain in an Israel Defence Forces reserve infantry unit. "But Muslim extremists don't care about that."

Lazar says the best-case scenario for Israel is the Egyptian military taking over and stabilizing the country. "Everything else, starting with a fragile coalition and ending with the Muslim Brotherhood, is not going to be good for us."

Lazar's view echos Mideast expert Daniel Pipes opinion in "Turmoil in Egypt" in the *Washington Times*. "Heavy-handed rule will lighten somewhat in Egypt and elsewhere, but the militaries will remain the ultimate power brokers," Pipes wrote.

Rothschild Café dweller Roee Mizrachi, 34, from Givatayim, said she is less certain about what the future will bring. "Who knows? It could be good for Egyptians, it could be bad. It could be good for Israel, it could be bad. My honest opinion is who the hell knows," she said.

"It's way too early to know, and as we've seen, everything can change in 24 hours."

Journalists targeted by rioters as 'Jews'

JTA

Pro-Egyptian government counter-protesters in Cairo were screaming "Jew" at foreign journalists, apparently spurred by Egyptian state TV accusations that Israeli spies are behind the protests.

"Egyptian state television has actively tried to foment the unrest by reporting that 'Israeli spies' on the unrest have infiltrated the city, which explains why many of the gangs who attack reporters shout 'yehudi,'" Al Jazeera said in a report on its website last Thursday.

The report documented increasing attacks on foreign journalists.

The Obama administration has condemned such attacks and called on the Mubarak regime to rein them in.

In related developments, four Israeli journalists arrested in Cairo were released as rival protests in Egypt turned violent.

The reporters — three from Israel's Channel 2 and one from the Nazareth news media — were released on Feb. 2 after being arrested earlier in the day for violating the curfew in Cairo and entering the capital city on tourist visas, according to reports.

"We call on all Israeli reporters arriving in Cairo to remain alert, act responsibly and honour the place's rules," the Israeli Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

On the night of Feb. 2, automatic weapons fire was heard in Tahrir Square in downtown Cairo after anti- and pro-Egyptian government protesters were ordered to leave the area. Tanks were seen moving into the area.

Violence had escalated during the day with Molotov cocktails burning surrounding buildings and pro- and anti-Mubarak demonstrators attacking one another with metal rods. Egyptian police used water cannons to disperse the crowds and put out fires.

Some 600 protesters were reported injured in the street violence and one police officer was killed, according to reports.

In an address to the Egyptian people on Feb. 1, Mubarak said he would not run in the next elections, scheduled for September, and said he would lead an orderly transition of power.

The army took to state television on Feb. 2 to urge protesters to leave the streets and return to everyday life.

Also on Feb. 2, Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh said he would step down at the end of his presidential term, ending three decades in office. Saleh's term expires in 2013. He promised not to pass on his leadership position to his son.

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Israel Briefs

NGO probe approved

The Knesset House Committee approved the establishment of parliamentary panels to probe the funding and activities of left-leaning human rights groups and NGOs. The vote to set up two commissions of inquiries passed Feb. 2 by a 10-6 vote. One committee will investigate the involvement of foreign governments in the funding of Israeli left-wing groups. The other will look into Israeli organizations trying to delegitimize the Israel Defence Forces. The opposition Kadima Party voted against the panels and has refused to allow its MKs to serve on them.

Galant app't nixed

The appointment of Israel's new military chief of staff was cancelled because of a scandal over personal real estate. Maj.-Gen. Yoav Galant had been set to succeed Lt.-Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi this month. Galant allegedly took over several acres of public land near his home on a moshav in northern Israel. The cancellation came Feb. 2 after Attorney General Yehuda Weinstein said the legal difficulties made it difficult to back the appointment. Weinstein left it to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Ehud Barak to decide whether to go ahead with it. State Comptroller Micha Lindenstrauss also conducted an investigation, which also recommended that Galant's appointment be rescinded. On Feb. 3, Galant filed an appeal with the Supreme Court. Israel Defence Forces' deputy chief of staff, Maj.-Gen. Yair Naveh, was named interim chief of staff while a new candidate is vetted. Galant's appointment was approved in September after Ashkenazi wasn't asked to extend his four-year term by a year, as is traditional.

Cabinets meet, deals signed

Seven new bilateral agreements were signed in Israel at a joint meeting of Israeli and German cabinet ministers Jan. 31. The agreements dealt with bilateral socio-economic and cultural relations, according to the Israeli Prime Minister's Office. It marked the third consecutive year that the two cabinets have met in a joint session. In a private meeting before the session, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and German Chancellor Angela Merkel reportedly spent much of the time discussing the unrest in Egypt. Merkel also called on Israel to stop building in West Bank settlements, saying it hurts the peace process, *Ha'aretz* reported.

Website hacked

The website of the Jewish People Policy Institute was hacked Feb. 3 by a group the institute says is affiliated with Hamas. The JPPI, a Jerusalem-based think-tank that focuses on the Jewish future and Israel's security, said hackers took over its website, then posted a picture of an Israeli tank and a Palestinian child on the English section, and removed a recently uploaded assessment and analysis documents. JPPI says the group that hacked its site has ties to Hamas. "The hackers' website is identified with the Hamas movement and we know for sure that they are operating from the Gaza Strip," a spokesperson said.

Ruling on ORT dispute

World ORT and ORT Israel can both use the ORT name for fundraising purposes, Israel's Supreme Court ruled. A three-judge panel decided Jan. 31 that the two Jewish school systems can use the name in Israel. Its ruling settles a dispute that featured years of appeals. It said both parties own the original name and that World ORT could use the name "World ORT" in English only. World ORT was also awarded $10,000 in legal fees. World ORT and ORT Israel had been one organization for more than a century before a nasty split in 2006. At that time ORT Israel, which runs a system of vocational schools in Israel, won a lawsuit in an Israeli District Court giving it the sole right to use the name ORT for fundraising in Israel. World ORT, a global network of Jewish vocational schools with roots dating back to 19th-century Russia, had been using its Hebrew name, Kadima Mada, to raise money in Israel since 2006.

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Carter named in lawsuit

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Lawyers in the United States and Israel have launched a class action law suit against former U.S. president Jimmy Carter and his publisher, Simon & Schuster, over Carter's book, *Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid.*

The complaint alleges that Carter violated the state's consumer protection laws, which make it unlawful to deceive anyone "in the conduct of business, trade or commerce."

Legal documents filed in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York claim the book was marketed on the basis that it "provides an accurate, factual record of historical events and key agreements related to negotiations between Israel and Palestinian Arabs."

Purchasers relied on Carter's reputation as an ex-president with the expectation the book would provide an accurate representation of events. "In truth, however, the book is filled with demonstrable falsehoods, omissions and knowing misrepresentations intended to promote Carter's agenda of anti-Israel propaganda, rather than a true and accurate picture of all matters and events."

Among the approximately 50 factual misrepresentations cited in the court document was Carter's claim that UN Resolution 242, as well as the Camp David Accords and the Oslo agreement, specified that Israel should withdraw to the borders it held prior to the 1967 Six Day War. "Even a cursory reading of the UN document reveals that it does not provide what the defendant [Carter] represents it does."

Another "material falsehood" alleged in the complaint is Carter's assertion that Israel's eastern border with the Palestinian territories is internationally recognized. "In fact," states the complaint, "the international borders of Israel have never been finalized. This was acknowledged in the Camp David Accords signed between Israel and Egypt on Sept. 17, 1978, which defendant Jimmy Carter both negotiated and signed."

Carter allegedly misrepresented the facts when he states in the book that the United States has had a policy since 1949 that Israel's borders must coincide with those that existed from 1949 to 1967. The complaint states that assertion is a "blatant inaccuracy."

Carter also claims that former prime minister Ariel Sharon rejected most of the key provisions of the Quartet's roadmap for peace, while the Palestinian leadership accepted it. The court document states there is no evidence the Palestinian Authority cabinet even discussed the issue while the Israeli cabinet endorsed the plan by a 12-7 vote.

Nitsana Darshan-Leitner, the Israeli lawyer who conceived of the suit, said she was approached by readers concerned about the book's depiction of Israel as an apartheid state. "We were looking for a way to attack it and the way was that he was marketing the book as a factual book and it's not. It violates the Consumer Protection Act in the United States."

Filed in conjunction with U.S. lawyer David Schoen, the suit was novel and "unprecedented," Darshan-Leitner admitted. It asks the court on behalf of five named plaintiffs and thousands of others to refund the $27 (US) purchase price and to declare the book "deceptive." She estimates total damages could reach $5 to $6 million.

The suit, she acknowledged, amounts to "lawfare. This is our way of using the law in order to fight the people who attack Israel

"This is an unprecedented law suit and if it is accepted by the court, it raises the chance that people will be sued for raising lies and deception about Israel. They'll think twice about raising lies and deceptions about Israel."

In Toronto, lawyer Bert Raphael said Nitsana-Leitner has broken new ground in the past by obtaining judgements against terrorist organizations on behalf of their victims.

Suits like the one against Carter "shake people up," said Raphael.

"From that point of view, it would embarrass him, and if it goes to trial he'd be asked about the truth of his comments. It will affect his credibility...It will bring it down to reality and show how biased and anti-Israel he is," said Raphael, who corresponded with Carter on behalf of captured Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit.

Adam Rothberg, a spokesman for Simon & Schuster, called the lawsuit "frivolous.

"It is a chilling attack on free speech that we intend to defend vigorously."

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Canadian Associates of Ben Gurion University is extremely happy to announce the appointment of

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On July 1st, Mark will be replacing Leo Marcus, who, after 24 years of outstanding service to the organization, will be retiring. Mark has his Masters of Social Work from Yeshiva University in New York, lived in Israel for 14 years where his two children Omer and Noam were born, served as a Paratrooper and Officer in the IDF and built up a very successful private business there. For the past 17 years, Mark has served as Executive Director for Eastern Canada of the Jewish National Fund-Ottawa, Montreal and the Atlantic provinces-and has been responsible for spearheading many successful fundraising campaigns, Negev Dinners, Telethons and many other special and innovative programs. His tenure at JNF has left an indelible mark there as well as in the three communities with which he worked and we look forward to his bringing his great sense of professionalism, skills, energy, integrity and love of Israel to our organization. Mark just celebrated his 36th anniversary with his wife Edna.

Med students learn to communicate

Lauren Kramer
Pacific Correspondent

VANCOUVER — We've all sat face to face with them at some point: doctors with no bedside manner and inadequate communication skills. The ones who barely make eye contact, don't appear to care very deeply about our condition and show a remarkable deficit of compassion and kindness. For the lucky among us, those encounters have been rare. And with more widespread training for med students, they'll become even rarer.

Gone is the assumption that doctors can and will cultivate their own bedside manner based on their particular personalities. The new generation of medical students are being trained to show patients a caring attitude. And if their compassion doesn't make the grade, they don't, either.

"Communications research has demonstrated that when patients have started to talk to a doctor, the average length of time before the doctor interrupted them was 18 seconds," says Debbie Altow, a communication skills instructor at the University of British Columbia's medical school.

"Our communication skills course is trying to ensure that when doctors interview patients, especially for the first time, they are able to listen and understand more about the patient. We aspire to teach them to develop a relationship with the patient, understand their living situation and the cause or source of their condition. We're trying to focus medical students on the needs of the patient, so that they remember that a visit with the doctor is all about the patient, not about the doctor."

At the University of Western Ontario's Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, first- and second-year students are required to take a course titled "Patient-Centred Clinical Methods." Using actors standing in for patients, students are taught how to conduct interviews, how to deal with angry patients and how to further their communication skills. The course has been offered for the past 15 years, says Dr. Terri Paul, associate dean.

"We know from studies that communication skills are some of the biggest issues that physicians face when it comes to dealing with patients," she says. "The vast majority of complaints about physicians are due to poor communication skills. While we don't have hard evidence that courses like these are making a better generation of doctors, we'd like to think that's true."

Fail the communications courses and your progression to the next level is curtailed. At Western, the first two years of medical school are mostly class-based. To move ahead to clerkship in third year, you have to pass the communications class. "There's always been an issue of students failing the course or needing remediation," Paul says.

Likewise, at UBC, if students fail the communications course, they're required to re-take it. "At the end or the course, they're given an objective-structured clinical exam, where they're graded on interviewing," Altow says.

Failure isn't common, although she adds, "Most of the medical students are very accomplished and bring global work and personal experience to their studies. Their communication skills are often already well-developed."

Paul agrees and attributes the advancement of students' communications skills to the criteria for admission to medical school. "Grades are still important, but the process for admission includes communication skills and experience in volunteering. As a result, the type of person that's coming into medical school today is very different from the student of 20 years ago."

Bat mitzvah girl donates gifts

Seen from left are Harold Heft, executive vice-president of philanthropy and communications of the North York General Hospital Foundation, donor Rikki Blankenstein and her parents, doctors Fay Sliwin and Harvey Blankenstein.

Compiled by CJN Staff

Rikki Blankenstein raised $20,000 when she chose to donate her bat mitzvah gifts to support cardiac care at North York General Hospital (NYGH).

Her parents, doctors Harvey Blankenstein and Fay Sliwin, are both family physicians who say they are proud of Rikki and her two older siblings for using the opportunity of their bar and bat mizvahs to help others. Rikki was recently presented with a copy of her recognition that will hang on the Donor Wall at NYGH in her honour. Rikki also received a certificate of honour signed by the interim president and CEO of the Hospital, Dr. Tim Rutledge, and the president and CEO of the NYGH Foundation, Terry Pursell, to thank her for her community involvement.

Banks, technology, commodities could shine in 2011

Eytan Avriel
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JERUSALEM — Even though the recent World Economic Forum's annual summit in Davos, Switzerland, was thronged by bankers, economists, and people from insurance and accounting – all of whom are, in a word, investors – the topic of investments hardly arose.

In the cold air of the Alps, the burning topics were geopolitics, global economics, the imbalances of the economic blocs, the unequal distribution of income, and social responsibility. All the same, here are some ideas for the bemused investor of 2011.

1. The big banks mustn't fall. In the event of an existential threat, the state will step in even as they declare the intentions of expanding further around the world. Evidently, nobody has the political clout to stop them.

The same applies to Europe. At Davos, all the European leaders piously declared allegiance to the euro and the euro zone. But all know that their main motivation is to keep the huge banks of Germany, France and Britain stable. These banks hold vast amounts of debt issued by Greece, Spain, Ireland, Portugal and so on. The banks' collapse would bring down whole countries.

Your conclusion as an investor: buy shares and bonds of these banks, because governments will create the conditions for them to continue to prosper and gradually shed all that garbage on their balance sheets. It's true of Israeli banks, too. At the height of the crisis, the Bank of Israel declared it wouldn't let Israel's banks fall.

2. The future belongs to technological innovation. At Davos, we saw clearly how countries are competing over who will train the most engineers, invest the most in education and initiate the most complex engineering projects (China will, of course).

The consensus is that the leader in technological innovation will lead economic innovation as well.

Your conclusion as an investor: anticipate huge stock offerings by the likes of Facebook, Groupon, LinkedIn and other Internet and technology companies. Buy technology. It's hot.

3. The next crisis will come from India and China. They're supposed to be the new empires, the locomotives pulling the world economy, but that doesn't mean they can't falter. Economists are seeing worrying signs.

Economist Simon Johnson postulates that India will be to blame because of its mounting debt and its political system, which seems incapable of making hard decisions. A Bloomberg poll of international investors found that 45 per cent expect a crisis in China in the next five years.

Another 40 per cent think the crisis will come, but only after 2016. China is in the grip of a credit-fuelled speculative bubble, they say. It can't stop until there's a crisis or the economy slows down.

It's impossible to predict when any of this might happen, of course. But wary investors should cut back holdings in Chinese or Indian shares or bonds.

4. Commodity prices are rising. The people at Davos expect western economies to recover and predict strong economic growth in the east, Russia and South America. Translated: people will consume more and commodity prices will rise.

Already agricultural commodity prices have been soaring, setting off riots in North Africa. The predictions include shortages of water, oil, agricultural commodities and agrochemicals.

5. The rich will grow richer. The gap between the rich and poor will widen further. You might deplore the trend and wonder about ways to reverse it, but as an investor, you could pick companies that specialize in products and services for the wealthy. The wealthy feel like bingeing again. Companies that make yachts, planes and brand-name goods are likely to do well in 2011.

6. The U.S. dollar won't be the world's reserve currency forever. Signs of things to come were clear in the thin air of Davos. As the Chinese and Indian economies continue to boom, their leaders' confidence mounts. After years of frustration and nagging inferiority complexes, India and China are preparing for the day they take the reins of the world. And in a world like that, be it in five or 15 years, there's no reason to think the dollar will keep its status.

This is not an investment recommendation. It's a very long-term prediction. In any case, making predictions in the currency market is a sure way to lose money. But if you're putting aside money today for your pension tomorrow, or saving for the grandkids, think about this. One day America won't be pre-eminent anymore, and neither will its currency.

Egyptian unrest threatens Suez Canal

Eran Azran
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JERUSALEM — The biggest risk to the world economy stemming from the unrest in Egypt is a disruption of operations at the Suez Canal, say economists at Clal Finance, one of Israel's largest financial institutions.

"The primary question is whether the events in Egypt are material to the world economy," Clal macroeconomics analyst Amir Kahanovich said.

Some 10 per cent of all of the world's ships pass through the Suez Canal over the course of a year, and two million barrels of oil are shipped through the waterway on a daily basis, Kahanovich wrote. If the cost of passage through the canal goes up because of a takeover of the route by gangs, for example, or acts of sabotage, that would have worldwide impact, he added.

The Egyptian economy is in fact not very large, but some companies and sectors are exposed, such as European banks, airlines and tourism firms, said the Clal team.

Egypt's gross domestic product is $217 billion (all figures US). Its debt is $177 billion. For the sake of comparison, Greece's debt is more than $400 billion, Kahanovich said.

Uri Birman, director of Clal's global desk, said that the commodity sector, including oil, gold and agricultural products are attracting attention as a result of the disturbances. Oil rose in the midst of the disturbances. "The prices are the result of rising concern rather than the extent of supply," he said. "If the crisis spreads to the Gulf states, that would send prices sharply higher, but currently most assessments are that it won't: the regimes there don't have the negative image of Mubarak's."

Suez Canal

To head off the chance that rising food prices would cause instability, some countries in the region might stock up on commodities, which, together with other global macroeconomic factors, could increase prices, Birman said.

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EYE ON ARTS

By BILL GLADSTONE

CRITIC ROBERT CUSHMAN INTERVIEWS THEATRE PROS FOR HOLY BLOSSOM STAGECRAFT

Holy Blossom Temple Stagecraft presents Backstage with **Robert Cushman,** a series of four evenings in which Cushman, the astute and award-winning *National Post* theatre critic, invites the audience to participate in conversations with some of the top theatre people in Canada.

The conversation on March 1 will be with veteran actor-director **Joseph Ziegler** of Soulpepper Theatre; on March 10 with **Dean Gabourie**, assistant artistic director of the Stratford Festival; on March 15 with **Jackie Maxwell**, artistic director of the Shaw Festival; and on March 24 with **Matthew Jocelyn**, artistic and general director of Canadian Stage.

Topics will include the careers, successes, inspirations and obstacles of these four subjects. Tickets $15 each, $50 for the series; students $12/$40. Each program begins at 7:30 p.m. 416-789-3291, ext. 511.

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Nephesh Theatre Company: Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company presents the Nephesh Theatre production of *One of a Kind*, a tale of an Ethiopian boy who travels with his family through Ethiopia and Sudan to Jerusalem. Direct from Israel, the acclaimed play by **Yossi Vassa** and **Shai Ben Attar** is being performed here only twice. $43, $31; children $15. Jane Mallet Theatre, 27 Front St. E. Thursday Feb. 24, 1:15 and 7:30 p.m. 416-366-7723.

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Focus on Artur Szyk: The Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation of Canada is co-presenter of "Artur Szyk and the Statute of Kalisz," a program involving a film screening (*Artur Szyk, Illuminator*), a lecture by **Prof. Piotr Wrobel**, and an exhibition of Szyk's illustrations for the statute, which was a charter of Jewish liberties issued in Kalisz in 1264. Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m. $8, $10, at the door.

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Calling Jewish Playwrights: The Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company is calling for submissions for In the Beginning, a Jewish playwrights festival scheduled for June at the Miles Nadal JCC. Four plays will be chosen for workshops and public staged readings. Deadline March 15, 5 p.m. www.hgjewishtheatre.com

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Chai Tea Screening: Toronto Jewish Film Festival presents the 2009 Argentine film *Anita*, directed by **Marcos Carnevale**. Set in Buenos Aires, the subtitled film focuses on a young woman with Down syndrome who sets out in search of her mother after the devastating terrorist bombing of the Israelite Mutual Association in 1994. Actor **Norma Aleandro** gives a "stunning" performance as Anita's mother and has been called the **Meryl Streep** of Argentine film. Cineplex Odeon Sheppard, 4861 Yonge St. Sunday, Feb. 20, tea 4 p.m., film 5 p.m. $15. www.tjff.com

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Names in the News: It's been 30 years since the death of American lyricist-poet **E. Y. (Yip) Harburg** (1896-1981), who wrote more than 600 songs including the Depression-era anthem *Brother, Can You Spare A Dime?* and all of the lyrics in the classic 1939 film *The Wizard of Oz*. His collaborators have included **Harold Arlen**, **Oscar Levant**, **Sammy Fain**, **Richard Rodgers**, **Lou Alter**, **Franz Waxman**, **Jerome Kern**, **Jacques Offenbach** and **Ann Sternberg**.

Politically, Harburg embraced the ideals of democratic socialism and his songs *Brother, Can You Spare A Dime?* and *Over the Rainbow* were said to express his utopian vision for a society in which basic human rights, education and access to health services are guaranteed. Toward this end, he established the Yip Harburg Foundation, which gives annual grants to projects dealing with social and economic justice, educational opportunities and new works of political art. For details, visit www.yipharburg.org.

From the Humber College Middle East photo exhibit.

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Names in the News II: Singer **Macy Gray** polled fans in a Facebook message recently about whether to cancel her concert dates in Tel Aviv this week. Although many people urged her to boycott Israel, Gray decided to go. "Dear Israel fans," she wrote in a Twitter message. "Me and the band will be there in 20 days. Can't wait. See you then. Peace."

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Arts in Brief

- CAMMAC @ the J is a music workshop of singing and vocal percussion, with **FreePlay Duo**, **Suba Sankaran** and **Dylan Bell**. $30, $25. Miles Nadal JCC, Sunday, Feb. 27, 2 to 4 p.m. 416-694-1266.
- *Ephemera*, an exhibition of paintings by **Judy Singer**, remains on view in the Jacobs Lounge Visual Arts Space, Miles Nadal JCC, through Monday, Feb. 28.
- Singers over 65 are invited to join the MNJCC seniors' choir. Meets every Tuesday, 1 to 2:30 p.m., from Feb. 22 to June. Come Feb. 22 or March 1 for free and try it out. Everyone welcome, no experience necessary. $50 for 16 weeks. Miles Nadal JCC, 416-924-6211, ext. 133.
- View the works of Humber Institute's creative photography grads and alumni from their 2010 journey to Israel and Jordan. Feb 14-March 23, weekdays 10 a.m to 5 p.m. Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery, Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Ave. W. Toronto. 416-789-7011 ext. 300. www.villachcharities.com/carrier

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Balanced biopic examines movie mogul

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

American movie mogul Harvey Weinstein has the demeanour of a fish monger, the soul of an artist and the temperament of a street fighter.

He is the subject of a balanced biopic, *Unauthorized: The Harvey Weinstein Project*, which is due to open at the Bell Lightbox theatre (350 King St. West) on Feb. 10. Barry Avrich's documentary highlights Weinstein's contributions to a cutthroat industry and describes him as a person.

He and his low-key brother, Bob, built Miramax, the film distribution company, into a major Hollywood player in the late 1980s and 1990s.

As well as redefining the art-house marketplace by promoting independent and foreign films, they reshaped the nature of Academy Award campaigning.

The films they've produced and distributed, from *Shakespeare in Love* and *The Reader* to *Il Postino* and *The Crying Game*, have won an astonishing 292 Oscar nominations and 67 Oscars. Not bad for two Jewish brothers raised in a working-class milieu in New York City.

Harvey Weinstein

Avrich, a Toronto filmmaker whose last documentary on Tinseltown was on Lew Wasserman, the legendary entertainment kingpin, brings a critical eye to his latest film. He could easily have performed a hatchet job on Weinstein. Instead, he paints a nuanced portrait of a driven, abrasive, restless and imaginative entrepreneur.

Weinstein is probably best summed up by two Hollywood insiders who appear on screen. The first one calls him as "a tough, tough guy with incredible taste." The second one claims he is "50 per cent genius and 50 per cent asshole."

Beyond any doubt, Weinstein is a controlling individual who seeks to massage his image. Avrich asked him for an interview, but he declined, saying he did not want this film to be made. Speaking of moguls in general, Avrich told me, "If they can't control the story, they don't want to be part of it."

Unable to solicit Weinstein's co-operation, Avrich worked around him, interviewing people like director Martin Scoresese, journalist Peter Bart and Toronto International Film Festival chief executive officer Piers Handling. Avrich portrays the young Weinstein as a "dreamer" who yearned to escape a dreary future and thirsted for respectability and acceptance.

Thanks to his father, Max, a diamond cutter, Weinstein learned to love and appreciate movies. His mother, Miriam, imbued in him an ambition for achieving the American dream of wealth and status.

The brothers began as concert promoters and segued into the film business when they formed Miramax, which was named after their parents. They operated out of a small, grimy space, their mom serving as office receptionist. While Weinstein was the public face of the company, making acquisitions and bullying employees, Bob, his partner and best friend, remained quietly behind the scenes as the valued money cruncher.

The key to Weinstein's success, his annoying personality notwithstanding, was an ability to spot obscure but appealing films the major studios eschewed. From *My Left Foot* to *Cinema Paradiso*, Weinstein's picks were impeccable. Steven Soderbergh's *Sex, Lies and Videotape* was Miramax's breakout hit, grossing $54 million in world sales, winning the top prize at Cannes and spawning an indie boom.

The Crying Game, with six Oscar nominations, struck paydirt, too, but "a string of disasters" left Weinstein in financial jeopardy. Disney saved him, buying ownership of Miramax and giving him and Bob a lucrative contract and a free hand to produce and distribute their brand of movies.

After purchasing *Sling Blade* for $10 million and thereby unintentionally inflating the price of indie films, Weinstein achieved his greatest triumph as Quentin Taratino's *Pulp Fiction* became the first indie film to gross more than $100 million.

Still more triumphs lay ahead. *The English Patient*, his first big-budget film, won nine Oscars, while *Good Will Hunting*, which cost $20 million to make, grossed over $200 million. Amid these successes, Weinstein – who had a gift for buttering up actors – garnered notoriety by unilaterally recutting films and making hard-sell Oscar campaigning effective.

Avrich believes he lost focus by flirting with politics and launching *Talk*, a gossip magazine that lost $50 million and eventually closed.

At Disney, meanwhile, Weinstein's relationship with his boss, Michael Eisner, grew toxic in the face of budget overruns and controversial films such as *Kids* and *Priest*.

Chicago, a musical that grossed a whopping $300 million in global sales, provided a reprieve. In 2005, however, Disney severed its ties with Weinstein, who proceeded to form The Weinstein Company.

Having reinvented himself, Weinstein lost his magic touch. Many of his films bombed. "More misses than hits," the *New York Times* reported, noting his failure to deal with the challenge posed by new media.

Weinstein roared back with *Inglorious Basterds*, which globally grossed $313 million. But in 2010, Disney closed Miramax. Weinstein tried to buy it back, but Disney sold it for a cool $600 million-plus.

Despite the blows inflicted on him, Weinstein is far from finished, Avrich speculates. He will likely adapt to change and re-create himself.

True enough. His latest film, *The King's Speech*, has picked up 12 Academy Award nominations. Watch out for Harvey.

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Singer Melissa Manchester views Judaism 'as a gift'

Marvin Glassman
Special to the CJN

Singer-songwriter Melissa Manchester has a career in show business that few can match.

She's written hit songs for herself as well as other artists and she's won a Grammy Award. Her career has included writing for theatre, film and television and acting. Currently, she's teaching a course on writing for a musical at University of California at Los Angeles.

Manchester, whose career in music has spanned 35-plus years, will perform with her band at Casino Rama on Feb. 12.

"I am looking forward to singing my hit songs, album cuts and songs from the musical theatre as well," said Manchester on the phone from her Los Angeles home.

Manchester's hit songs *Don't Cry Out Loud, Midnight Blue, Through the Eyes of Love, Come In from the Rain* and her Grammy Award-winning *You Should Hear How She Talks About You* have been standards on adult contemporary radio for the past three decades.

Less well-known is the influence Judaism has played in defining her life and career. Manchester's musical journey began as a child in Manhattan, listening to her cantor at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation chant the Shabbat prayers and sharing the blessings with her mother and sister at holiday meals and simchahs.

Ironically, her father, David, a bassonist with the Metropolitan Opera, was a confirmed atheist, but he never stopped his wife and children from participating in their synagogue. "My father and mother had their differences on Judaism, but it was positive for me as nobody was rebelling," Manchester said. "My cantor inspired me to what would become my calling in music. I view Judaism as a gift and very much needed to connect with my soul."

Manchester has found much happiness along with her fame. She's been married for 29 years to music consultant Kevin DeRemer and has two children (her daughter, Hannah, is a singer-songwriter as well).

Manchester, who's going to turn 60 soon, decided to reaffirm her faith by celebrating her bat mitzvah in 2005.

Melissa Manchester

"When I took some time off in the last decade to raise my children, I felt a spiritual longing to do my bat mitzvah as my children had done when they were 13. I feel a closeness now to Judaism that is stronger than I had as a child."

Manchester honed her musical skills with the many Jewish mentors in her life. After working in the music business as a teen, singing commercials and writing music, she took a songwriting course at New York University from singer-songwriter Paul Simon.

Manchester's big break came in 1971 when she performed in the clubs of Greenwich Village, catching the eye of Barry Manilow, then musical director for Bette Midler, who hired Manchester to sing backup with her. Within six months, Manchester had a recording contract and then a hit song with *Midnight Blue*. She went on to headline shows on her own tour.

During her long career, Manchester has been praised not only for her music but also for her acting skills. She played Maddie in the television series *Blossom*, starred with Midler in the film *For the Boys* and wrote and starred in the musicals *Hats* and *I Sent a Letter to My Love*.

"Melissa's success comes from her abilities to do so many things in show business. She is one of the very few singers who can move an audience with her powerful voice and piano alone," said Scott Benarde, who wrote a chapter on Manchester in his book *Stars of David: Rock 'n' Roll's Jewish Stories*. "The lyrics to her songs move the soul in a way that few singer-songwriters can."

Manchester is proud to have written her own Chanukah song recently, titled *Let There Be More Light*, which she hopes to record soon.

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Dancer lands lead role in Royal Winnipeg Ballet show

Laura Stricker
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The youngest dancer in Royal Winnipeg Ballet history to play Juliet in *Romeo and Juliet* is taking the stage again in another leading role – Nathalie in *Moulin Rouge: The Ballet*.

Maureya Leibowitz, now 20, was 18 when she played Juliet. She joined the company in 2007.

She's known since she was very young that dance was her passion. "I started creative movement when I lived in Malibu at the age of three, and then I started actual ballet when I was five, but I didn't start training professionally until I came to Winnipeg when I was 11," she said.

"Right when I came [to Winnipeg], I was surrounded by kids my age that wanted to [dance] as much as me, and had the focus and determination in the classes that I really enjoyed."

Maureya Leibowitz

Of the roles Leibowitz has played, which, in addition to Juliet and Nathalie include Wendy in *Peter Pan* and Clara in *The Nutcracker*, she said Juliet is her favourite.

"It was exciting," she said of finding out she would be playing Juliet. "Right away your first thought is, 'Let's start this process.' You don't think, 'Oh my goodness, you just picked me to play the role,' you accept and thank them. You're already on top of where do I begin to start learning the role, but more importantly, how I want my Juliet to be."

The feedback from critics and audience members for Leibowitz's portrayal of Juliet was overwhelmingly positive, which she said left her "appreciative and touched.

"Just that the audience was able to connect with me and go through the story with me, and I was able to convey what I was feeling to them, was amazing. I was so pleased that I touched people."

Leibowitz's work with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet has seen her do her fair share of travelling, including a visit to Israel in October 2010. In 1975, it was the first Canadian ballet company to perform in Israel.

This was not Leibowitz's first time in Israel – she went on a Birthright trip and extended her stay for two months – but being there with the company was an entirely different experience.

"It was so nice to return, because when I was there I had a great time on my vacation, I got to let loose and go to the beach, the markets," she said.

"I kept feeling that it would be so amazing to come [to Israel] on tour and be in the homeland with the people that I love around, but doing what I'm passionate about and dancing on the stages."

The Royal Winnipeg Ballet production of Moulin Rouge: The Ballet *will be in Toronto from Feb. 10 to 12 at the Sony Centre for the Performing Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.rwb.org.*

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The story behind the iconic Warsaw Ghetto photo

Joseph Serge
Arts Editor

It is one of the most iconic photos of the Holocaust, even, perhaps of the whole war. A black-and-white photo of a young boy wearing a hat and a coat, his hands raised above his head in surrender. He is at the foreground of a group of people being led out of a bunker in the Warsaw Ghetto.

Who is the boy? Who is the young woman standing on his left looking back, perhaps at the SS man, his rifle in hands. Who is the little girl? What were the circumstances that led them to this moment in time?

Dan Porat, a professor at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, wondered all of this. After hearing rumours that the boy was alive and well, and now a doctor living in New York, Porat decided to research this photo and the people in it.

The result is *The Boy: A Holocaust Story* (Hill and Wang), which despite its misleading title is an engaging narrative about five people, three Nazis and two Jews whose lives intersected.

But many readers will be puzzled by what I consider to be the misleading title. To be fair, Porat points out in the prologue, this book does not identify the boy in the photograph. However, he says, it is beside the point.

"Is the lost life of the little boy more important than that of the little girl at the left-hand side of the photograph? Are the lives of this little boy and girl in the photograph more significant than those of children or adults outside the photo frame? The answer is simple and absolute: no."

Maybe not, but there's no doubt people will see this book with the iconic photo on the cover and, understandably, think this is about him.

It isn't.

Instead through meticulous research and interviews, Porat weaves a narrative history of the Warsaw Ghetto through the lives of five people.

• Josef Stroop, the supervisor of the Warsaw Ghetto's liquidation, whose report the author used as a major research source for the book. With the report, there were some 50 pictures, which included the original photo of the book's title.

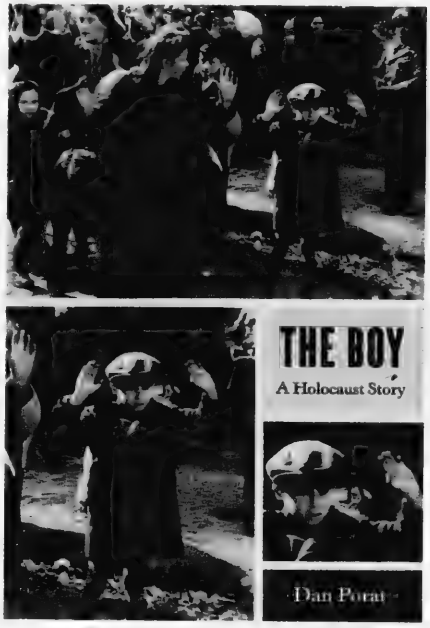
• Franz Konrad, who as head of the ghetto's confiscation division was in charge of all items left behind by Warsaw's Jews transported to Warsaw. He became known as the Ghetto King. He took many of the photographs included with Stroop's report, quite possibly including this one.

• Josef Blosche, an SS soldier, is the only person definitively in the photograph. He's the SS soldier in the photograph, holding the gun behind the boy.

• If the woman at the boy's left in the photo lived to tell her tale, it would probably be similar to that of Rivkah Trapkovitz, narrated here – only with a tragic ending. Trapkovitz, a young Polish woman from Lodz, was captured and sent to the Warsaw Ghetto. A brave and courageous woman, she escaped from a train transport and managed to survive the war. She moved to Israel afterward.

• And finally, little Tsvi Nussbaum who was seven in 1942. Orphaned when the Gestapo killed his parents, he lived clandestinely with his aunt and uncle in "Aryan" Warsaw before he went to the Hotel Polski, where Jews who were hiding were gathered, believing they were going to be traded by the Nazis for German nationals abroad. It was all a ruse and Tsvi, along with the rest of the Hotel Polski Jews, were sent to Bergen-Belsen.

Tsvi survived the war and became an ear, throat and mouth specialist in New York. He became convinced that he was the boy in the photo and that the photo was in fact taken outside the Hotel Polski, not the Warsaw



Ghetto. It is a highly unlikely scenario.

To his credit, Porat writes a good story. He admits to filling in descriptive gaps where necessary, but insists this is not historical fiction. The book also contains around 60 photographs, many of which were taken during the Ghetto's liquidation and included in Stroop's report.

So don't let the title fool you. This is a good book, a historical narrative of the Warsaw Ghetto, well worth reading, but don't expect this to be a story about the boy in the photograph.

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Hitler often made the claim that his World War I experiences were the most formative of his life, but in truth what we know about his role in the war comes mostly from his exaggerated claims in *Mein Kampf* and from highly unreliable testimonies from cronies trying to curry favour during Hitler's rise to power.

There is very little contemporary material available of Pte. Hitler's time as a dispatch runner in the war, and historians know next to nothing of Hitler's supposed formative years.

Thomas Weber's *Hitler's First War* (Oxford) instead focuses on Hitler's regiment, RIR 16, also known as the List Regiment, and takes us through all the battles and experiences it had during the war in an attempt to reconstruct a fairly accurate image of Hitler from this time.

Hitler's First War is an extremely detailed but never tedious narrative of his Bavarian regiment's war role and debunks several of the "Hitler myths," including why he was awarded the Iron Cross and discusses the origin of Hitler's "stabbed-in-the-back" conspiracy (the idea that the German army did not lose World War I but was instead betrayed by its home country) and his antisemitism.

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Ex-Steeler Randy Grossman recalls glory days

Ron Kaplan
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WHIPPANY, N.J. — For ex-Pittsburgh Steelers tight end Randy Grossman, being nicknamed "The Rabbi" was inevitable.

"The fellow who pretty much nicknamed everyone was Dwight White, who recently passed away," Grossman said of the outstanding lineman from the Steel Curtain defence of the 1970s. "He and I were locker neighbours and, yeah, what are you gonna call a white kid from Philadelphia who's Jewish? Sparky?"

"The Rabbi" would ascend the championship bimah four times in his eight years playing for the Steelers' dynasty. His four Super Bowl rings are the most of any Jewish player.

As his old club prepared to take on the Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl XLV in Dallas, Grossman reminisced about his time with the Steelers and talked about his Jewishness and the absence of antisemitism he encountered in his career.

Among his on-field memories is catching a short touchdown pass from Hall of Fame quarterback Terry Bradshaw in the 21-17 victory over the Cowboys in Super Bowl X 36 years ago.

"It's exciting, but one of the things I try to make people realize is that whatever level you're at when you're playing in a championship game – whether it's in high school or college or professionally – it is the most exciting thing that could happen," Grossman, 59, said in a telephone interview from his home in Pittsburgh. "Doing something great in high school wasn't any less exciting than doing something as a professional."

Grossman had come to the Steelers as an undrafted free agent following a stellar career at his hometown Temple University, where he made third-team All-America from the Associated Press.

"If you didn't get drafted, it was pretty much of a long shot," he said.

But the long shot stuck, and Grossman caught 119 passes in 118 regular season games for 1,514 yards – a 12.7 yard-per-reception average – and five touchdowns.

His four Super Bowl rings – won in 1974, '75, '78 and '79 – edge offensive lineman Harris Barton, who won three (1988, '89, and '94) playing for the San Francisco 49ers. Barton's teammate, John Frank, won two (1984, '88).

Other Jews who have the championship jewelry include Bobby Stein, the first Jewish player to appear in a Super Bowl (Kansas City Chiefs, 1970); the late Lyle Alzado (Oakland Raiders, 1983); Alan "Shlomo" Veingrad (Dallas Cowboys, 1992); and Josh Miller (New England Patriots, 2004).

Grossman, who has worked in the financial services industry for the past 21 years, said he opted for the Steelers because they had moved to the American Football Conference (AFC) following the merger of the National Football League and the American Football League (AFL).

As a receiver, he was excited by the pass-heavy offense of the AFC – the successor to the aerial circus of the AFL – rather than the grind-it-out rushing attack of the National Football Conference.

"The AFL was where all the throwing action was," he said. "My favourite teams were the Raiders and the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Diego Chargers, because they threw the ball."

Grossman said he can recall only one incident of antisemitism in his many levels of football, when a player on the field said something derogatory, "and as soon as he said it, from the look on his face, I think he realized how out of line he was."

Grossman shrugged off the comment.

"In sports, in my era and currently, it really is the great melting pot," he said. "If you 'bring game,' you're fine. If you're an imposter, then they'll run you out regardless of what your religious preferences are or ethnic background is.

"It was obviously different in the '60s, '50s, '40s, but from the time that I've been involved, it's been completely open and purely performance-based acceptance or non-acceptance."

He recalls Steeler teammate Steve Furness converting to Judaism. Grossman says he played no part in the process.

"His wife was Jewish, and that was the primary catalyst for his conversion, for his children," Grossman said.

Grossman, who was inducted into the Philadelphia Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in 1999, described himself as a "Manischewitz Jew."

"The rabbi at my bar mitzvah commented about me that I wasn't always inside [the synagogue]," he said, "but they always knew where to find me – outside playing football."

Unlike today's multimillionaire stars, Grossman played in an era when having an off-season job was a given.

"Once you were finished playing football, as [ex-Steelers head coach] Chuck Knoll used to say, you got on with your life's work," Grossman said.

"For a lot of us, our reputations as adults were started here, so a lot of people stayed here and found jobs, went into business, did what they did next."

As for this year's Super Bowl, which pitted his Steelers against the Green Bay Packers, Grossman said he wouldn't be jetting to Dallas for the game.

"There are two ways to see a game," he said. "Obviously one is to go, and you have to go to experience it. But to see it, you watch it on TV or video. So I'm gonna be kicked back and comfortable and watch it at home."

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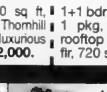

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Vandalized shul in Montreal hosts digital hate preview

David Lazarus
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Rabbi Abraham Cooper

MONTREAL — It was no accident that the Simon Wiesenthal Center (SWC) chose the Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem Synagogue (TBDJ) last week to present a preview of its report on Canadian Digital Terrorism and Hate.

It was a logical decision, as SWC associate dean Rabbi Abraham Cooper told *The CJN*, since the TBDJ and several other local synagogues, a daycare and a school were recently attacked by a vandal who shattered windows at each location all in one night.

"That's why we chose here," he said.

At the press conference – also attended by retired Jean Brébeuf Parish priest Father John Walsh, TBDJ spiritual leader Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz, Beth Israel Beth Aaron's Rabbi Reuben Poupko, Cote St. Luc (CSL) mayor Anthony Housefather, Hampstead mayor William Steinberg, and police Cmdr. Sylvain Bissonnette of Station 9 in CSL – Rabbi Cooper displayed several dozen web pages that pointed to a burgeoning use of social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter to spread hate and pro-terrorist messages.

They included:

- A Facebook page called Kill-a-Jew;
- Numerous pages all over the world targeting not only Jews, but also, increasingly, Christians and Muslims;
- A Twitter feed depicting Adolf Hitler as a "Noble Wolf."

For Rabbi Cooper and the SWC, the situation in Canada is better, since freedom of speech here doesn't extend to disseminating hate, or as he put it, "crossing the line."

Still, he said, there have been noteworthy problems in Canada, such as a server based in Toronto that has carried a how-to site on making explosives.

"It's highly unusual to find this type of information on a Canadian server," Rabbi Cooper said. "We give Canada a high grade, but not a perfect one."

Other Canada-relevant pages and "chatter" have included praising (in Arabic) the recent Montreal vandalism as retribution against Israel, as well as praising the campaign to boycott the purchase of Israeli shoes at a local store.

Rabbi Cooper cited the notorious case of former University of Toronto student Salman Hossein, whose site Filthy Jewish Terrorists advocated the murder of Jews. Hossein is now believed to be living outside Canada, but he had no trouble finding a server in another country to host his site after his original one was shut down.

Rabbi Cooper, who also met with officials in Montreal and Ottawa to present advance copies of SWC's 13th interactive report on Digital Terrorism and Hate for 2011, noted that it's mostly young people, not adults, who are aware what's taking place on social networking sites.

"It is not more hate," Rabbi Cooper stressed, but "more exposure in the mainstream and social media. It's an incubator of hate, a multiplier, and provides empowerment."

Other participants referred to the recent Montreal vandalism as a sign that while antisemitism is not as prevalent as it was decades ago, it remains a problem.

"It still hurts," said Rabbi Steinmetz about the recent attacks. "It is critical to the health of a democracy that every member condemn every [antisemitic] event."

Rabbi Poupko said that while the attacks were disturbing to the community, historically the most serious attacks have been followed by "arrests and convictions."However, there have been no arrests made in connection with the Dec. 16 attacks.

'Important to provide opportunities for open political dialogue'

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Abramowitz said he hopes that UJA Federation and CJC "will recognize those who are responsible [for the event] and not put a shadow on those who had no responsibility."

The Winchevsky Centre houses several organizations, including the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir and the Winchevsky School, which were not involved in organizing the event.

The school has, on occasion, received funding from the federation, and the choir has been part of wider community events, Abramowitz said.

He added that UJPO's membership is wide-ranging, including Zionists, non-Zionists, and "believers who are in various other synagogues, but who belong for cultural reasons… There are very few places where there is Yiddish culture."

According to the Winchevsky Centre's website, its institutions are "guided by a celebration of secular Jewishness and Yiddishkeit, anti-racism and social justice principles, a respect for other cultures and a progressive outlook on world issues."

English told *The CJN* that "criticism of Israel is perfectly legitimate, but when an individual goes beyond criticism of Israel to suggest or explicitly say that Israel should be eliminated, or when an organization provides a platform for an individual to say that, we will not be associated with that individual nor the organization."

Rudner said that the two organizations first contacted the Winchevsky Centre when they learned of the program in early January.

In a Jan. 19 letter, Hermolin wrote to Goodman, Spiro and Bialystok, "The Winchevsky Centre is aware of the range of political views on the issue of Israel-Palestine. As a progressive venue, we feel it is important to provide opportunities for open political dialogue."

And now for something completely different: HEEBONICS

Jake and Amir – 'easily digestible, hopefully funny'

Laura Stricker
Special to The CJN

One says he's the "king of Canada," a world traveller and finds former Los Angeles Lakers player Rick Fox attractive. The other enjoys Annie's Macaroni and Cheese, takes his water very seriously and prefers actor Leonardo DiCaprio to Rick Fox..

The self-proclaimed king of Canada is 28-year-old Amir Blumenfeld, who, along with 25-year-old Jake Hurwitz, is best known for the popular Jake and Amir web series on the website CollegeHumor.com. In the series, Jake typically plays the role of the strait-laced guy annoyed by Amir's antics, while Amir just wants to be Jake's friend.

The two were in Toronto recently for a sold-out show at the Isabel Bader Theatre, their first time touring in Canada.

"[It's] Jake's first time [in Canada]," Amir said. "I've been plenty of times. I'm sort of like a world traveller. I've been to various states, like Texas. Have I been to Toronto [before now]? No.

"We flew by it," he continued, when asked if he and Jake went sightseeing. "Went to our hotel, showered and now we're here. But it's been beautiful."

"The nicest Holiday Inn Express you've ever seen," Jake added.

Zach Liknaitzky, 20, a third-year York University student and Hillel social chair, organized the event, "What the Hillel?" He wanted to bring Jake and Amir, who are New Yorkers, to Toronto because of their popularity, and also to bring the Jewish community together.

"I realized... that Jake and Amir had a really strong, Jewish presence because they both are Jewish. So I thought to myself, 'Why don't we try to bring them in?'

"I thought this would be good for Hillel because I want to be publicizing to both young Jews and the entire Jewish community," he continued. "I feel like there aren't enough times where Jews come together for good things, and I thought this would be a good example of that."

Liknaitzky got in touch with Jessica Agi, a producer and tour manager from CollegeHumor, to work on bringing Jake and Amir to Toronto. "[Jessica] said they had been looking for a good reason to come to Canada," Liknaitzky said.

When asked why it took them so long to do a show in Canada, Amir said, "The real question is, why did it take so long to get invited to Canada? Did you do anything about us not coming to Canada?

"The whole country's filled with people who just didn't invite us, until this guy right here," he continued, pointing to Liknaitzky. "First invite, [we] snatched it up."

The show, which Jake and Amir hosted, featured appearances by comedy troupes Statutory Jape, PB&J and Smells Like The 80s.

In an interview before the show, Jake and Amir

Comedy duo Amir Blumenfeld, left, and Jake Hurwitz.

displayed much of the humour and back and forth banter that has made their videos famous.

"It's because they're funny, short, you feel like you can watch one, then watch another," Jake said, discussing why he thinks Jake and Amir is so popular.

"They're easily digestible," Amir added. "And hopefully relatable. And hopefully funny. But not everyone thinks they're funny."

"Some people don't think they're relatable, either," Jake said.

"Some people are like 'This is not funny. This is stupid.'" Amir said. "But like, I'd say 99 per cent of people on Earth have never seen our videos."

As for how they produce Jake and Amir, Jake said it's a combination of improvisation and script.

"The way we write is sort of like improv. We'll come up with an idea, sit in a room and we'll go through a whole scene without writing anything down. Then we'll realize, 'Oh, that's the episode right there. Write down everything we just said!' When we're shooting, the script is... kind of the bones of our idea."

"We have a phrase around the office, 'script is king.'" Amir interjected. "You just made that up," Jake said, laughing. "That is the first time I've heard anyone say that."

Amir, who was born in Israel, said that Judaism is "a part of my life. We practise it. We celebrate Jewish holidays."

"Less so for me," Jake said. "I'm interfaith. My dad is Jewish and my mom's Christian. I was raised Jewish and [had a bar mitzvah], but I'm not really practising anymore. Not like this guy," he added, pointing to Amir.

"Practice makes perfect," Amir said. "Practice is king," Jake responded. "That's like a phrase in our office," Amir shot back.

They also talked about some of their recent projects, including a not-yet-released video with Rick Fox and Amir's role in the movie *A Very Harold and Kumar Christmas*.

"It was great," Amir said of working with Fox. "I'm a huge Laker fan, so it was awesome. He's very funny and very attractive."

"Before Rick Fox came, Amir was asking me which celebrity I'd be the most nervous to do something for, and I think it'd be anybody in comedy," Jake said.

"That's not true," Amir interrupted. "You said Leonardo DiCaprio."

"Leonardo DiCaprio's better looking than Rick Fox," Jake replied.

As for working on *Harold and Kumar*, Amir said it was "fun, but also boring during stretches.

"Acting is very boring. I don't even know if I like it. It was fun to be there and see everything happen... but for like 12 hours a day, I'd be in my trailer. Which sounds luxurious, but it's actually like an abandoned trailer park, and that was before I even got to the set."

"That was before you got the movie," Jake joked. "It's just where you live."

As for their relationship, Amir calls it "difficult" – partially because of Jake's hydration needs.

"Like 20 minutes ago, Jake was berating me – like screaming at me at the top of his lungs in the car – because I forgot... water for him or something small like that."

"See, I could describe the same story and it's tough because everywhere we go, Amir forgets water. How are you supposed to live without water?" Jake asked.

"To answer your question truthfully," Amir added, "we're buddies."

As for how he defines success, it comes down to doing what you like and hopefully being good at it.

"I can want to be a model and I can try to be a model, but I would never be a model," Amir said. "I have very Semitic features, and like that wouldn't play well in photographs."

To check out Amir and Jake in all their non-modelling glory, visit www.collegehumor.com.

Jake, left, and Amir entertained a sold-out crowd in Toronto recently.

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"הילדים עוד פעם מנדנדים שהם רוצים לנסוע לישראל הקיץ." נאנחת דלית, חברתי, כשאנו יושבות בבית הקפה השכונתי, וטוחנות שלל עוגיות סינטטיות. "איך אני מתגעגעת לימים, בהם האומציות של ביצת קינדר או טיול לישראל היו שוות ערך..." היא מוסיפה. אני מהנהנת בהירהור. חשבתי שאצלי המצב קל יותר. הילדים שלי עוד קטנים. דלית נמצאת כאן כבר 14 שנה (פז"מניקית רצינית מבחינתי), הילדים שלה בני נוער שכמעט נולדו כאן, ועדיין... כשאני חוזרת הביתה מצוברחת, מאיר מייד מוריד את השקית של הריסייקל לגרז', כשהוא רואה שזה לא עוזר (פלוס רחיצת כלים מתנשפת, והכנת ארוחה קלילה), הוא מניח שהוא לא אשם בכלום הפעם, ומתיישב לנוח. "זה הכל באשמתך!" אני מדיעה לו ומתיישבת ממולו. "אם לא היו לך שבעה אחים חמודים כל כך בישראל, שמפנקים את הילדים שלך וקונים להם שטויות בטונות כסף, ולוקחים אותם לבילויים לילייים ופותחים להם שולחנות מפוארים ומשפחתיים, ומטיילים בנגב עם טיולי ג'יפים, הכל היה יופי!".

תבינו, לפני חודשיים שלחנו לראשונה את הילדים לבדם לארץ לשלושה שבועות. לא משנה איך אנחנו שרדנו את הפרידה (נו, כן משנה: עם חום גבוה, גוססים במיטה), הם שכחו איך קוראים לנו, ברגע שרגליהם הקטנות נחתו באדמת הקודש. כל ערב בסקייפ היינו נאלצים להתחנן על נפשינו שיזרקו לנו כמה פירורים, כי תמיד היה משהו קצת יותר חשוב, מעניין ומסעיר, מאשר לראות את אמא בוכה מגעגועים. נכשהם סופסוף חזרו, אחרי חיבוק רישמי בשדה-התעופה, הבחנו במבטים קרירים וביקורתיים עלינו; הזוג ההוא, שהביא אותנו עד הלום (וההלום הזה הוא קנדה, וכמה חבל, מבחינתם).

למחרת חזרתם, מאיר עוד ניסה לשלהב. "בואו נלך למסעדה טובה." הציע בפזרנות לא אופיינית. וכך ישבנו מול פירות בטיגון במסעדה היקרה מדי, והבטנו בהם מחטטים בחוסר עניין בצלחות. "פנינה ואלי לקחו אותנו למסעדות פי אלף יותר כייפיות." העיר הילד, "ואחר כך תמיד גם הלכנו לסרט." הוסיפה הילדה באף קטן ומורם. "וכל ערב הינו יושבים אצלם בסלון עד אחת בלילה, ואליהו ושמעון ואשר באו לשחק איתנו." מוסיף הילד לרייר על דודיו המשקיענים. "נו, תגמרי כבר מהצלחת!" מעיר מאיר לילדה בעצבנות גוברת. "ואף אחד בחיים לא נזף בנו." מזכירה לו הקטנה. "או כעס עלינו. רק אהבו אהבו אהבו אותנו." מסכם הבכור עם מבט נזיפה קל עד מתון.

כשביום שלמחרת, אנו עוד דורשים מהם לקום בבוקר ("אצל פנינה קמנו מתי שהתחשק. לפעמים רק בצהרים!") וללכת בית הספר, הם ממש בשוק מהאכזריות. אז אנחנו נותנים להם "לנוח" יום נוסף בבית. יום המנוחה רווי במשפטים רעילים כגון: כמה משעמם בבית הזה! איך שאין מה לעשות כאן! מה זה הטלוויזיה המעפנה הזאת (כן, שכחתי לציין שקירות הבית הקנדי העדינים שלנו סופגים ביטויים חדשים בשפה שמית נוספת), איפה היפה והחנון, איפה? אבא תעשה תה, נו מה ניסגר איתך?

וככה אנו מתרוצצים מבוהלים ומיוסרים. אחרי הכל אשמנו ופשענו. הרי לקחנו נשמות טהורות ומיקמנו אותן בקור ובבדידות, בלי משפחה ובלי טלוויזיה ראויה. "תעשי לי טובה אמא, לא יעזור לך כלום. אנחנו נוסעים שוב בקיץ!" מדיעה לי הקטנה התנשאות בתום היום. ומגחכת בסלחנות, כשאני מושיטה לה ביד רועדת חבילת ביצי קינדר מתוקה...

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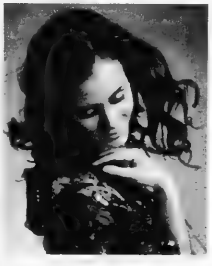

• Singer-songwriter Yaël Bensoussan, above, who talks about her music, her medical studies and her work in the community.

• Dr. Maurice Sitbon, talking from his home in Tunisia, about the upheaval in his country, saying that there has been very little antisemitism there till now.

Also on the web :

• Montreal educator helps parents talk to their kids about sex.

• A sefer Torah was dedicated last month in Melbourne, Australia, in memory of Rabbi Leib Kramer, founding director of the Lubavitcher Yeshiva Tomchei Tmimim in Montreal.

• Israeli archeologist Dan Bahat goes in search of King David's Jerusalem.

The police: a need for change

Most Jews, when asked about the efficiency and fairness of the Toronto police, will say they are satisfied with how our 5,600-member force is managed and its overall character. That would be a reasonable statement since the vast majority of us have only seen a police badge when stopped while speeding or at the Walk for Israel.

Here's the problem.

If you were to wade into the world outside of the Bathurst Street corridor, you would discover that the Toronto Police Force is regarded by many individuals as an institution that is heavy-handed, utilizes excessive force, and is over-budgeted and racist.

John Sewell, a former mayor of Toronto and a critic of the force, has just written a book called *The Police in Canada: the Real Story*, in which he states: "The characteristics of police culture can be summed up this way: it encourages robust solidarity with other officers; it is isolated from other parts of society; it assumes importance for protecting social values as understood by police; it believes others do not have a real understanding of police work."

Sewell deduces from this that there is little accountability within the force and that officers often act outside of the normal parameters of our

Urban Writer

Avrum Rosensweig

city's institutions. A good example is the recent city budget, in which the police asked for a three per cent increase in funding (plus eventual wage increases), while a request from city staff to all institutions asked for a five per cent cut. (See Sewell's website at www.thepolicefile.ca). There were few questions asked.

The G20 introduced many of us to the force in a new way. We witnessed unprovoked beatings and police brutality on our nightly television broadcasts. A class action suit (www.g20classaction.ca) has been launched to determine how 1,000 people were detained without good cause, many of whom were simply walking home from work. Sherry Good, who is acting as the representative plaintiff, was detained for hours in a downpour without food or access to a toilet.

"The biggest consequence was that I lost all trust in police," Good said. "Now I am nervous when I see a police car. I consistently look over my shoulder."

The G20 was an embarrassment to Toronto. Our police force made sure of that.

Over the years, I have heard many stories about the police and their heavy-handed nature. A fellow shul-goer told me she was instructed by a police officer to perjure herself in court. An Israeli man I know was apprehended by the police, who beat him badly and broke his ribs, after he had attempted to get payment from a client for work done. The man did not report the incident.

Native Canadian colleagues, formerly homeless, told me how police would often drive a native man or woman down to Cherry Beach, dump him or her out of the cruiser and then beat him or her up. The police would leave them on the shore, with few clothes, to find their way to warmth.

O'Brien Christophers. Jeffrey Reodica. Byron Debassige.

Read about these men. Each was killed by a police officer. One had serious psychiatric difficulties. One was shot in the back. Officers are often charged after such shootings but rarely found guilty despite overwhelming evidence showing otherwise.

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Abbas orders resignation of cabinet to prevent Palestinian unrest

Palestinians in Ramallah on the weekend demonstrated their approval of the deposing of Hosni Mubarak in Egypt. In response to the events in Egypt, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas announced several initiatives to try to cement the stability of his own regime. ***Please see the editorial on page 8.***
[Israel Sun photo]

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RAMALLAH, West Bank — The Palestinian Authority cabinet resigned Monday in an apparent attempt by President Mahmoud Abbas to demonstrate political reform in the wake of the popular uprising in Egypt.

The shakeup could bolster Abbas' image among Palestinians dissatisfied with the workings of a cabinet regarded by many as dysfunctional.

The reshuffle had been demanded by Prime Minister Salam Fayyad, who has spearheaded efforts to create institutions needed for a Palestinian state. Fayyad will retain his post and select new ministers, officials said.

"The cabinet resigned today and the formation of a new cabinet will take place as soon as possible," Ali Jarbawi, minister of planning, told Reuters.

Financed by international donors and engaged in co-ordinating security with Israel, the Palestinian Authority has a limited mandate in the West Bank. It lost control of the Gaza Strip to Hamas Islamists in a 2007 civil war.

Abbas' credibility has been further sapped by stalled talks with Israel on a deal to establish a Palestinian state.

Hamas, which rejects permanent coexistence with Israel, said in response to the reshuffle that it was motivated by Abbas' fears that Palestinians would follow the lead of Egyptians in demonstrating for political change.

"Unless Mahmoud Abbas carries out serious security and political reforms, his authority will be subject to the wrath of the Palestinian people," Hamas spokesperson Sami Abu Zuhri said in the Gaza Strip.

Although several anti-Abbas protests erupted in the West Bank after the upheaval began in Egypt on Jan. 25, he has not faced large-scale demonstrations in the territory, whose economy has strengthened in recent years.

However, Abbas has faced public criticism over the functioning of the government. Of the 24 posts in the outgoing administration, only 16 were staffed. Two ministers resigned and six are marooned in Gaza.

Abbas said the new cabinet should focus on "strengthening the preparedness of the national institutions for the establishment of the state of independent Palestine," according to the official Palestinian news agency, WAFA.

The Palestinian Authority announced Saturday that it would call legislative and presidential elections by September. The last elections were held in 2006.

Hamas said it would not take part in the ballot or recognize the results.

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CANADA

Cotler Honoured

JERUSALEM — Montreal MP Irwin Cotler was honoured by the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists with a lifetime honorary membership for his work on Jewish and Israel-related issues. The former Canadian justice minister received the honour at the group's 14th annual congress, which ended Feb. 5 after being held at the Dead Sea and in Jerusalem.

WORLD

Neo-Nazi Moved

STOCKHOLM — A Swedish neo-Nazi leader who organized the theft of the "Arbeit Macht Frei" sign from Auschwitz was transferred to Sweden to serve his three-year jail sentence. Anders Hogstrom was handed over to Swedish officials Feb. 7 at Krakow Airport. A Polish court last December sentenced Hogstrom, who acted as a middleman between a neo-Nazi buyer and five Polish thieves, to 32 months in prison as part of a plea bargain. Hogstrom faced up to 10 years in prison. The iron sign, which measures 16 feet across and means "Work makes you free," was stolen from the former Nazi concentration camp in December 2009 and found 72 hours later, cut into three pieces. Hogstrom was arrested in February 2010 in Stockholm and extradited to Poland.

Release Sought

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Dan Quayle urged U.S. President Barack Obama to release spy-for-Israel Jonathan Pollard. Quayle, U.S. vice-president from 1989 to 1993, is the highest ranking former official to call for the release of Pollard, the civilian U.S. Navy analyst who was sentenced to life in 1987. Quayle's Jan. 31 letter is also significant because it adds to the growing list of former Republican officials seeking Pollard's release, including George Schultz, secretary of state when he was arrested. Congressional Republicans have resisted joining a recent call by Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) to release Pollard, who's said to be ill.

Jew Named To Court

RIO DE JANEIRO — Brazil's highest court will have its first Jewish member. Judge Luiz Fux, 57, was approved Feb. 9 by the country's Senate to be seated on the Supreme Federal Court, an 11-member panel that decides constitutional and other matters, as well as final appeals. Fux is now a judge of the Superior Court of Justice and presided recently over a commission that forged Brazil's new Civil Process Code. He's also a writer and professor. In 2009, Fux received the Theodor Herzl Trophy, given by the Rio Jewish Federation and the Israeli Embassy to distinguished Jews.

Drop Charges: Profs

LOS ANGELES — Dozens of faculty at the University of California, Irvine, have asked that criminal charges be dropped against 11 Muslim students who disrupted a speech by Israel's U.S. ambassador last February. Some 100 faculty members signed a letter asking the Orange County District Attorney's Office to drop the charges filed this month against nine Irvine students and two students from the University of California, Riverside. Arraignment is set for March 11 in Santa Ana, Calif. The letter notes that while the students, led by the Muslim Student Union, were wrong to disrupt the speech, they were already disciplined by the university. During the Feb. 8, 2010, speech by Michael Oren, the 11 students stood one by one and shouted at him, calling him a "mass murderer" and a "war criminal," among other insults. The disruptions, to protest Israeli actions in Gaza, prompted Oren to walk off the stage twice. Many Jewish groups have praised the charges.

Giffords Speaks

HOUSTON — Gabrielle Giffords spoke for the first time since she was shot. C.J. Karamargin, a spokesperson for the Arizona Democrat told CNN Feb. 9 that she had asked for toast. Giffords is in a recovery facility in Houston. She was shot in the head on Jan. 8 as she met with constituents in Tucson, Ariz. Six people were killed in the attack, including one of her aides. Giffords, 40, is the first Jewish congresswoman from Arizona. She was born to a Jewish father in a Reform home.

Zorba the Antisemite?

ATHENS —Greek composer Mikis Theodorakis says that he's an "antisemite and anti-Zionist."

Mikis Theodorakis

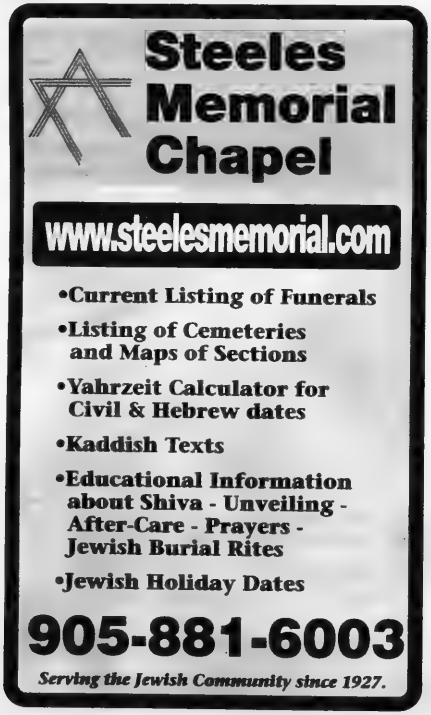
Theodorakis, who composed the music for the film *Zorba the Greek*, also told Greek TV's High channel that "everything that happens today in the world has to do with the Zionists." The 86-year-old composer added that "American Jews are behind the world economic crisis that has hit Greece also."

A local hero, Theodorakis was, and is, involved in politics. He has been a member of the Greek Communist party for the last 60 years. Although once a supporter of Israel, he gradually became its biggest critic in Greece, later going from criticizing Israel to making antisemitic remarks and holding antisemitic positions.

In 2003, he declared that "Jews are at the root of all evil." When the Greek Jewish community reacted strongly to his statement he apologized, but nothing really changed.

Strangely, during the television interview, Theodorakis said, "I'm an antisemite but I love Jews."

Theodorakis criticized Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou for meeting with his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu. According to the composer, Netanyahu is a persona non-grata in Greece due to his "war crimes in Lebanon and Gaza."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History of Bergen-Belsen DP babies chronicled

Jakob and Cyla Spiewak with Kresia (Karen) in 1946 in front of the Bergen-Belsen block where they lived.

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

After placing an ad in *The Canadian Jewish News* about five years ago, Paulette Volgyesi met and immediately bonded with two strangers.

Volgyesi, Karen Lasky and Isaac Applebaum were all born a few months apart at Glyn Hughes Hospital in Bergen Hohne, located five kilometres from the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.

Named after the first Allied medical officer to enter Bergen-Belsen, the hospital was part of a displaced persons' camp established in Germany by British forces for refugees after World War II. With about 11,000 residents in 1946, it was the only exclusively Jewish camp in the British zone of Germany.

Between 1946 and 1950, when the camp was disbanded, about 2,000 babies were born in the hospital.

Lasky said her daughter told her about *The CJN* ad, and she went to see Volgyesi armed with family photo albums. "We immediate felt the connection. It was a unique place to be born," said Lasky.

She said that when they compared photographs, they realized the surroundings were all the same, only the people were different.

The three have begun researching the whereabouts of other Bergen-Belsen babies living in the Greater Toronto Area – so far, they have found 28 – and are interviewing them about the impact of being born at Bergen-Belsen.

Babies born there symbolized new life for their parents who had already suffered so many losses, Volgyesi said. "The three of us are anxious to find out about the babies circumstances at birth, and how it affected their lives. We'd like to know what impact it had on their life choices.

"One way or another, everyone at Bergen-Belsen became family. They met their partners, and they had babies. They were all clinging to life."

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Karen Lasky in front of the same Bergen- Belsen Block in 2007.

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From the editor's desk...

I might add that no one is better at pointing to and pointing out shoddy or shining commentaries than Paul Michaels, the communications director for the Canada-Israel Committee. One commentary on the events in Egypt, however, that Michaels will not have had time to write about was that of Jeffrey Simpson in the *Globe and Mail* last Saturday.

The headline of the commentary asks: "Why did Ottawa drag its feet on Mubarak?" The sub-heading expands upon the headline: "The Harper government remained hesitant, cautious and, frankly, on the wrong side of history."

In most of the article, Simpson purports to explain the intricacies of the current roiling state of affairs in Egypt. But the biting thrust of his analysis is to sharply condemn the Harper government's responses to the turn of remarkable events in Egypt.

As the headline and sub-headline make plain, Simpson cavilled at the fact that the federal government's support of the forces seeking change in Egypt was too slow, "so hesitant, cautious."

And why was it "so hesitant [and] cautious?" according to Simpson.

"The Harper government, once again, [is] seeing the Middle East through the exclusive prism of Israel's interest... Better the dictatorship we know than the democracy we don't seemed to be the Israel and Canadian position."

Simpson has mischaracterized the Israeli response to the events in Egypt. That is not surprising, though it is grating. For it hardly lies in the mouth of Jeffrey Simpson to judge the appropriateness of the Israeli response to a situation that can be described quite modestly as having far-reaching, grave implications for the Jewish state. But set that aside.

His gratuitous tying together of the two countries' responses is certainly unfair to Canadian foreign policy. And among those who harbour malevolence in their hearts toward Israel, it will trigger sneering, mischievous echoes of history's often heard vituperation: "blame the Jews."

This column is not intended to defend the federal government's response to events. Though, to my mind, it was reasoned, cautious-as-required and supportive-as-required. The column is intended, rather, to point out how unfair and unwarranted, Simpson's glib asperities were.

On Feb. 2, Foreign Minister Lawrence Cannon said the following concerning the events in Egypt (excerpted): "Our government continues to stand by the people of Egypt as they demand democratic reforms and respect for human rights. We urge the government of Egypt to begin an *immediate* transition toward serious democratic reform." (My emphasis)

One day later, on Feb. 3, British Prime Minister David Cameron issued a joint statement on behalf of the U.K., France, Germany, Italy and Spain concerning events in Egypt (excerpted): "Only a *quick* and orderly transition to a broad-based government will make it possible to overcome the challenges Egypt is now facing. *That transition process must start now.*"

Any fair comparison of the two statements shows that they essentially say the same thing. And yet, would anyone on earth accuse these European countries of "seeing the Middle East through the exclusive prism of Israel's interest"?

After Hosni Mubarak stepped down, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said (excerpted): "Our government encourages all parties to move forward with a peaceful, meaningful, credible and orderly democratic reform process toward new leadership, including *free and fair elections, in order to build a brighter future for the people of Egypt.*

"Canada will continue to support Egypt *in implementing meaningful democratic and economic reforms.* We will also continue to encourage and support Egypt's efforts to *promote regional stability and peace, including with Israel, as well as continued respect for peace treaties in the Middle East.*" (My emphasis)

The government's policies should be judged on their merits. It is too bad Simpson did not do that. ***MBD***

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MONTREAL — Roy Gal Elron, the eldest son of Israeli Consul General to Montreal Yoram Elron and his wife, Vered, died Feb. 13 at Montreal Children's Hospital at the age of 17, after a valiant struggle with cancer.

Burial and shivah were to take place in Israel.

While in Montreal, Elron attended Herzliah High School. He is survived by his parents and siblings Dori and Inbar.

Contributions in his memory are being accepted by the Jewish National Fund of Canada, 514-934-0313.

Yoram Elron is serving in his fourth year as Israel's representative to Montreal and Eastern Canada.

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TOUR OF DUTY

Bialik Hebrew Day School students were captivated by the stories and messages of Canadian Forces reservist Capt. Rob Goldstein, centre, who recently returned from a tour in Afghanistan. Goldstein, a Crown attorney, spent his time in Afghanistan leading a five-member civil-military co-operation team. Pictured with him, from left, are Josh Finkelstein, his daughter Leah Goldstein and Noam Fleischmann.

'Useful idiots' backing blockade slammed

Mavi Marmara had no cargo, says academic

By Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Jonathan Fine is happy to discuss the unfolding events in Egypt and Iran's attempts to impose a fundamentalist Shiite "arc" across the Middle East.

Jonathan Fine

As an academic adviser in the international program in government, diplomacy, and strategy at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya, he's got his finger on the pulse of a seething region. There are the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, to discuss, the danger that Pakistan's nuclear weapons will fall into Islamist hands, Iran's growing influence, the uncertainty over Turkey and, of course, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

But it's the Mavi Marmara that really stirs him up. The Mavi Marmara, of course, was the Turkish ship that was part of a "peace flotilla" intercepted by Israeli commandoes last May. Nine Turks were killed after they attacked Israeli commandoes boarding the ship to enforce a blockade of Gaza.

What really gets Fine going is how the media treated the incident – their acceptance that the flotilla had anything to do with peace and that Israels was to blame for the deaths of nine Turkish "jihadis."

The whole incident was a set-up, a sham, a bluff, he declared during a visit to Toronto, where he met with specialists interested in international security issues. The IHH, the organization responsible for placing the Islamic fundamentalists on board, hoped to create a provocation. They provided the jihadis with small arms and knives, they lied in saying the ship was carrying humanitarian supplies – it actually had no cargo – and they encouraged the attack on Israeli troops, he said.

The first two Israelis to board the ship from a helicopter – students of his in Herzliya – were shot in the leg and shoulder. The jihadis then tossed their pistols overboard, he said.

The Israelis reacted as any commando unit would in a similar situation. "They went into full combat operations," he said.

Besides the media's naivete when reporting the event, Fine was also contemptuous of the "useful idiots" who accompanied the ship and who ignored the jihad-supporting history of the IHH.

Fine, who was in Toronto and Ottawa as part of a visit that also saw him travel to Washington, D.C., said he constantly runs into supporters of groups such as the IHH and Hamas on campuses in the United States. They are generally uninformed about the people they're supporting, he said.

Fine estimated that 75 of the more than 500 people on board the Mavi Marmara were jihadi activists. Jihadis boarded the ship in Istanbul after being briefed by the Turkish security service and being equipped with ceramic bullet-proof vests, gas masks and small arms.

Still others were "vicious activists who think Israel is the major problem in the Middle East and who have no qualms if Israel were to disappear."

Most of the rest on board were "useful idiots" – a term first used to describe western supporters of the Soviet cause – who were otherwise "good-hearted people" but who "don't know who is using them and what they're being used for."

Fine, who specializes in analyzing political and religious violence, has met and debated many young idealists on American campuses and found "a lot of kids are ignorant. They don't know what they're talking about."

What's more, they're hypocritical, he continued. Activist groups pretend they have "a global conscience, but they were silent in August 2008 when Russia used cluster bombs to attack Georgian civilians. No one demonstrated against the Russians at all."

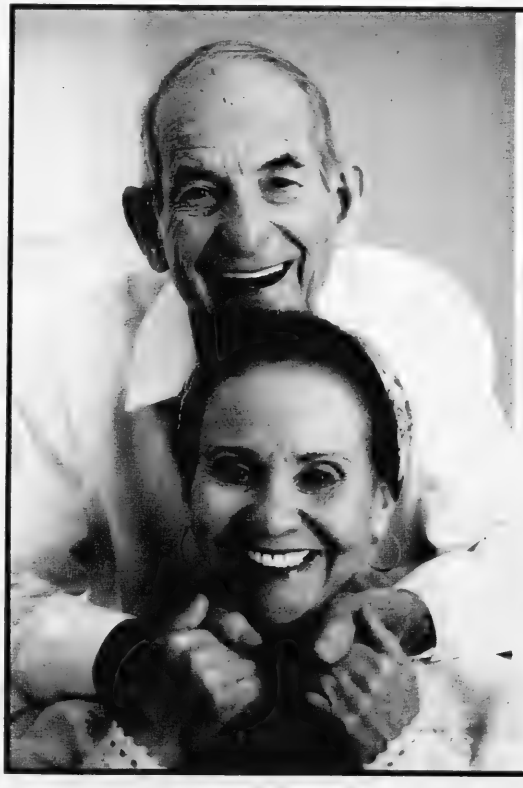
And, he asked, where was the world when the Sinhalese government of Sri Lanka killed thousands of Tamils?

Canadians are preparing to assist additional ships that will try to break Israel's blockade of Gaza, he said. But what have the Gazans achieved under Hamas? "They got *sharia*. They're turning into an Iranian satellite. What future do the people of Gaza have?"

As for Egypt, Fine said he had no crystal ball, but he worried about what would happen if the army and intelligence services abandon President Hosni Mubarak.

"The question is, who steps in?" he asked. "Egypt has no civil society. Egypt has no experience with democracy. The problem is, if you get rid of dictator A, what do you get instead? A pro-West dictator or the Muslim Brotherhood."

If it's the latter, "that would be destabilizing. Not only would it hurt Israel, but it would spell the total collapse of U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East," he said.



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Israel overflowing with social entrepreneurs

Laura Stricker
Special to The CJN

A group of young Israelis recently came to Toronto to discuss social entrepreneurship.

The panel discussion, called "Innovation Israel: Shaping Israel's Future. Today," was sponsored by Nefesh B'Nefesh, which helps people make aliyah, and PresenTense, a group that enables young Jewish people to take their ideas and make them reality.

Speaking at the event, which was held at The House on Feb. 9, were Romi Shamai, Elyssa Moss Rabinowitz and Chaim Landau. Sharon Millendorf, who works at Nefesh B'Nefesh, moderated the discussion. Shamai, Moss Rabinowitz and Landau participated in the PresenTense fellowship program in 2009.

Social entrepreneurship, Millendorf said, is forming a "venture" to solve a problem. It is similar to a business, but while businesses measure success on profit, social entrepreneurs consider their ventures successful if they are able to bring about change.

Israel, Millendorf continued, is overflowing with social entrepreneurs.

Shamai is the founder of Baabua Gigantic Bubbles and Peula.

Baabua Gigantic Bubbles, a business Shamai started in 2009, makes soap bubbles large enough to fit a person inside. Shamai takes Baabua to events – birthday parties, bar and bat mitzvahs, and other events – across Israel.

People with business ideas urged to run with it

Shamai, who was born in Jerusalem, began working on a social entrepreneur venture, Peula, a few months after starting Baabua. On Peula.net (*peula* means "action" in Hebrew) people can publish correspondence with organizations on the website, allowing others to follow it. When the organization sees that many people are following the correspondence, it encourages the company to take action on the issue, Shamai said. The website went live at the beginning of the month.

"[Peula] gives power to the citizen, because instead of just writing your own letter and getting a polite response... and nothing happens, suddenly many people are part of the correspondence and waiting for a reply," he said.

Shamai also said that people with business ideas should take the idea and run with it.

"If you have an idea that you want to pursue, the main thing is... to commit to your idea and start working on it. That will be the thing that will bring you results."

Moss Rabinowitz was born in California and made aliyah with her parents when she was eight. She is the co-founder of Kol HaOt: Illuminating Jewish Life Through Art. The company's goal is to use the arts to convey the meaning of Jewish texts and ideas, history and values.

While enrolled at Bar Ilan University, Moss Rabinowitz studied Jewish text and Talmud, which she continued doing after graduating.

"The more I learned, the more I felt how much I didn't know," she said. "I felt a disconnect between people who had the opportunities and access to study Jewish texts and the rest of the Jewish world, which doesn't always have the same accessibility."

As a result, she started A Day Away, a production company that created events with Jewish content. She did this for 12 years before realizing that she wasn't satisfied with her one-night events because they didn't reach a wide enough audience. That's why Moss Rabinowitz, with three partners, to found Kol HaOt .

For two years, Kol HaOt has offered workshops that use the arts to share Jewish ideas with groups of North Americans travelling in Israel. Kol HaOt's next phase is to open a centre in Jerusalem with a beit midrash and a gallery for exhibits. At night, it will become a Jewish cabaret-type space, with drama, music, dance and comedy performances.

Landau made aliyah after he finished high school. He studied political science at Bar Ilan University, served in the Israel Defence Forces and got a master's degree in international relations at the London School of Economics. Then he enrolled at the Pardes Institute in Jerusalem, a non-denominational yeshiva.

At Pardes, he found that many of the students, most of whom were from North America, would stay for one year, had limited opportunities to get out of the "English-speaking bubble" and had ambivalent attitudes toward the Arab-Israeli conflict. There were opportunities to hear Palestinian perspectives on the conflict, but not so much to hear the Israeli side, he said.

Landau started Perspectives Israel, a program for Diaspora students studying in Israel that gives them two-day trips in which they are exposed to a wide range of Jewish-Israeli perspectives on the conflict.

"[I] realized that we had to offer a program that speaks the language of these students – a young audience of political thinkers that don't want to be told who to believe, what to believe, but are looking for the exposure to many different viewpoints," he said. The first tour was held in March 2010. Landau also works for Shatil, an organization that each year, helps nearly 1,400 non-profit organizations with consulting and training.

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Trying to pre-empt the PA domino's fall

Hosni Mubarak never quite seemed to understand who was in Tahrir Square and on the streets of his country, what they wanted or what was truly happening there. Truth be told, he was not the only one, especially at the beginning. But unlike most everyone else who was surprised by the initial outbreak of the demonstrations and their strengthening, ongoing resolve, even at the end, he did not catch on. He was in denial even as he boarded the helicopter to Sharm el Sheikh. Ultimately, Mubarak left his palace because he lost the support of the army.

He never had the support of the streets.

The breeze blowing through the Middle East is likely a gathering of the solemn sighs of cold fear from other Arab strongmen and potentates who rule their respective peoples by right of might rather than by right of the ballot. The mostly languishing, unemployed or underemployed younger generation demands to be heard – now. Last weekend they shouted and marched their way onto the streets of Algeria and of Yemen. Any country in the Middle East where the drab realities of daily life are at infuriating odds with the more dazzling possibilities suggested by the modern world of e-mail and iPhones could be next.

Thus it was that the current leadership of the Palestinian Authority (PA) took steps on the weekend to immunize themselves against the claim that their regime, too, is illegitimate.

First, President Mahmoud Abbas announced that there would be both presidential and legislative elections by September of this year. A date was not set for the vote. No doubt the pace of events unfolding in other Middle East countries will affect the haste by which Abbas chooses a date for the election. Hamas denounced Abbas' decision. "We will not confer legitimacy to these elections, nor will we recognize their results," said Hamas' Gaza spokesperson, Fawzi Barhoum. It would appear that the radical Islamist rulers are feeling a bit nervous about the extent of the love they are feeling from their fellow Gazans.

Next, Abbas announced that he had asked his prime minister, Salam Fayyad, to demand the resignations of the entire cabinet. The move would enable Fayyad to appoint a new cadre of ministers who, presumably, would be more demonstrably capable and responsive to the needs and demands of the people.

Then, Abbas' chief negotiator, Saeb Erekat, resigned his post in an effort to abate the anger many Palestinians felt toward him for having purportedly offered too much to Israel during negotiations in 2008. Taken together, these measures are Mahmoud Abbas' see-through attempt to pre-empt his own domino from falling. Time will tell if his people like what they see when they look through the transparent veil of the PA's expediency.

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Akiva Lewinsky, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, said his organization should be prepared for large-scale immigration from distressed Jewish communities worldwide. His comments came after Soviet Refusenik Anatoly Sharansky arrived in Israel following his release, and about a year after 10,000 Jews were airlifted to Israel from Ethiopia.

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Speaker doesn't represent Winchevsky

The article "UJA, CJC sever ties with Winchevsky Centre" (Feb. 10) dismayed me. I am a lifelong member of the organization, as were my parents. I have been, and will continue to be critical of some of the policies of the Israeli government, but I will never advocate for Israel's annihilation.

In "Canadian Jews urged to speak on Israeli issues" (Jan. 27), it is stated that "Anat Hoffman has a message for Canadian Jews: Israel is 'too important to be left to Israelis. The Jews here have a right and a duty to voice their hopes for Israel.' If they don't, she warned, 'they may wake up one day and see an Israel they absolutely cannot relate to... Israel is a state of all the Jews, whether they live there or not, and reflects on all Jews.'"

When speaker Hajo Meyer expressed his hopes at a Winchevsky Centre event, it was his own opinion. He does not speak for me nor for many of the members of the United Jewish People's Order, which was indicated by the low turnout of members of the organization at the event.

The action of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and the Canadian Jewish Congress to disassociate themselves from the Winchevsky Centre brings up a moral issue. Should the entire organization and its 85-year history be punished for the words of one person who is not even a member? Should Sodom and Gomorrah have been destroyed for the actions of a few citizens? Abraham was able to negotiate with God on this issue. I certainly hope that federation and the CJC are serious about leaving the door open for discussion.

Sol Hermolin
Toronto

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Centre's speaker was 'refreshing'

I must say that Winchevsky Centre guest speaker Hajo Meyer's talk was refreshing, as was the centre's courage in putting it on ("UJA, CJC sever ties with Winchevsky Centre," Feb. 10). What isn't refreshing, and for that matter, rather stale, is UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's and the Canadian Jewish Congress' bullying. They don't speak for this Jew.

Robert J. Allison
Toronto

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CJC's expulsion of community group

The article "UJA, CJC sever ties with Winchevsky Centre" (Feb. 10) makes reference to the Canadian Jewish Congress' expulsion of United Jewish People's Order (UJPO) in the 1950s due to allegations that it was Communist and under the control of the Soviets. More specifically, the catalyst for CJC expelling UJPO was its campaign against (West) German rearmament.

While this was indeed in line with Soviet objectives, the real problem for CJC was that UJPO's campaign had resonance throughout the Jewish community, as no Jewish person in his or her right mind was at ease with the idea of rearming Germany less than a decade after the fall of Hitler (nor did a lot of non-Jews feel comfortable with the idea).

Of course, in the climate of the Cold War, the West wanted West Germany in NATO as part of its front line against the Eastern Bloc, and the CJC, obligingly, thought it was more important to align itself with the Canadian political and military establishment and show its loyalty to it than to represent actual Jewish public opinion, so out went UJPO, which, at the time, was actually the largest affiliate within the CJC.

Andy Lehrer
Toronto

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West Bank settlements

Sheldon Kirshner's Feb. 3 column, "West Bank settlements affect peace talks," on the obstacle to peace posed by the festering settlement issue was a breath of fresh air in a conversation so frequently dominated by putting all the blame on the "other." Yes, the other side is often hateful, obstinate and dangerous, but that does not give us licence to ignore our own actions that exacerbate the problem. Yes, we can quote international law and divine revelation to justify the settlements, but when not a single country supports continued settlement expansion, isn't it time to examine the political, human and material cost that is being expended?

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Muslim Brotherhood seeks to subvert democracy

Jonathan D. Halevi

Just before President Hosni Mubarak resigned and handed power to the Egyptian military, the United States was reportedly backing a transitional government that would include members from a broad range of opposition groups, including the Muslim Brotherhood.

The Muslim Brotherhood, a global movement with Hamas as its Palestinian branch, had taken a greater role in organizing the protest against the Egyptian regime as it unfolded its independent political agenda, defying both the American administration and Israel. Rashad al-Bayumi, the Muslim Brotherhood's second-in-command, announced in an interview with Japanese TV that the group would join a transitional government in order to cancel the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel, as it "offends the Arabs' dignity and destroys the interests of Egypt and other Arab states." He further explained that his animosity to the American administration stems from its support for Israel, stressing that Egypt does not need American aid.

The Muslim Brotherhood does indeed participate in political activity and defend the democratic process. That is not, however, because it has accepted the principles of western democracy, but rather because the democratic process can be exploited to establish an Islamic regime that will then render democracy unnecessary, as was made evident by its platform in the 2007 Egyptian parliamentary elections. The organization claimed to be participating in the elections because "the Muslim Brotherhood preaches the path of Allah... [and therefore it is participating] to fulfil Allah's commands in peaceful ways, using existing constitutional institutions and a decision determined by the ballot box." That is, democracy is Islam's entryway to power.

The Muslim Brotherhood platform also noted that "the rule in [Egypt] must be republican, parliamentary, constitutional and democratic in accordance with the Islamic *sharia*," and that "the *sharia* ensures liberty for all." The organization does not accept the principle of the separation of church and state, and the Islamic rule they aspire to is, for them, a realization of democracy.

Interviewed on Sept. 17, 2007, by the Egyptian daily newspaper *Al-Karama*, the Muslim Brotherhood's then-Supreme Guide Muhammad Mahdi Akef said that the organization's campaign slogan would be "*Sharia* is the Solution" and that human rights and democracy would be included under *sharia* rule. He devoted his May 12, 2007, weekly missive to an exposition of democracy as seen through Muslim Brotherhood eyes. He said that only Islam, which was given to men by Allah, was the expression of true democracy.

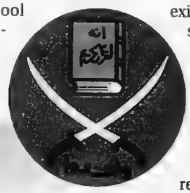
He wrote that "Islam preceded... doctrines and ideologies devised by men. The final, absolute message from heaven contains all the values which the secular world claims to have invented... Islam and its values antedated the West by founding true democracy, exemplified by the Shura [the advisory council under the caliphs] and Islam's respect for the equality of other religions... With regard to liberty, Islam reached a goal which secular preachers have not, for the liberty promised by Islam is genuine in every way, even in faith and religion... As to the claim that Islam does not recognize civil authority, the authority of Islam is democratic... it is genuine liberty, it provides equality in practice and is transparent, it neither oppresses nor robs any man of his rights... It is on that foundation and with those values that the Muslim Brotherhood calls for justice, equality, and liberty.

Akef has never equivocated regarding his views on western democracy. On April 30, 2005, he told the Egyptian daily newspaper *Al-Ahram* that the Muslim Brotherhood opposed American democracy because it was "corrupt and serves the American agenda... The Muslim Brotherhood has held demonstrations against foreign intervention and against any democracy that serves the Americans... [American] democracy is corrupt because it wants to destroy the [Islamic] nation, its faith and tradition." He told the BBC that western democracy was "unrealistic" and "false."

One of Akef's examples of America's "corrupt values" is the attempt to stop female circumcision in Africa. On July 12, 2007, he wrote that "[the Americans] spend billions of dollars and endlessly plot to change the Muslim way of life, they wage war on Muslim leaders, the traditions of its faith and its ideas. They even wage war against female circumcision, a practice current in 36 countries, which has been prevalent since the time of the Pharaohs."

According to the Muslim Brotherhood, jihad, that is, holy war against the infidels, is one of the fundamental elements spread by the Muslim Brotherhood. The organization's ideology, as it appears on its official website, regards "the Prophet Muhammad as its leader and ruler, and jihad as its path." Jihad has a global strategy beyond self-defence. It is the unceasing attack on every infidel rule, intended to widen the borders of the Islamic state until all mankind lives under the Islamic flag.

Clicking the links "The Goals of the Muslim Brotherhood" and "Muslim Brotherhood Measures" leads to explanations of jihad based on the writings of Muslim Brotherhood founder Hassan al-Banna. Jihad, it is noted, is Islam's most important tool in effecting a gradual takeover, beginning with the Muslim countries, moving on to re-establishing the caliphate over three continents in preparation for a conquest of the West, and finally instituting a global Islamic state.



Members of the Muslim Brotherhood took to the streets during the past weeks in Cairo urging the ouster of Hosni Mubarak as president. At right, is the official emblem of the Muslim Brotherhood. ***[Israel Sun photo]***

The organization's website states: "We want a Muslim individual, a Muslim home, a Muslim people, a Muslim government and state that will lead the Islamic countries and bring into the fold the Muslim diaspora and the lands robbed from Islam and will then bear the standard of jihad and the call to Allah. [Then the] world will happily accept the precepts of Islam... The problems of conquering the world will only end when the flag of Islam waves and jihad has been proclaimed.

"The goal is to establish one Islamic state of united Islamic countries, one nation under one leadership whose mission will be to reinforce adherence to the law of Allah... and the strengthening of the Islamic presence in the world arena... The goal... is the establishment of a world Islamic state. And if prayer is a pillar of the faith, then jihad is its summit... and death in the path of Allah is the summit of aspiration."

The Muslim Brotherhood does not hide its global aspirations and the violent path it intends to follow to achieve them. The Brotherhood is meticulous in its step-by-step plan, first to take over the soul of the individual and then the family, people, nation and union of Islamic nations, until the global Islamic state has been realized. The principle of stages dictates the Muslim Brotherhood's supposed "moderation." However, that "moderation" will gradually vanish as Muslim Brotherhood achievements increase and its acceptance of the existing situation is replaced by a strict, orthodox Muslim rule whose foreign policy is based on jihad.

For the Muslim Brotherhood, jihad is at the centre of the struggle against the United States, the West, Israel and other infidel regimes. The supreme leader of the Muslim Brotherhood regards Islam as waging "a battle of values and identity" against the forces of "imperialism" and the "Anglo-Saxons" attacking the Arab-Muslim world "on the pretext of spreading democracy, defending minority rights, and opposing what they call terrorism." He advises Muslims to adopt "the culture of resistance against the invasion," explaining that Allah gave "the occupied, oppressed nations jihad and resistance as a means of achieving freedom."

He added that "the culture of resistance to invasion and occupation have intellectual, military, and economic aspects. Experience in Palestine, Iraq, and Afghanistan have proved that resistance is not imaginary or fictitious or impossible, but rather it is possible when the [Islamic] nation presents a united front and uses its weapons and faith to face an imperialist, whether he comes with arms or inundates us with his ideas, values, or obsolete morality." Akef's successor, Mohammad Badi', maintains the same platform.

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Merging the old, the new and the spiritual

They are charming, (mostly) religious and (mostly) single. They are the characters on *Srugim*, the enormously popular Israeli television program, soon to enter its third season. Srugim, or crocheted, refers to the crocheted kippot favoured by the modern Orthodox. The dramatic series focuses on 20- and 30-something modern Orthodox singles (and, in season 2, a newly married couple) in Jerusalem.

By all accounts, the series is popular with both religious and secular viewers. Secular viewers tune in because of a fascination with religious society, finding a window onto a way of life that seems mysterious. The show also highlights their similarities with modern religious Israelis. In that sense, *Srugim* feels both exotic and familiar, foreign yet homey. For religious viewers, it offers a chance to see the fabric of their lives portrayed sympathetically and in a popular venue.

The intersecting story arcs deal with love, commitment, intimacy, career and sexual identity – issues also faced by secular Jews, but complicated by the religious context. For example, a married couple's "infertility" (after only a few months of marriage) turns out to be a matter of ill-timed ovulation, which occurs precisely when the laws of niddah, or family purity, forbid intimacy. At the same time, the couple's stressful encounter with medicalized reproductive technology – roller-coaster emotions, self-doubt, distance – isn't unique to religious couples.

In many ways, the series bridges the gap between the secular and the (modern) religious, demystifying religious life and making its issues more familiar and resonant with secular viewers. As such, it works against the forces of polarization and social fragmentation in Israel.

Similarly, in North America, the sharp divide between different kinds of Jews and denominations has become more porous. One illustration of this is the renewed place of ritual immersion in the life of liberal Jews. Until recently, the mikvah, or ritual bath, was a fixture of Orthodox communities, but largely irrelevant to liberal Judaism, except for conversions. For Orthodox Jews, the mikvah is most closely linked to women and marital intimacy, but men, too, make use of the ritual bath – to inaugurate new dishes, and to immerse before Yom Kippur, before Shabbat and before marriage. Rabbi Shimon Huberband, who chronicled life in the Wasaw Ghetto, movingly described men defying Nazi law to immerse in a mikvah.

In Israel, the rabbinate requires that brides submit proof of ritual immersion before marrying. Resented by many secular women, this regulation has generated a sub-rosa industry of falsified mikvah certificates. But here in North America, liberal Judaism has increasingly embraced the powerful spiritual potential in ritual immersion. It's increasingly common for brides – at their own initiative – to immerse before their wedding. Liberal mikvaot have sprung up – initially, often, to meet the needs for non-Orthodox conversions. But once available, members of liberal communities use them for myriad functions. In some cities, a grassroots desire galvanizes a community to demand mikvaot.

Sara R. Horowitz in Toronto

Across denominations, Jews have renewed the practice of immersion, developing rituals of rebirth and renewal – for example, recovery from trauma, such as rape or abuse; marking a shift in status, such as after a period of mourning or after divorce, and emotional healing, such as after miscarriage or serious illness.

Some might interpret this as part of a general swing to the right, to tradition, or, conversely, as a liberal dilution or (mis)appropriation of religious practice. Either view fails to recognize the rediscovery by liberal Jews of a pool of potential in traditional practice that can imbue life with spiritual resonance. It's not so much a rejection of the secular for the religious, but an understanding that the boundaries between the two may be more porous than we usually think.

The second season of *Srugim* begins and ends with episodes that feature *tvillah* – ritual immersion – in living waters. In the first, a groom prepares for his wedding. In the final episode, he readies himself to tackle the problems eating at the young marriage. In connecting immersion to his personal life, the program shows how tradition finds new resonances in modernity.

The embrace and reinvention of tradition evokes the words of the first chief rabbi of the Yishuv, HaRav Avraham Yitzchak HaCohen Kook: "*Hayashan yitchadesh, v'hechadash yitkadesh*" – the old shall be made new, and the new shall be made holy.

Soldiers at the Wall

The only reasons that take me to the Western Wall in Jerusalem are visitors to the city and the occasional bar or bat mitzvah, which, despite reservations about the venue, I attend in order to honour friends. Unlike some Jews who insist that the place inspires them to devotion, it doesn't move me to prayer. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel taught that Judaism doesn't have holy places, only holy events. Moreover, those who abuse the Wall – e.g., by restricting women – in the guise of piety should be shunned, for religious reasons.

Rabbi Dow Marmur in Toronto

But I made an exception one evening last month when my grandson was being sworn in at an Israel Defence Forces ceremony there. As a new conscript, he pledged his allegiance to his country and received a gun, which we pray he'll never have to use, and a Tanach, which we hope will inspire and guide him in the course of his service and beyond.

On one level, the ceremony was corny. It consisted of several standard patriotic speeches with many references to Scripture, especially to Joshua's conquest of the land. The very fact of holding the event at the Wall is also problematic, for it gives the impression of turning military necessity into a religious imperative. Had I chosen the texts, they'd come from the Prophets urging us to divine service and national self-scrutiny.

But the speakers did make some reference to the pursuit of peace and to what Israelis call "the purity of arms." Despite the military drill, the recruits weren't being primed to become indiscriminate killers but, rather, thoughtful and proud defenders of their people. This was no nationalist rally, but a sombre moment reflecting the realities of life in Israel.

Though we were spared the usual clichés about the Holocaust, my wife and I couldn't help but think of it. As children, we witnessed the Shoah, she in the ghetto of Lodz and the concentration camp of Ravensbruck, I at a somewhat safer distance in various parts of the Soviet Union. We well remember what it was like when Jews weren't able to defend themselves. The only reason why they'd be brought to parade grounds was to be selected for extermination.

As critical as I am of many aspects of the politics of the current government of Israel, I also know that had there been no Jewish state, our people might by now be on its way to becoming quaint exhibits in museums. Even though I believe that this government has been elected foolishly, I know that it was done freely and democratically, and that that's unique to this part of the world.

To have grandchildren who are partners in shaping and maintaining Jewish sovereignty fills me with pride and gratitude. Their parents have imbued them with a sense of love for the country and taught them their duty to treat all human beings, including adversaries, as God's creatures. As critical champions of democracy, they're loyal Israelis who espouse at times unpopular causes for peace, justice and coexistence.

It's a balance that's difficult to keep, and few of us get it right. We tend to veer either to too much particularism with insufficient regard for others, especially the minorities in Israel itself, or to too much universalism, which sometimes may obscure a commitment to our own. Trying to root ourselves in tradition, we select from it to suit our prejudices.

Jews in the Diaspora, perhaps because they're on the sidelines, are prone to be attracted to extremes. Many blindly toe party lines and mouth slogans that deliberately distort the opposite point of view. As exciting as it is to feel a part of Israel, it's very easy to get the situation wrong from whatever angle you try to assess it, even if it's in an ostensible effort to support the Jewish state and to find your own role in its defence.

Most of the civilians present at the ceremony were parents and relatives. Tourists from abroad, especially non-Jews, who might have found themselves there at the time might be forgiven for being repulsed by the seeming militarism. But if they know at least something about Jews and their history, they might reflect on the alternatives and ask themselves if they would have accepted for themselves the threat of their own extinction just for the sake of being considered by the rest of the world to be good guys and noble victims.

Mubarak struck a balance on Israel

Protesters in Cairo's Tahrir Square demanding President Hosni Mubarak's removal and a new epoch of democracy in Egypt held aloft a sea of signs condemning his authoritarian regime. Some of the placards were emblazoned with a photograph of Mubarak's face crossed out by a blue Star of David, leaving the menacing impression that, as a Zionist stooge, he had betrayed Egypt by having preserved Egypt's peace treaty with Israel.

The truth is more complex. Mubarak – who shared Israel's fear of Islamic fundamentalism, the Hamas regime in the Gaza Strip and Iran's quest to build a nuclear arsenal – honoured the 1979 treaty because it converged with Egypt's national interests. Thanks to the treaty, signed by his predecessor, Anwar Sadat, Egypt was able to end its futile and highly expensive era of wars and skirmishes with Israel and to cultivate mutually beneficial relations with the United States and the West.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Since Egyptian public opinion is essentially anti-Israel, due in part to the unresolved Palestinian question, Mubarak took pains to finely calibrate Egypt's bilateral relations with Israel. He catered to this sentiment by maintaining a cold, even frigid, peace with Israel.

Although he sold natural gas and oil to Israel, tolerated a measure of two-way trade, welcomed Israeli tourists and invited Israeli agricultural experts to help Egyptian farmers increase crop yield, he drew the line at conducting joint military exercises with Israel.

Mubarak stifled any real normalization. Egyptians were discouraged from visiting Israel. No cultural agreements saw the light of day. Professional associations boycotted Israel. (Last year, two top Egyptian newspaper editors who had dealings with Israelis were reprimanded). State and private media demonized Israel and Jews. And in an almost comical sign of the paranoic atmosphere that still prevails in Egypt, the governor of South Sinai had the gall to blame the Mossad for a shark attack on a German tourist in Sharm El Sheikh.

Efforts by Israel to warm up the cold peace failed miserably. And when tensions in the Middle East reached the boiling point, inflaming Egyptian public opinion, Mubarak twice recalled Egypt's ambassador in Tel Aviv, first in 1982 over Israel's passive role in the Sabra and Shatila massacre in Beirut during its invasion of Lebanon, and then in 2000 in response to the outbreak of the second Palestinian uprising.

Mubarak, who was hounded out of office on Feb. 11, had testy relations with several Israeli prime ministers. He blasted Menachem Begin-the co-signer of the peace treaty – for invading Lebanon, building settlements in the West Bank and Gaza and letting the Palestinian problem fester. He declared that the Arab-Israeli conflict could not be defused as long as Yitzhak Shamir remained in office. He said that Benjamin Netanyahu, during his first term as premier, made him "very, very, very exasperated."

Mubarak, the former commander of the Egyptian air force, was friendlier with Yitzhak Rabin, a fellow general. The only time Mubarak – the former vice-president – visited Israel in his capacity as president was in 1995, when he delivered a brief eulogy at Rabin's funeral on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem, calling Rabin "a courageous" and "fallen hero of peace."

Mubarak also got along fairly well with Shimon Peres, whom he respected as an elder statesmen, and with Ariel Sharon, whom he believed was "capable of making peace."

At the end of the day, Mubarak was a prickly but valued ally. Though he lambasted Israeli policies, he kept faith with the peace treaty, which neutralized Egypt as a military adversary, served as an extremely important bridge to the Arab world and enabled Israel to cut its swollen defence budget and concentrate its forces on three flashpoints: Lebanon, Gaza and Syria.

"Mubarak deserves thanks for his tremendous efforts... to prevent wars and bloodshed and promote stability in the region," observed Peres, Israel's current president, in a recent assessment.

Acutely aware of Egypt's importance to its overall security, Israel expressed angst when mass protests erupted in Egypt on Jan. 25. Fearing that Egypt might descend into chaos, Netanyahu not only urged Egypt to abide by the treaty, but let several hundred Egyptian troops into a demilitarized portion of the Sinai Peninsula for the first time in three decades.

By the same token, Israel's foreign ministry called on western governments to tone down criticism of Mubarak. This was an ironic development, given Israel's promotion of democracy in the Middle East and given Egypt's decision, in 2009, to shun Israel's foreign minister, Avigdor Lieberman.

Israel's pro-Mubarak advocacy, though jarring to Egyptian ears, was rooted in the unromantic percepts of Realpolitik.

Mubarak, wary of the spread of Hamas-style Islamic influence into Egypt, played a vital role in enforcing the blockade of Gaza. Egyptian forces destroyed smuggling tunnels leading into Gaza, notwithstanding Israeli complaints that Egyptian measures were too lax. The Egyptians began building a wall along the border with Gaza, seized arms and munitions bound for Gaza, warned Hamas that continued rocket fire from Gaza could touch off another war, and arrested Muslim extremists planning attacks on Israeli tourists.

Prior to the 2008-09 war in Gaza, an Egyptian envoy, Omar Suleiman, whom Mubarak appointed vice-president on the eve of his forced resignation, tried in vain to renew Israel's shaky ceasefire with Hamas and to gain the release of captured Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit.

In addition, Mubarak worked to nurture Arab-Israeli coexistence.

He broadly supported the Oslo process in the 1990s, the Camp David summit in 2000, the Arab peace initiative in 2002 and 2007, the "road map" peace plan in 2003, the Annapolis talks in 2007 and 2008 and, most recently, U.S. attempts to restart Israel's on-again, off-again negotiations with the Palestinian Authority.

Shortly after he was re-elected Israel's prime minister in 1992, Yitzhak Rabin met Hosni Mubarak in Cairo. [*IPPA photo*]

Yet he could be searingly critical of Israel. Mubarak blamed Israel for the breakdown of the most recent negotiations. He demanded a cessation of Israeli settlement construction in the West Bank, and he wondered why Netanyahu sought Palestinian recognition of Israel as a Jewish state. And always, he condemned Israel's occupation of the territories. At his last meeting with Netanyahu, Mubarak advised him to re-examine his policies so as to engender trust with the Palestinians.

Egypt's foreign ministry took a harder line on Israel, castigating Israeli air strikes in Gaza this past December as a ploy "to divert attention from the failure of the peace process." Meanwhile, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Gheit described Israel as an "enemy state." No surprise there. According to WikiLeaks, the Egyptian army continues to regard Israel as its chief adversary.

Egypt was also at odds with Israel over its undeclared nuclear program and its covert policy of assassinating Palestinian terrorists. Nonetheless, Egypt held fast to its peace treaty with Israel.

Egypt's ambassador to Israel, Yasser Reda, put it best. "President Mubarak," he said last April, "always asserted that peace is in Egypt's strategic interest."

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Vaughan mayor stresses kinship with Jews

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

The new mayor of the city of Vaughan, Maurizio Bevilacqua, says he has "deep roots" in the Jewish community.

In a sit-down interview at his mayoral office last week, Bevilacqua told *The CJN* that his commitment to "servant leadership" means he aims to provide his constituents with the best possible quality of life while taking into account all of their various cultural viewpoints.

He said his leadership style is such that it's rooted in knowledge of the people he represents. And a great deal of that knowledge is taken up by Judaica.

As the former Liberal member of Parliament for Vaughan – he served from 2004 to 2010 before leaving his seat to run for mayor last year – he said he is very familiar with his city's Jewish community.

"I often say to people who are going through personal challenges that a single ray of light can erase darkness," Bevilacqua said, alluding to the symbolism he notes whenever he contemplates the meaning of Chanukah.

Bevilacqua visited Israel in the mid-1990s and said he plans to return.

"I am aware of the community's history, its struggles and the great contribution they have made to the world in many areas of

Maurizio Bevilacqua

endeavour," he said, adding: "While it is important to remember the unfortunate incidences of history, it's also important to celebrate the achievement of a people who could have easily chosen the road to [capitulation], but rather chose the path of resiliency. And the world has benefited as a result."

Bevilacqua also referred extensively to one of his favourite authors, Viktor Frankl, the Holocaust survivor and psychiatrist who pioneered logotherapy.

"[Frankl] was able to live through the Holocaust and from that experience, develop a branch of psychotherapy that has helped millions of people," he said. "Where did that come from? An experience where the human condition was severely tested. It speaks to humanity's [and the Jewish Peoples'] ability to be resilient."

Bevilacqua said he believes the political environment at all three levels of government – municipal, provincial and federal – is still "playing catch-up" with the multicultural reality of the Canadian population.

"What I find extremely fascinating about the city of Vaughan is that we speak over 70 languages. But with that comes different cultural biases, different dispositions… yet we coexist in harmony. This speaks to the enlightened form of citizenry in Vaughan," Bevilacqua said.

He said as the new mayor, he intends to lead by example. One of his first acts was to pass the "Vaughan Accord."

The document, signed by the mayor and all Vaughan city councillors on Jan. 11; 2011, calls upon the city's elected officials to, among other things, "inspire cultural growth by promoting sports, the arts, music, theatre and architectural excellence; promote unity through diversity as a characteristic of Vaughan citizenship and ensure that our behaviour is at all times consistent with the city's core values of respect, accountability and dedication."

It's the first time council has signed such a protocol, Bevilacqua said.

"My goal is to establish a new era of mutual respect and co-operation – this document puts the promise of a productive council in writing. This is a fresh start for our city. This is how great cities are built, and this is how we are going to take Vaughan to the next level," he said in a speech at the signing of the accord.

He said as a public servant, he is motivated by a "higher purpose" to realize the full potential of his city.

With specific regard to Thornhill's burgeoning Jewish and Israeli immigrant community – represented by Ward 5 Coun. Alan Shefman – Bevilacqua said that he understands their experience and that he will work with Shefman to address the needs of the Jewish community going forward.

Speaking to the subject of newcomers to Canada and to his city specifically, Bevilacqua recalled how at age 10, he immigrated to Canada from Italy with his family in search of a better life.

Through hard work, persistence and determination he learned English and eventually became one of the youngest MPs in Canadian history.

"I've felt and lived [the hardships] of the immigrant experience in a very real way," he said, adding that he hopes his successes in Canada are viewed as an inspiration to newcomers.

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Israeli family feels at home in Thornhill

Yosef Tastassa
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When Gill and Neta Pasternak and their six children made the decision to move from Kibbutz Ortal in the Golan Heights to Thornhill, Ont., they prepared themselves for a culture shock.

"We thought we were leaving the kibbutz and were about to move to a big city," Gill Pasternak said.

"Now we understand that we moved from a very small kibbutz to a very big one... Our real estate agent is Israeli, customers and employees speak Hebrew in many supermarkets around us. We can speak Hebrew in the bank and find here any Israeli product we need," he explained.

"As Jews and Israelis we see ourselves as a part of the Israeli community and the Jewish community," Gill added.

While many Israelis make the decision to leave Israel to try to build a life somewhere else in the world, few have the courage to do it with six kids, each with different needs.

But the Pasternaks felt they were up for the adventure. "We felt it was the perfect timing for a refreshing change in our lives," Pasternak said. "After considering New Zealand, India and Canada as options for relocation, Canada seemed to be the best option – and here we are."

They first fell in love with Canada in 2009 during a month-long trip to the East Coast, and felt that a big change would be wonderful for their family.

The Pasternak family – from left, in front, Reches, Sela, Gur, Nof and Neta, and from left, in back, Peleg, Gill and Arad – at Pearson International Airport last October.

"Once the decision was made, it took us about a year to prepare ourselves logistically and emotionally for the big move," he said.

When the couple and their six kids – Nof, 16; Peleg, 13; Gur, 9; Reches, 8; Sela, 4, and Arad, 2-1/2 – moved here last October, they stayed in a hotel for three weeks before they found a permanent home. Their four-bedroom house in Thornhill may seem small for a family of eight, but it's an upgrade from the space they called home on the kibbutz.

"Our house there was very small and six of our kids had to share the same room. Now the feeling is much more spacious," Pasternak said.

Finding a spacious house was not the only issue the Pasternaks had to deal with in their first days in Canada.

"Peleg, our second son, broke his leg while ice-skating at the very beginning of our arrival. We hope that the concept 'break a leg' will have a different meaning for us in the future," he joked.

After seeking some guidance from the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, the family worked to get settled. "We needed a vehicle for eight, a table for eight and actually everything for eight. We shipped most of our belongings in a container from Israel. The rest we purchased here, and now we are fine and organized," he said.

Now the number 1 priority for the family is to provide the children with a good education. "It is not easy to change the environment for six boys. And choosing the best education for them was and is our first goal. Our elder son, Nof, is in high school, our second son, Peleg, is in a public school, Gur and Reches are studying at the Associated Hebrew [Schools]. Sela and Arad are in day cares. Lots of manoeuvring during the day," he said.

Neta and Gill, who are currently in Canada on a study permit, also have to focus on getting permanent resident status so they can pursue employment in their fields. Gill, who worked as a quality assurance director in Israel, will begin a course in green business management in March, in hopes of finding a job that will combine his experience and new education.

Neta worked as a social worker and hopes to use her skills to the benefit of the Jewish community here.

"Toronto has the largest Jewish community in Canada. As an experienced social worker, I will be able to contribute to the community and hopefully find a job that suits my skills and experience," Neta said.

The Pasternaks are currently living on their savings until they can find work.

"Before coming here, we knew that Canada is an expensive place to live, and we prepared ourselves financially for the first six months."

With so much to do, they said it's rare if they're able to wind down for the night before 3 a.m., and by 7a.m., they're on their feet to do it all over again.

"Our living room is like a big playground. We don't have time to watch TV, and I don't even remember when the last time we heard the news," he said.

"But as long as we feel that our boys are happy and we see true smiles on their faces, everything is fine with us."

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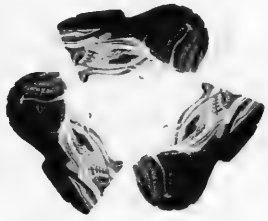

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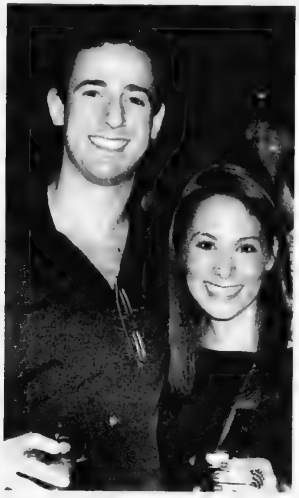


In left photo Alex Enchin, and Kelly Rosin enjoy at the Future Sinai program. Seen in right photo are Shauna Pernica, left, and Ashley Steinhauer.
[Cara Edell photos]

Future Sinai puts fun into fundraising

Cara Edell
Special to The CJN

Young professionals gathered Feb. 5 for a not-so-typical Saturday night of games for a good cause.

To celebrate the launch of Future Sinai, people aged 20 to 30 partied and played at eZone, an Etobicoke entertainment complex with activities such as laser tag, whirlyball and cosmic bowling.

Following the success of the Sinai Soiree in May 2010, Future Sinai was developed to advance, promote and fundraising for the Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary among a younger generation of philanthropists. With the motto that "it's never too early to give back," Future Sinai will support the Auxiliary's $4.5-million women's health pledge.

'It's never too early to give back'

This funding ensures that state-of-the-art health care is provided in various Mount Sinai Hospital departments, including the Marvelle Koffler Breast Centre, the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute and the Peter A. Silverman Centre for International Health.

"Future Sinai is the perfect avenue for young professionals to get involved in their community," said Lauren Winberg, who sits on the advisory committee.

"By getting involved in our 20s, we can develop the skills and build the relationships necessary to become community leaders and lifelong benefactors of Mount Sinai."

Winberg said the committee chose eZone as the party venue because they wanted to do something different that people would be excited about.

"Many young professional charity events are at bars or clubs, and we wanted our launch event to be more casual and enjoyable. We also wanted to do something that people are not usually given the opportunity to do on a Saturday night."

The party featured a live DJ, two bars, a lounge area with pool tables and an arcade, as well as access to golf simulators and the Rock Band video game. Those who signed up to be Future Sinai members also had a chance to win prizes such as Toronto Maple Leafs tickets.

For more information about Future Sinai and upcoming events, visit http://www.mountsinai.on.ca/auxiliary/future-sinai.

Hadassah Academic College finds a niche

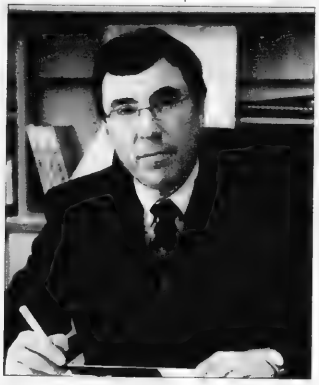
Provides vocational education

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

There are 30 regional colleges and seven research universities in Israel, all of them doing fine and exemplary work, but Hadassah Academic College has carved out what is perhaps a unique niche for itself.

Providing vocational education for a mix of Jewish, Arab, secular and religious students from all parts of the country, it's Israel's only college in the heart of western Jerusalem.

Housed in a historic building, the site of the original Hadassah Hospital, it sits



Shimon Arbel

on the edge of Mea Shearim, Jerusalem's insular haredi neighbourhood, and is close to Zion Square.

"We play a strategic role in revitalizing downtown Jerusalem and in strengthening Jerusalem as Israel's capital," Shimon Arbel, the Canadian-born director of institutional advancement, said in a recent interview.

Arbel, a native of Hamilton who made aliyah shortly before the 1973 Yom Kippur War and has lived in Jerusalem ever since, compared it to Ryerson University in Toronto.

"We're a career-oriented institution," he said.

With an enrolment of 2,200 students, 15 per cent of whom are Muslim and Christian Arabs and five per cent of whom are haredim, Hadassah Academic College offers programs in computer science, health and life sciences, design and communication, management and pre-academic studies.

It was established by the Hadassah women's organization in 1970 and funded by it until three years ago.

Arbel, formerly the Toronto-based national executive vice-president of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, was here on a fundraising mission.

"We're looking for philanthropic support," said Arbel, who met Jewish community leaders while in Toronto.

Half of the college's annual budget is provided by the Israeli government. Tuition fees account for one-third of its budget, while the rest, 20 per cent, comes from external donations.

Arbel's trip to Toronto marks the first time the college is soliciting donors in Canada. Until now, it relied on philanthropists in the United States.

But Israelis are also pitching in, he noted. "There is great wealth in Israel today, and Israelis are increasingly generous."

He describes Hadassah Academic College as a national rather than a regional institution of higher learning.

"More than 50 per cent of our students come from outside Jerusalem," said Arbel, whose cousin was the late Canadian novelist Mordecai Richler and whose name was Steven Albert before making aliyah.

Many of its students are from underprivileged backgrounds and at least 80 per cent are the first members of their family to attend college, said Arbel, whose Toronto-born wife, Josie, is deputy director of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel.

The college also churns out candidates for Jerusalem's thriving biotechnology industry, offers Hebrew-language instruction programs for Palestinian Arabs from eastern Jerusalem and provides special programs for haredim.

Haredi men study computer science, while haredi women take courses in communication disorders and medical and laboratory science.

As well, the college offers pre-university courses in Hebrew and modern Israel to new immigrants.

About half the students go on to study at post-graduate schools, mainly the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Technion in Haifa.

Over 90 per cent of graduates find jobs within six months. "We're not producing unemployed lawyers," said Arbel, who holds a BA and an MA from Hebrew U.

The college plans to offer several new courses – an MA degree in computer science in the field of medicine, an MA in communications and politics and a BA in human resources.

The vast majority of its professors, 80 per cent, teach at other colleges or universities. Twenty per cent of its faculty members are employed on a full time basis by the college itself.

Due to its role in buttressing Israel's claim to Jerusalem, Hadassah Academic College hasn't been hit by government cutbacks to education.

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The mezuzah, Part 1

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– Rabbi Goldie Milgram **[http://bit.ly/mezuz01]**

It is one of the most obvious signs of a Jewish home – an ornate box on the doorpost containing the mezuzah parchment. If you're in the middle of some home improvements, now is the ideal time to look at a spiritual fixer upper – your mezuzah.

The commandment for the mezuzah is in Deuteronomy: "And thou shalt write them upon the doorposts of thy house and upon thy gates." **[http://bit.ly/mezuz02]** The Judaism 101 site says that "the mezuzah is not, as some suppose, a good-luck charm, nor does it have any connection with the lamb's blood placed on the doorposts in Egypt. Rather, it is a constant reminder of God's presence and God's commandments." **[http://bit.ly/mezuz03]**

The mezuzah must be handwritten by a sofer, a trained scribe, onto parchment made from a kosher animal. If you have any doubts about your mezuzah, a sofer should be consulted. Although the mezuzah's text is far shorter than what is found in the Torah, the laws are complex. A mezuzah is made up of 22 lines and 713 letters, and 4,649 laws govern its writing. Just one error disqualifies it. **[http://bit.ly/mezuz04]**

Stories are legion about people who have purchased a mezuzah that is riddled with mistakes. And sometimes the mistakes are not innocent. Mezuzot printed on paper rather than written on parchment are sold to unsuspecting consumers. Sometimes scribes take shortcuts that drastically cut the time needed to write a mezuzah, which results in inferior products. The Israel-based Vaad Mishmereth STaM was established to "promote the halachic integrity of scribal arts" by certifying reliable sofrim. **[http://bit.ly/mezuz15]**

Jewish & Digital

Mark Mietkiewicz

MezuzaDoctor.org adds these sobering statistics: "After examining over 40,000 mezuzot, we found 16 per cent to be invalid, and of all of those that were found to be invalid, 93 per cent were never acceptable in the first place." **[http://bit.ly/mezuz16]** Rabbi Aaron Shaffier uses an interesting web tactic to warn people looking for cheap (and worthless) mezuzot. Anyone searching for the phrase "free printable mezuzah scroll" in Google is delivered to a page that explains there is no such thing. **[http://bit.ly/mezuz17]**

Do you think that you could spot an invalid mezuzah? Take a look at a copy of an error-free mezuzah online. **[http://bit.ly/mezuz05]** Then take the Mezuzah challenge. You'll find a mezuzah that at first glance looks pretty good. But according to the site it has 22 mistakes – one on each line. After you examine it, you can contact scribe Mordechai Pinchas, and he'll send you a list of the errors. **[http://bit.ly/mezuz06]**

Just don't think you'll be first to discover all the mistakes. That honour goes to "a visitor from Mexico, Aldo Zamudio, who found every error." The sofer writes that Zamudio's abilities are "a great example of knowledge crossing all barriers" because Zamudio isn't Jewish.

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What's on your wall?

When our home was repainted shortly before my bar mitzvah, my parents asked me to choose the colour of my room. I selected a pale blue with a tint of green – a radical change from the previous variation of off-white. Every year or so during high school, I changed the artifacts hanging on my walls. I hung photos of family, pictures from camp, a poster of the Western Wall, a corkboard filled with notes, and, what covers my walls today, rows of bookshelves.

Class Act

Daniel Held

Jonny Ariel, a leader in Jewish and Zionist education, notes that what we hang on our walls is a public display of ourselves, a reflection of our identity. In college, many of my classmates hid their dorm's cinderblock walls behind flags: Israeli, Palestinian, British or rainbow. While flags may represent strong ideological beliefs, posters of impressionist paintings, Superman, or beautiful models also make a public statement.

Grandparents' homes often have two kinds of walls, both of which demonstrate their pride and sources of naches. One is filled with pictures of children and grandchildren in baby, bar mitzvah and wedding photos. Along with these, my wife's grandparents mounted framed copies of their children's and grandchildren's college diplomas. During my first visit to their apartment, they proudly introduced me to the rest of the family as if they were in the room.

The second wall displays communal ties. My bubbie-in-law framed and hung her lifetime membership to Hadassah, an organization she devoted much of her life to. This wall may include JNF certificates for trees planted in their honour or certificates of appreciation for volunteering. While it seems natural for our grandparents to hang these demonstrations of communal affiliation, my bar mitzvah certificate from JNF and leadership awards from Hillel are piled in a box in the basement. Until I started writing this column, it never occurred to me to hang them on a wall.

To today's young adults, walls aren't made of cinderblock or drywall. They're on Facebook. These digital walls parallel our fast-paced collaborative world. Rather than hanging new pictures every year or two, a Facebook wall changes daily, or even hourly. This rapid pace of change demonstrates the pace of changing adolescent identity.

Similarly, the owner no longer fully controls the wall's content. While I chose the colour of my room, virtual friends can post videos, photos and comments on my Facebook wall, adding their flavour to my identity. Teens carefully curate their walls by mixing their own posts with those of their friends. Like a Facebook wall, an adolescent identity is rapidly changing and shaped, in part, by peers.

Just like their drywall predecessors, virtual walls are indicators of identity. The language we use, the status updates, videos and photos we post, and even how often we make these changes project an image and identity. While the walls of my childhood room were only visible to those I let in, my virtual wall is open to many more to see. In recognizing virtual walls as public displays of identity, I must ask myself, do I know what's on my wall? What image am I projecting?

Antisemitism in hockey

Jason Bailey is currently a member of the Ottawa Senators American Hockey League affiliate, the Binghamton Senators.

Bailey, an Ottawa native, has been a part of his hometown organization for two years now, but it looks as if his National Hockey League dream is fading. Bailey has only played 17 games this season, recording no points and 11 penalty minutes.

In 2005, Bailey was drafted by the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, a dream come true for the Ottawa native, but ultimately a dream that would, six years later, lead him to a civil lawsuit against the club.

In the 2008-09 season, Bailey made his professional debut with the Bakersfield Condors, the Duck's former minor-league affiliate, playing 35 games with the team during that season. Bailey, who is best known for scrappy, physical play, was allegedly the target of antisemitic remarks made by the head coach Martin Raymond and assistant coach Mark Pederson.

One of the comments Raymond supposedly made to Jason was, "Maybe you should go fight in the war," after watching a CNN special on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Bailey is suing the Ducks for religious discrimination. His lawyer, Keith Fink, said, "They subjected Jason to a barrage of antisemitic comments, they froze him out from playing because of his Jewish faith. They didn't do the right thing and fire those coaches."

Since this case is in the courts, Bailey is unable to make any comments about it.

The NHL is also launching an internal investigation into the incident.

This is far from the first time antisemitism has made its way into professional sports.

On Campus

Justin Dahan

Perhaps the most famous antisemitic incident occurred in 1968 when several member of the Boston Bruins taunted Larry Zeidel about his faith. Zeidel lost his cool with Boston's Eddie Shack, and as a result the two of them swung sticks at each other's heads.

Not all Jewish hockey players have faced hardships like this in their careers. The NHL boasts more than a few Jewish hockey players. The Montreal Canadiens have two, Jeff Halpern and Michael Cammallari. Even Anaheim had one – Cory Pecker was on its AHL team for three seasons, though he did not have the same coaches as Bailey.

Most fans don't view professional sports as a place where prejudices still exist. It's good that Bailey got an issue that's usually swept under the rug into the public sphere.

In the past few years, the NHL has had problems with racial slurs. In 2007, New York Rangers forward Sean Avery was accused of yelling a racial slur at then-Pittsburgh Penguins forward Georges Laraque, who is of Haitian descent.

In early December 2010, a minor hockey coach was suspended because he pulled his team off the ice after one of his players was the target of a racial slur. The players involved in this incident were only 16 years old. The coach was reinstated within the month.

While racism is not common in the NHL, it does happen. The league has to be tough in dealing with incidents when they occur because racism doesn't belong in the sport. The league can help to eliminate racism from the professional game, and the minor leagues, too.

Respecting others is what God expects

I recently received an e-mail from a colleague entitled "Lost in Translation" regarding the label of an Israeli kosher grape juice. In part, the label read "without fear of shmittah [the seventh year in which the land is suppose to rest] and foreskin." Trying to understand what foreskin has to do with grape juice, I realized that *orla* in Hebrew means either foreskin or the first three years during which the produce of a tree may not be used in Israel. It really was lost in translation!

Sephardi Window

Rabbi Ilan Acoca

This same grape juice had two kosher certifications. This got me thinking that we spend a lot of time making sure the products we buy are kosher to the strictest standard, as they should be. It seems that when it comes to the mitzvot pertaining to our relationship with God, we also strive for perfection – often, however, without a commensurate effort with respect to our equally important relationships with our fellow human beings, although these relationships are often fraught with difficulties.

When God gave the Ten Commandments to the Jewish People, He gave five that deal with our relationship with God and five that deal with our relationships with our fellow human beings. The commandments were given together, because God wants us to understand that they are of equal importance.

God created us to make a better world, in part, by interacting justly and respectfully with other people. In some instances, it's more important to show sensitivity to our fellow human beings than to serve God in another way.

Rabbi Israel Salanter (1810-1883) was once invited to a rabbis' conference. When lunch was about to be served, the respected rabbi performed the ritual of washing hands. Many people gathered around him and saw that he washed his hands with the minimum amount of water required. When asked why, the elderly rabbi replied by asking who carries the water that's used for washing. When told that a servant did this, the rabbi asked why he should use a lot of water, thereby creating more work for another person, even if it was in the service of his Creator.

Rabbi Yosef Messas (1892-1974) was asked a question relating to an incident in synagogue one Shabbat morning. It seems that a mistake was found in a Sefer Torah, and by the time another Sefer Torah was taken out, people had started talking. One pious man asked them to be quiet. This created a commotion, leading to a fight. What should they do, the people asked the rabbi, if a similar incident should occur in the future?

Rabbi Messas replied that if it ever happened again, they should continue reading the same Sefer Torah, relying on the opinion of the Rambam, who permits this. Even though we usually don't rely on Maimonides' opinion in such a case, Rabbi Messas felt it better to keep peace and harmony among people than to take out another Sefer Torah.

Demonstrating respect and sensitivity toward others is extremely important, and it's what God expects of us. Let us remember to keep this in mind as we deal with others in all aspects of our lives.

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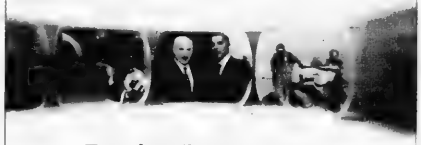

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'Tremendous talent' at MukiBaum centres' art exhibit

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

MukiBaum Treatment Centres' founder psychologist Nehama Baum has been helping children and adults with developmental disabilities and emotional disorders for more than three decades.

With eight group homes, an adult day treatment centre and a children's day treatment centre, MukiBaum serves about 175 people who cope with a combination of developmental disabilities and emotional and psychiatric disorders, such as autism, Down syndrome, schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder.

Baum said that over the years the centre has helped hundreds of people. While some people stay with MukiBaum all their lives, others eventually gain enough independence to be integrated into the school system, or get a job.

"Since I was young, I was interested in kids who are different from us, kids with disabilities," said Baum, adding that when she was a young woman living in Israel, she volunteered at an organization that helped children with cerebral palsy.

In 1958, Baum obtained a social-work degree with a specialization in therapy for families who have a child with cerebral palsy.

Just a year later, Baum's professional and family life collided when her son, Michael (Muki) Baum, was born deaf and with cerebral palsy.

MukiBaum Treatment Centres founder Nehama Baum stands next to a painting that will be featured in the *Inner Treasures, Outer Expressions* annual art exhibit opening March 3.

In an effort to provide her son with the best care, she decided to move to Canada in 1976.

After only a few years, her son became completely independent and eventually lived in his own apartment. Although Muki recently suffered a cervical spinal cord injury, which confined him to a wheelchair and forced him to move back in with his parents, he continues to contribute his time and effort to raise funds for the centre that bears his name.

Since Baum founded the organization, she has implemented the multi-focal approach she developed, which is based on the belief that you must evaluate the person as a whole, rather than just focus on the behaviour.

"One of the basic principles of the multi-focal approach is that we are not trying to fit a round peg into a square hole," Baum said. "Our job is to really figure out what is underneath the behaviour."

She added that the centres were structured to fulfil the needs of the MukiBaum community. For example, the adult day treatment centre provides its members with a 53,000-square-foot space that houses sensory, vocational and art programs that provide therapy through music, art, drama and sports.

"Another thing that is very important is that we don't look at the disability. I always say, 'We see the person, not the wheelchair… We look at the human being who is there. This really fits into everything we are doing.'"

She hopes that the annual art exhibit, *Inner Treasures, Outer Expressions* – which features art produced by members of the MukiBaum community – will help people appreciate that even those who cope with disabilities and disorders can be talented, contributing members of society.

"This is an opportunity to showcase their talents. We had tremendous success last year," Baum said, adding that more than 30 paintings from last year's exhibit hung in Lt.-Gov. David Onley's office at Queen's Park for months.

"I want people to realize that even people who are non-verbal can have tremendous talent. That, for me, is the mission of the art exhibit," Baum said. "It's beyond raising awareness – it's about appreciation."

This year's art exhibit opens on March 3 at the Centre for Ability Art Gallery in the adult treatment centre and it runs until the end of May. She said she hopes people from the art community will visit the exhibit and recognize the value of the art program.

Although MukiBaum is a government-funded institution that allows people to benefit from the centres without having to pay a fee, Baum said that most of the funding goes to paying the salaries of the professionals working at the centres. Funding for many of the programs come from private donations, most of which are raised at an annual fundraising gala. This year, The Possible Dream Gala will be held April 9 at the Riviera Parque Dining Banquet Centre in Concord, Ont.

"We cannot take everyone that really wants to come [to the centres]. It depends on whether we have the space or if there is funding," she said, adding that it costs about $12 million a year to run the centres.

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Junction Shul celebrates 100th anniversary

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Toronto's Congregation Knesseth Israel – better known as the Junction Shul – is gearing up for its 100th anniversary this September.

Festivities will begin with an invitation-only morning service on Thurs., Sept. 15, and conclude with a community open house/street celebration at the synagogue on Sun., Sept. 18 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will also be an invitation-only Shabbat morning service, and a presentation on the history of the shul at the Ontario Jewish Archives on the Thursday evening.

As well, a documentary for the television show, *Israel Today*, is in the works, and the congregation is publishing a hard-cover commemorative book.

The synagogue was established in 1909 by Russian and Polish immigrants, who held services in a house on Maria Street at Runnymede Road. Two years later, construction began on the current synagogue, also on Maria Street. Services were first held there in 1913.

Edwin Goldstein, 80 – whose grandfather, the proprietor of a nearby hay and feed business, was a founder of the shul – has been shul president since 1983. He succeeded his late father, who served for 25 years. "I took this on as my contribution to the community," Goldstein said. "I want to make sure we keep this going."

The shul is Ontario's oldest purpose-built synagogue still in use, according to a historical plaque outside the building. The plaque was donated by Joey Tanenbaum, whose grandfather was a founding member, and his wife Toby.

Junction Shul president Edwin Goldstein has fond childhood memories of the congregation. ***[Frances Kraft photo]***

The synagogue, which has been restored, is "pretty much as it was," said Goldstein, pointing out faux marble columns, and signs of the zodiac painted on the ceiling.

Shul members who were cabinetmakers, employed at the nearby Heintzman piano factory, built the dark, ornate wooden ark, he said.

The synagogue was "a vibrant place" where members would gather on a daily basis, Goldstein recalls, but he has no memory of the shul's first and only rabbi, Rabbi Mordecai Langner, who served from 1924 to 1939.

Now, services are held only on Jewish holidays and special occasions such as bar mitzvahs. Ba'al koreh Howard Kamen has been leading the services, which are traditional with Orthodox elements, since 1977.

Goldstein estimates there are currently 40 to 50 Jewish families living in the Junction – a neighbourhood named for the intersection of CN and CP railway lines – compared to about 200 at its height.

"This was the entry to the city," Goldstein said. "The produce would come here [to the West Toronto train station], and people who lived here could ply their work outside of the city.

About 100 families – mostly descendants of the founders – are "regular" members of the shul, and there are also more than 250 associate members.

Francine Dick, of the West Toronto Jewish Community Association, holds a family service at the shul on the High Holidays, geared to young people. As well, the association holds an annual potluck Passover seder. The shul's Sunday school is no longer operating, she said.

Lorne Miller – a writer who is working on the commemorative book with Neil Ross, a member of the West Toronto/Junction Historical Society – has spoken to more than 60 people about the shul.

Miller, who is not a member of the congregation, said he has collected pictures of some of the original members in front of their homes on Maria Street and in front of their stores nearby.

He's also been trying to obtain pictures and stories of members who served in the war. Those who volunteered in World War II are commemorated in a decorative certificate painted by Group of Seven member A.J. Casson in the 1940s.

"It's a very unusual congregation," said Miller. "The Junction really was like an old shtiebl because of the sense of cameraderie and family. Rich people, poor people – everybody was very close. One man, now in his 80s, was orphaned, but the congregation took him under its wing."

More recently, he added, a Rosh Chodesh service was organized a few months ago to coincide with the last day of shiva for a congregant. The entire congregation walked the mourner around the block to mark the end of the shiva, Miller said. "It gives you a feeling of the type of closeness that has remained in that synagogue for 100 years."

Anniversary committee member Bob Pomerantz, an associate member who lives seven minutes by car from the shul, became involved when he moved to Roncesvalles in 1987. "Probably the reason I really have a warm spot for the place [is that] it's informal. There's no snootery or snobbery. There's a nice mix of people. You feel totally welcome," he said.

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Sunday, February 20, 2011, Noon to 5 PM
- **Contemporary Art Bus Tour, 12 – 5 PM** (reservation required)
- ***Life in the Day Of...* Comic Workshop for Teens** with **Sarah Lightman, 1 – 3 PM**
- ***From Collector to Curator: Exhibition Tour and Discussion***, with **Michael Kaminer, 3 PM**
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Schochets honoured for five decades of leadership

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Rabbi Immanuel Schochet and his wife, Jettie will be honoured later this month by Toronto's Congregation Beth Joseph Lubavitch.

Although he's spiritual leader of the 100-family congregation – a responsibility he describes as part-time – he never sought a pulpit career, he said in a recent interview at his home.

A prolific author whose expertise on Jewish philosophy and mysticism have taken him as far afield as Europe, South Africa and Australia on the lecture circuit, Rabbi Schochet was a professor of philosophy at Humber College from 1972 to 1997 and taught medical ethics at the University of Toronto's faculty of medicine at the same time.

The couple, who knew each other as youngsters in Holland, are being honoured for more than 50 years of leadership to the Jewish community. Their tribute dinner will take place Feb. 27 at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation.

Jettie's father, a businessman, was instrumental in bringing Rabbi Schochet's father to Holland to serve as chief rabbi of the Hague. Both families left in 1951 – the Schochets came to Toronto when the future rabbi was 15, and Jettie was 11 when her family moved to Dublin.

Rabbi Schochet, a native of Switzerland, completed his education at yeshiva in New York, where he obtained smichah.

"Immanuel used to learn with my father and grandfather," Jettie recalled of their days in Holland.

Being four years her husband's junior, she had little contact with her future husband until he visited Dublin in 1959. "The rest was history," he said, smiling. They married in 1962, settling in Toronto, where the rabbi focused initially on finishing his BA and teaching at Jewish schools to earn a living. He was already rabbi of the Kielcer Congregation, a position he held for 36 years.

After he completed his undergraduate studies, the rabbi continued his education at McMaster University and the University of Waterloo, where he earned his doctorate.

In the mid-1960s, Jettie became a founder of Meginei Chanah, an organization that teaches young brides about family purity. As well, she has co-ordinated the women's chevra kadisha for 30 years and also volunteers at Baycrest in palliative care.

A sixth-generation native of Holland, Jettie was hidden with a Protestant minister and his family for 2-1/2 years during the war. From the time she was a young teenager, she was involved with Jewish youth work. "I loved being with kids," she said.

Once her youngest child began school full-time, Jettie started to work as a substitute teacher at Eitz Chaim Day Schools' preschool. "I loved it," she said of the 20 years she spent there.

Reflecting on the advantages of not being a full-time pulpit rabbi, Rabbi Schochet said he has the "freedom to say what I want, to do what I want… I could make controversial statements which other rabbis would be scared to make. My livelihood was not on the line."

Among the causes he has taken on is the fight against Christian missionaries, which he began in the early 1970s, personally talking many young Jews out of their involvement in cults and Christian missionary groups.

As well, he has addressed the issue of "who is a Jew?" and dealt with "internal issues" among Orthodox and non-Orthodox segments of the community.

Punching the air with his fist for emphasis, he said, "When I see something that is wrong, I have no hesitation to speak out.

"But not everyone can do that," he qualified. "I don't even blame many of the other rabbis for not doing so."

Rabbi Schochet's forthrightness has, on occasion, brought him into conflict with other rabbis – particularly non-Orthodox ones, he said – but, on the whole, he's had "cordial, good relationships" with most of them. He and Rabbi Gunther Plaut – who served Holy Blossom Temple – respected one another, Rabbi Schochet said.

Jettie and Rabbi Immanuel Schochet

Although he believes in "a golden middle path," Rabbi Schochet said there are some things on which there can be no compromise.

"If something could and should be corrected, we should not shirk from our responsibility to do so," he said.

Assimilation is the biggest issue facing the Jewish community today, he believes. "Too many compromises are made by official organizations. They think by giving in here, giving in there, you will gain… which is not true. You keep chipping away at your own base, so you have to stand firm on basic issues affecting Jewish identity, Jewish consciousness."

Rabbi Schochet said there are many inconsistencies and "a lot of hypocrisy" in the Orthodox community as well as in the non-Orthodox world. "I would condemn [both] the same way.

"There's nothing wrong with having a good controversy, as long as you are honest about it, you state where you stand, and have some kind of defence for what you said."

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- ***March 5 at 8:00pm*** *- Rabba Sara will lead a community wide discussion on the topic "Can Orthodox Women be Rabbas?" All are welcome.*

Megillah Reading – March 19 – 14 Adar Bet

- ***What:*** *A community-wide Purim service with men and women reading the Megillah.*
- ***When:*** *Saturday, March 19 at 9:15pm*
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ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY: As part of a waste audit project at Associated Hebrew School's Kamin Education Centre in Thornhill, students are working toward litterless and "boomerang" lunches. This means they try to bring food in re-usable containers and plastic is put back into lunch boxes and taken home. Those who bring litter-less lunches become part of the Eco Hero Club and receive badges of recognition. Receiving their hero badges are, from left, Daphne Baron, Lior Barron, Noa Suroghon and Patrick Wikler.

READING BUDDIES: Kindergarten student Aaron Kriss, left, is treated to a story by Grade 3 student Eli Purdy-Flacks as part of the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School's Reading Buddies program, in which older students are partnered with younger ones to foster literacy skills and a love of reading.

KINDER KITS: Students in grades 1 to 8 at Netivot HaTorah Day School took part in a school-wide chesed project, assembling much needed "Kinder Kits" – enough educational supplies to supply children for an entire year– for Ve'ahavta, the Canadian Jewish Humanitarian and Relief Committee. Pictured, from left, are Grade 4 students Rachel, Mia, Alexa and Atara. *[Rebecca Ansel photo]*

FAMILY MOMENTS

Mazel Tov

The Canadian Jewish news

Happy first birthday Molly! Love, Mommy, Daddy and Sadie.

Mazel tov to Dolly Aiken on your 90th birthday. With all our love, best wishes and good health from your children and grandchildren.

Mazel tov to Zaide Kiva Zynoberg on the birth of his beautiful great-grandaughter, Nava Leah Mendel!

Maury Hutkins is turning 95 on Feb. 22. You are very special. Freda, Andrea, Barry, Michael, Samara, Marvin, Jessica and Jonathan.

Meyer & Ruth Lallouz announce the engagement of their son David to Ayala, daughter of Rabbi Benjamin & Barbara Yasgur of Long Island, N.Y.

Mary & Howard Kramer are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Karen to Andrew Lee, son of Loreen & Rodney Lee. Mazel Tov.

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Thursday, Feb. 17

STRIKES FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Teens for the Community, a program of Chabad Youth Network, holds its 3rd annual Strikes for Scholarship, bowl-a-thon fundraiser at Playtime Bowl. 7-9 p.m. Proceeds go to children who lack funds to join extracurricular recreational activities and educational programs. www.Jewishyouth.ca/bowl.

PIANO RECITAL

Beth Tikvah Friendship Group presents a piano recital by pianist and composer **Nathan Rosen**. Includes music from Broadway shows, Yiddish and Israeli music, and requests. 2-4 p.m. $5 includes refreshments.

Sunday, Feb. 20

SWEETHEART DANCE

Shaar Shalom presents its Sweetheart Dance with a performance by **James Regan**. 7:30 p.m., $18 per couple. Call **David**, 416-224-9494.

TODAY I AM A MAN

Temple Har Zion's adult education committee presents **Larry Rodness**, discussing his book *Today I Am a Man*. Breakfast precedes. 10 a.m. Members $3, non-members $5. RSVP by Feb. 18 to rayhavelock@gmail.com. Call temple office 905-889-2252.

HABONIM FILM SERIES

Congregation Habonim presents *Match & Marry*, a documentary on the ancient tradition of Jewish matchmaking. Discussion follows. 8 p.m. Donation at the door.

JEWS IN THE BEACH

Community history buff **Gene Domagala** traces "The Jewish Presence in the Beach," from the early 20th century to the present. 3 p.m., no charge. Refreshments. www.beachhebrewinstitute.ca.

Monday, Feb. 21

PSYCHOLOGY OF CHANGE

The Jewish Health Alliance, a social and professional network for health-care providers, presents "Jewish Insights on the Psychlogy of Change," a lecture by **Rabbi Gedalia Fleer.** 8 p.m., $10. Pine Villa, 1035 Eglinton Ave. W. www.jewishhealthalliance.com or 416-208-0610.

Tuesday, Feb. 22

MOVIE SERIES

Beth Tikvah movie series. *Hey, Hey, It's Esther Blueberger*, $5 at the door. 2 p.m.

PRAYERFUL COMMUNITY

Beth Tikvah conducts an interview via live video feed with **Cantor Ya'akov Lemmer** of Congregation Anshe Shalom, New Rochelle, N.Y., about the place of prayer in the synagogue. 8 p.m. For information, call 416-221-3433.

Wednesday, Feb. 23

JEWS FOR JUDAISM

Last in the Jews for Judaism Counter-Missionary Survival Seminar, with **Rabbi Michael Skobac.** "Who Is the Servant of the Lord? – Deconstructing the Most Popular Missionary ProofText." 8 p.m., Lipa Green Centre, Rm. 3. No charge. Call 416-789-0020.

ELIE WIESEL NOVEL

Rabbi Joe Kanofsky, of Kehillat Shaarei Torah leads a discussion of **Elie Wiesel's** new novel, *The Sonderberg Case*, at the Bayview Village Chapters, 7:30 p.m. Free admission. Rabbi Kanofsky was Wiesel's student, and will place the novel in the larger context of his work.

DEBBIE FRIEDMAN

An evening of song and remembrance, in memory of teacher **Debbie Friedman**. Sponsored by the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism. Holy Blossom Temple, 7:30 p.m. For more information, e-mail slevy@urj.org.

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Andrea Kane
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Howard has many connections in the entertainment and event planning industry, which enabled him to come up with a very romantic plan when he decided to propose to Andrea.

Howard called up his good friend Jordan Morra – the owner of the Warehouse Event Venue – to discuss using his venue as a possible location for the proposal. Jordan agreed. Together, they came up with a plan.

They thought it would be a great idea to create a "make believe" client meeting at the Warehouse. Howard would have to be a part of the meeting as he was supposed to be the DJ at the wedding. At this "meeting," there would also be a taste testing, a setup of the banquet table, and an example of how the décor in the hall would look like on the day of the wedding.

Challenge: to get Andrea to the location

Andrea helps out at Howard's T's Burger Bar every night, but this night was different than all others. When she arrived at the restaurant, she noticed he

was not there, which was unusual. She contacted him to see where he was. He told her he had to go make a delivery at a school. Once Howard returned to the restaurant, about an hour later, he told Andrea he had to go to the Warehouse for a client meeting and that she would be joining him. She thought nothing of it and was excited to go and be part of the meeting.

Once the couple arrived at the Warehouse, they found a beautiful table setup with candles, and flowers everywhere. It was the perfect setup for the perfect proposal, but little did Andrea know that this was for her. She was told this was for the "client meeting" and believed it! About 10 minutes later, Jordan got an imaginary call from the clients saying that they had to cancel. Jordan got upset because he had worked so hard and had so much food that he didn't want to go to waste.

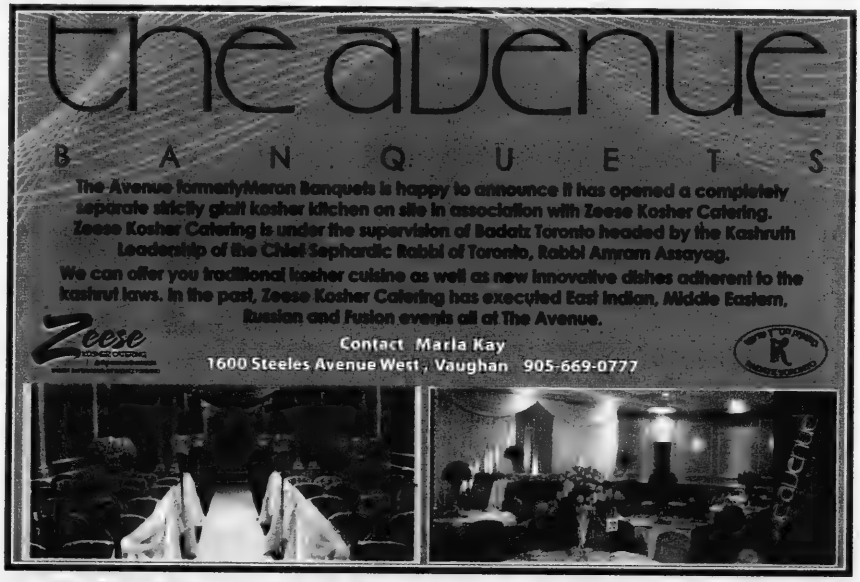
He asked Andrea and Howard if they were hungry and if they would join him to eat the food. They agreed. The couple sat at the table and waited for Jordan to bring out the food. When Jordan came back to the table, he arrived with two champagne glasses in hand,

Andrea began to have a feeling that something was up. Noticing something sparkly and beautiful in her champagne glass, she immediately handed the glass to Howard, who gulped down the champagne, took out the ring, got down on one knee and said, "Andrea Kane, will you marry me?" Delighted and excited, she said yes.

The proposal was done, but the night wasn't over. Howard had arranged for his favourite singer, Paul Knight, to serenade them with a few songs as they enjoyed a three- course meal. Howard had also enlisted the help of his good friend Jodi to take pictures of the proposal and come up with the décor for the night.

So on Nov. 24, Howard Thomas Rosenberg and Andrea Dara Kane became engaged in the most perfect, romantic, and extravagant setting of their lives!

To be continued...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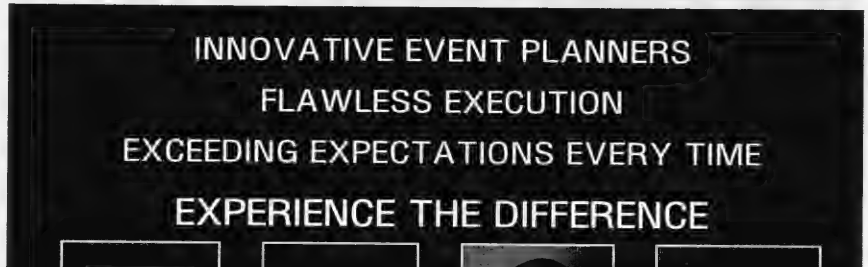

SUNSHINE THROUGH THE CHUPAH

A young couple stands under the chupah as the sun shines through the decorative foliage.

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Couple celebrates their 60th anniversary

Debra Stuart
Special to The CJN

Sol and Belle Zulauf celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Toronto on Oct. 21, 2010.

Sol was born on July 2, 1922, in Coney Island, New York, and moved to Montreal shortly after with his four brothers and sisters. A stellar athlete, he played centre field on the YMHA baseball team, the only Jewish amateur team to win a city championship.

In 1942, Sol enlisted in the Canadian army and spent three years in the Royal Canadian Ordinance Corp, travelling to England, Belgium, Holland, Germany and France, where he saw action and landed on Normandy.

The 85-year-old Belle, born Sept. 9, 1925, grew up in Toronto's Kensington Market with her three sisters and younger brother. Her European immigrant parents owned a variety store downtown.

After returning to civilian life in March 1945, Sol moved to Toronto, where he met Belle at a singles dance. "She was wearing a lime green dress and had a beautiful figure," Sol fondly recollects.

"I asked her to dance. She was a fantastic jitterbugger," he says with affection. They married 18 months later. A furrier by trade and now a retired taxicab owner, Sol said, "I love my wife and loved dancing with her since the day we met." Belle said, "Sol is the most good-natured person in the world. He's easygoing and very funny. He loves to make people laugh."

At a recent appointment with a new gerontologist, Sol sat quietly for a long time, listening to the doctor speak about his expertise treating patients like Sol with dementia. Sol politely interjected, "You know, doc, I also took medicine for four years." The doctor said, "Really? Where did you go to school?" Sol replied with a mischievous grin, "No, I wasn't feeling well." The doctor laughed, and said it was inspiring to see that, at age 88, Sol still had a great sense of humour.

Belle was a stay at home mother, who devoted herself to raising her children Debra Stuart, Randi Goodman and Leslie Zulauf. She happily went back to the workforce part-time when she was in her early 50s and held office administrative positions for several businesses including the State of Israel Bonds National Office, as well as a federal government corporation. Her lightning-fast typing and organizational proficiency awed her employers. Renowned for her knitting and singing talents; she is still an excellent Scrabble player and baker.

Residing together in their Thornhill, Ont. condominium, braving the numerous daily struggles of aging and its inherent afflictions, Belle and Sol derive their greatest pleasure from spending time with their grandchildren and the rest of their family. They can often be seen sitting together chatting on their patio, or walking, very slowly and affectionately, hand-in-hand.

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Jennifer M. MacLeod
Special to the CJN

In Judaism, seven represents wholeness, nature, the entirety of creation. Seven days, and God rested... does that mean we can rest from creating our marriage? Fat chance.

I already had two kids when we married, which means we now have two teenagers plus two kids together... and putting off a real honeymoon for a few more years.

It also means we're tired. Our neighbours just had their first baby, and it's fun to watch the unabashed adoration they toss at him so casually. He is truly the centre of their world, just as, before he came along, I suppose they were the centre of each other's world.

It's funny: I wrote about Ted a lot before we got married – about our interfaith relationship before he converted, about introducing him to my kids. Then, he pulled a veil over my face, met me at the chupah... and I've written nothing about him since.

We've both been too busy to catch our breath.

For seven years, we have literally been creating a world, a universe in microcosm: spheres orbiting, trying not to crash, dodging meteor showers and the occasional black hole.

A few years back, my parents celebrated their 40th anniversary; Ted's parents are long past 50. Married older, I know we will probably not have all those years together. But 50 per cent of marriages don't even make it this long. Those statistics are skewed. Fresh marriages are more likely to succeed; the doomed ones are like ours: complicated, messy slogging.

In Garrison Keillor's short story *We Are Still Married*, a wife trumpets mundane details of life with her ordinary husband to a sensationalistic press. "He walks around humming the same tune over and over... he taps his foot in his sleep." For months, she slanders him bizarrely in magazines and on TV. Finally, quietly, she returns home in the spring.

This is marriage: every detail grotesque and irksome, but ultimately, not unforgivable. Pessimism, or optimism? "We are still married."

But eight! On Chanukah, the menorah burned eight days; we wait eight days to circumcise a boy. If seven represents reality, eight transcends. It is the miracles that have brought us to our eighth year and will guide us beyond.

May we be granted the serenity to pause, if only for a nice, quiet supper together, and forgive each other our forgivable sins... before plunging headlong back into the universe we've built together.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

Yaakov Manloon, 97, and his wife, Ora, 84, a couple from the B'nai Menashe community of Jews in India, recently immigrated to Israel. They took part in a traditional Jewish marriage ceremony under the chupah shortly after their arrival in Israel. The B'nai Menashe community is regarded by some as belonging to one of the 10 "lost tribes" of Israel that were taken into exile under Assyrian captivity 27 centuries ago.

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For owner George Friedmann, who in 1999 purchased the property and restored it to its former glory while adding state-of-the-art amenities like a Kosher kitchen, swimming pool, exercise room and full-service spa, the operative word is *passion*. "You can teach skills, but you can't teach passion," he opines. "Do you want to be served by someone who's going through the motions, or someone who really cares about your dining experience?"

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They have to. Unlike banquet halls where your event is often one of many and where you're one and done — unlikely to return save an invitation to someone else's simcha — the Windsor Arms wants you to come back in the days, weeks and months following your affair. No resting on laurels here; the culinary team lives by the restauranteur's adage — you're only as good as your last meal. "We're here to ensure that the most significant day of your life has a lasting afterglow," underscores Friedmann. "One that will keep you coming back to relive those magic moments again and again."

At the Windsor Arms, those moments consist of breakfast, lunch, dinner, and the afternoon and twilight tea for which it has become so popular that weekend tea times — at ease, golfers — often need to be reserved months in advance.

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Of such beginnings are happily-ever-afters made...

Friedmann should know. Five-a-week breakfasts at the Windsor Arms fuelled a growing fascination with the venue that led to its acquisition. "I had to buy the place just to save money on breakfasts," he grins.

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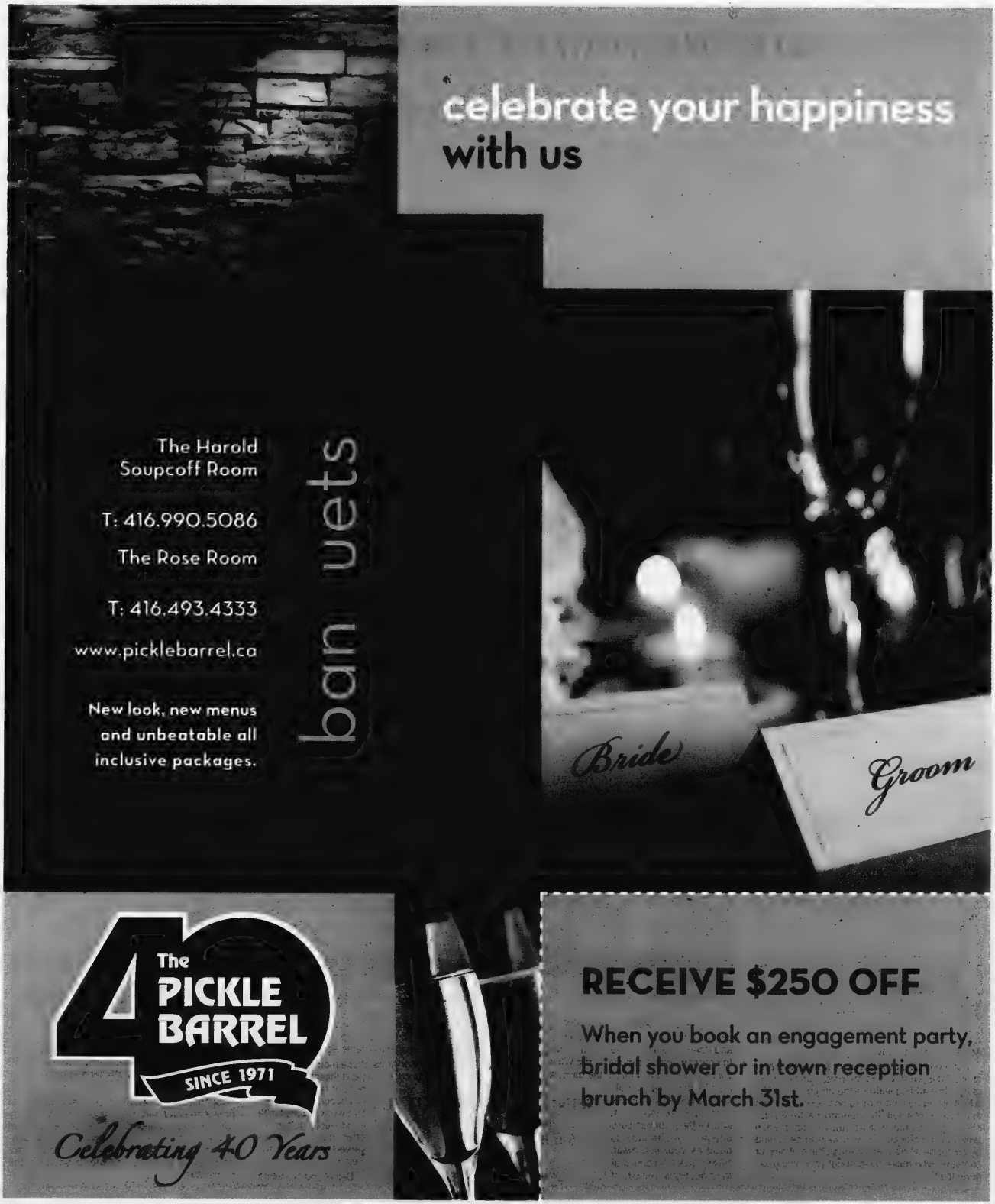
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Jackie Sherkey
Special to The CJN

"If I have to go on one more mind-numbing first date, I'm going to scream!" I said to my family at our weekly Friday night dinner.

I had been on yet another bad first date. After years of trying online dating sites, attending Shabbat services at a variety of synagogues, and having countless fix-ups, I still had not met that special someone.

One Saturday night in the summer, I went to a friend of a friend's birthday. I began talking to a new girl that I had met that evening. We became acquaintances and I would see her periodically. She would always ask me how my dating life was going.

"Slow," I would tell her.

One night she opened up her phone to scan down her list of contacts and see if she knew anyone with whom to set me up.

"I think [David Schwartz] would be great for you" she said and told me that she would pass my number along to him. A month later, he finally called. We had a great conversation on the phone and decided to get together for a quick drink. Our first meeting was outstanding! Finally, here was a guy I could have a conversation with and laugh with, one who shared a lot of my interests. We began to date more seriously, and the more I got to know him, the more I liked him.

After about three months of dating, he told me he loved me and we talked about our future plans. I knew that this relationship was completely different from all of my previous ones because he listened attentively to what I said, shared his life's ambitions with me, and every moment we spent together made me happy.

After almost a year of dating he proposed, and now we are planning our wedding for July 2011.

I think about how my life has changed so much in just one year. Not long ago, I was complaining about not being able to find anyone with whom I connected. Now I am excited to be planning my wedding with the most perfect guy in the whole world. I am in disbelief that my life has changed so much for the better and I am a true believer of never giving up, because the perfect guy is out there for everyone!

Respect key to lasting relationships

Jason Abram
Special to The CJN

My father, Alvin Abram, tells a story about dating a girl from Buffalo that he met at Crystal Beach when he was 21. He drove to Buffalo to spend Sunday with her, only to learn she didn't want to see him again.

Depressed, he returned to Toronto and went to the Y on Bloor Street. Sitting in the lounge, he thought about telling his mother he had been rejected by the love of his life.

Just then, his younger brother Mort walked in with several of his friends. Among them was a 15-year-old girl who stuttered, was slightly overweight and very shy. My father is an extrovert. She was everything he wasn't, but despite the odds they became a couple.

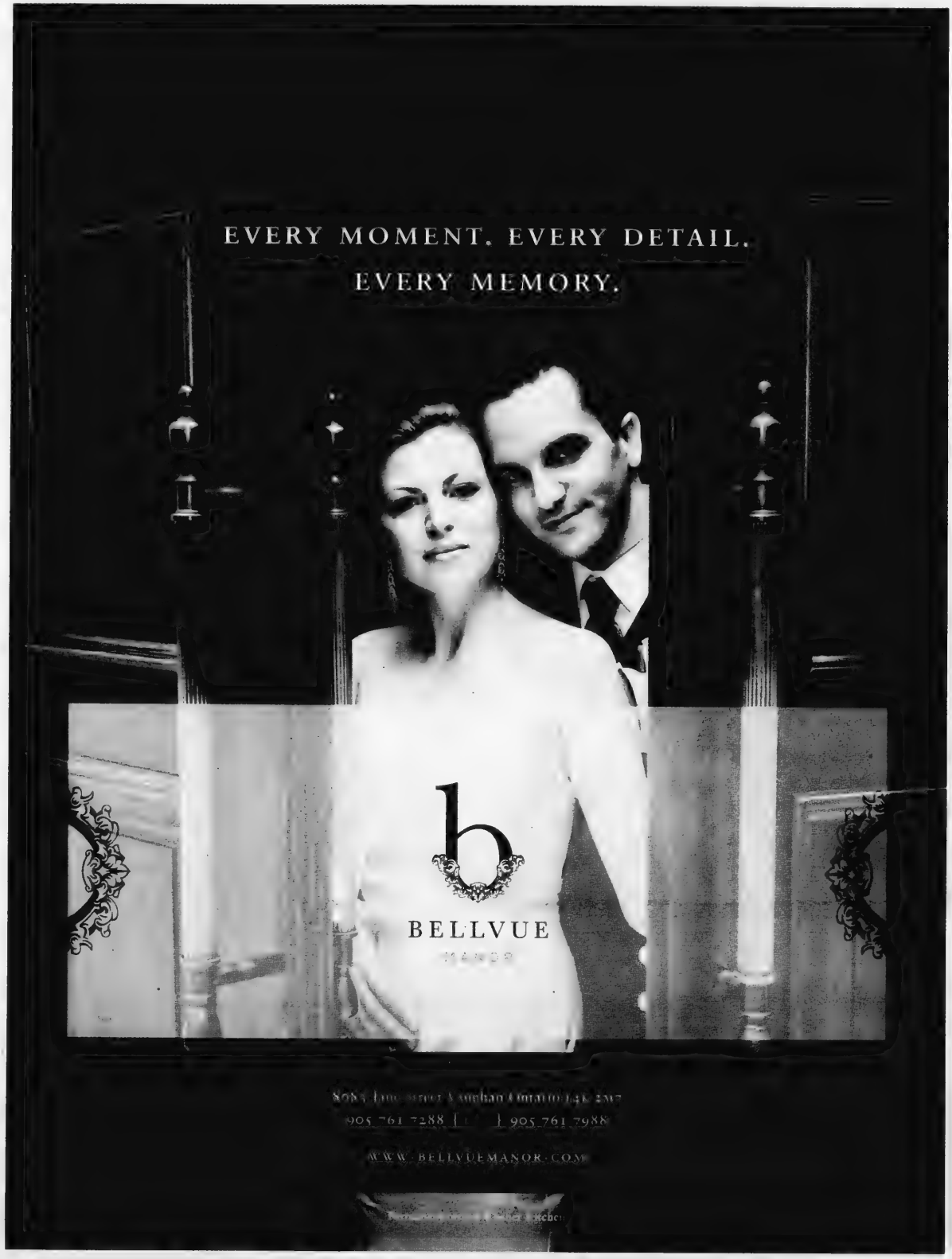
When Marilyn was 17, she asked my father to marry her. He joked it was because she loved him too much to wait, but later learned she had problems with her mother.

On the last day of their honeymoon, my father learned the truth about his new wife. As they prepared to leave Cypress Garden in Florida, Marilyn began to cry. My father tried to comfort her, but she couldn't stop crying. Apparently he told her, "Don't cry. The honeymoon is never over as long as we love each other."

She stopped crying. "I have a confession. You know all those things my mother told you I cooked for you? I never did. I can't cook. My mother wouldn't let me do anything!"

My father said he was shocked. Finally, he said to her, "If you learn to cook I'll eat it, no matter how awful it tastes."

That is the way it's been through their 50 years of marriage. When either had a problem, the other helped resolve it. When I asked for his formula for a successful marriage, he said, "Respect is another name for love. As long as there is respect for each other, there will be love. And we can build on respect, because respect is a building block. Your mother is now a gourmet cook. She kept her word. The formula is simple – always keep your word, or at least make an honest effort."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'Matchmaker, matchmaker make me a match'

Marni Brinder Byk
Special to The CJN

Everyone knows the famous lines from *Fiddler on the Roof*: "Matchmaker, matchmaker, make me a match/ Find me a find, catch me a catch!" It might not occur to many Jewish singles to use a matchmaker, but it may be a way for them to meet Mr. or Ms. Right and it could be the answer to their future happiness.

Two Toronto-area matchmakers are actively coupling Jewish singles and offering personalized service.

Tova of Happy Time Matchmaking (647-895-3371) said that her "approach is simple – I work the old-fashioned way, without the Internet. I interview each and every one of my clients during a meeting face to face in order to find the right match for them. I am here to help."

Tova has been making matches for ten years and offers a confidential service for Jewish singles who can be anywhere from their 20s to their 70s. She also caters to people who speak Hebrew.

Two of her clients, whose names have been changed at their request, have found success using her method.

Malka, a widow of three years and in her 60s, decided to contact Tova at the advice of a friend who was successful using her services. Malka, who doesn't use the Internet, registered with Tova and was introduced to a widower she's been dating for several months.

Malka is not looking for marriage and finds her match appropriate for her current situation. "It's nice to have companionship," she said.

Alex used Happy Time Matchmaking five years ago and met his wife thanks to Tova. He believes they couldn't have met otherwise – they never hung out at the same places. Alex said that Tova did "a beautiful job." He and his wife now have a one-month-old daughter.

Once a client completes a Happy Time registration form – any information given is strictly confidential – Tova requests a current photograph, which will be shown to prospective matches only.

Tova prides herself on working with people one to one, and when she meet a client, she talks him or her through the process and the application.

Currently, Happy Time Matchmaking has an 80 per cent success rate.

Matchmakers consult with one another to find the most suitable mate for their client, and the success of a matchmaker depends, in part, on networking.

Eve Potok, president of Soulmates Introduction Services Inc. (905-709-3868), has been a matchmaker since 1990. She uses the Internet to introduce Jewish singles from throughout North America and Israel who are interested in finding love and companionship. Potok said Soulmates is like "MLS for Jewish singles."

Her website, www.soulmates.net, offers free online registration, and any information clients give is kept completely confidential. Soulmates' extensive database is filled with pictures and profiles that are matched. Potok said that her job is to "make the search for your love an easy and pleasant experience."

Soulmates is launching a newly updated website in February, which will feature a social-networking application. You can also join Soulmates Introduction Services Inc.'s group on Facebook.

When a client registers on www.soulmates.net, she/he uploads a recent photo and completes an extensive questionnaire. Then Potok works on a match through her database, often networking with other professional matchmakers to make sure clients are matched accurately.

Potok said her clients need to be "committed to the process," whether they are registering for matchmaking services or signing up for Soulmates' free online dating site for people who prefer to take care of themselves. Many of her clients are Jewish singles in their 20s, but she has clients of all ages. Potok works over the phone with clients who are not Internet savvy.

Soulmates also offers an image-consulting service and spiritual guidance for clients in their quest for love.

When asked what message Potok would like to convey to Jewish singles leery of using her services, she said, "You have nothing to lose and everything to gain!"

Mom and Dad's wedding story

Heather Kaplan
Special to The CJN

When my mother and father met, it was totally by accident. My mom, Anne, was visiting her girlfriend on Oxford Street, while my father, Harold Goldman, was sitting in the hall of the same house, waiting for the fellow upstairs to return home with a book that he borrowed from him. They saw each other, and since my dad is a head shorter than my mom and had acne, she was not attracted to him at all. They were both only 16 years old.

Dad eventually found my mother's address on Oxford Street and asked her out to a costume party. He dressed as "The Shadow" and she, as a princess. After the first date, Mom never wanted to see Dad again.

A couple of years later, when Mom was coming home from work at Enchin Leather, she spotted Dad, handsomely dressed in his army uniform, now tall, moustached and looking a bit like Clark Gable. She claims that when she got off the streetcar at her stop, Dad followed her home, but according to Dad, it was the opposite. I guess now it was love at first sight.

Before Dad went overseas, he instructed my grandmother to have my mom over for Friday night dinner every week before he returned home – in order to keep an eye on her, I am guessing. Mom was very popular and had many dates, which Dad knew, so he tried his utmost to keep her coming to his house on Beatrice Street so she could get to know his family, including his two married sisters, Marsha and Anita, even though he was not around.

Before the war in Europe was over, Dad enlisted to fight in the Pacific against the Japanese, but by the time he was shipped back to Canada, the entire war was over. So, a date was booked at the Kiever Synagogue for the end of November for my parent's wedding, but unfortunately someone else wanted that date, so it was changed to Dec. 2, 1945.

The wedding was very large for those days, about 200 guests, and according to family legend, liquor at the time was scarce, so my uncle, David Grey, hid a bottle of whisky under his jacket and went around pouring and filling up glasses. Wedding pictures were taken, but most of them were lost, which was the fault of the photographer, and there are only three remaining.

Mom and Dad just celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this year. They are blessed with four daughters, four sons-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who wish them a very hearty mazel tov and much love for many more happy and healthy years to come.

Communication tools for better relationships

Lauren Kramer
Special to The CJN

With the divorce rate in North America hovering at over 50 percent, it's clear that many couples are having a major problem when it comes to communication. It seems ironic that's the one place they're foundering, given all the tools we have to communicate today: cell phones, texting, Facebook, email – as a population, we're communicating more than ever, and all the time. But not necessarily in the ways that count, says Tami Kulbatski, a Toronto-based psychologist who specializes in positive psychology and relationships.

"It's not about what you have, but about what you do with what you have," she insists. "People really need to wrap their brains around the idea that their digital device can be used as an adjunct communication tool in their relationship, but it can't replace one-to-one face time."

The challenge is to carve out a space for shared time together, undistracted by the myriad tangents that intersect our lives. "People don't realize that if they don't take the time to make their relationship a priority, everything else will suffer. They're forgetting how to put their partner and their relationship first," she explains.

Kulbatski sees many couples wait too long before seeking emotional help. By the time they show up at her door, one or both of them has all ready "checked out emotionally," she says. "By then it's a last ditch effort. The couples who come in earlier have a much higher success rate."

We can all use tips on improving our communication tools with significant others in our lives. Habits develop easily, blame becomes a part of our vocabulary and things can deteriorate rapidly in the absence of good communication skills. Where to start? Right here.

•Make A Date: On average, couples spend a mere 27 minutes per week engaged in real communication. We're not talking about the 'pay the bills' discussion, or the 'carpool the kids' dialogue, but real, meaningful talk about how we're feeling, our hopes for the weekend or our need to connect in a spiritual, romantic or practical way with one another. "I encourage couples to take ten minutes a day to sit down together, share their thoughts, hopes and dreams and make sure there are no distractions like cell phones, children or television," she says. "Give each other the gift of your undivided attention by having a ten-minute "Tea for Two" time daily, or even better, by scheduling a weekly date. Taking the time to have fun and connect is so important."

•Listen Properly: Your partner's talking and your mind is elsewhere, because let's face it, you have a lot on your mind. One way to stay focused and make sure you truly listen is to paraphrase what they told you, in order to confirm that what they said is what you heard. "The point is that you want confirmation from your partner that you've successfully captured their message," Kulbatski says.

•Say "I", not "You": Start a sentence with the word "You" and people often feel threatened or accused, which makes them defensive. So next time you're inclined to say "You hurt me," phrase it differently. A better way might be to say "I felt hurt when you did this." "People can listen more effectively when they don't feel like they're being threatened or accused," Kulbatski says.

•In Good Times & Bad: Being a partner is an immediate job in cheerleading. We know how important it is to be there in the bad times, providing comfort and solace. But sometimes we forget about the good times. "One way to increase the positivity in the relationship is to use Active Constructive Responses," Kulbatski says. When something good happens to your partner, show a lot of enthusiasm, demonstrate support, convey interest and ask a lot of questions. "Couples who celebrate each other's successes report they feel more marital satisfaction," she says.

•The 5:1: An examination of successful relationships shows that for every one negative exchange there are at least five positive ones. "It's a formula that seems to work," Kulbatski says. "If you criticize or hurt your partner's feelings, it's imperative you strive to make up for it with five expressions of positivity such as kindness, warmth and affection."

•Make Requests, not Criticisms: Instead of attacking your partner by pointing out their shortcomings, rephrase and ask for what you want. For example, instead of saying, 'you forgot to pay the bills, you're so irresponsible,' try something like 'could you put a reminder on your cell phone to pay the bills a week before they're due?' Phrased this way, your request may go further in attaining compliancy from your partner.

In a society of instant gratification and quick disposability, couples tend to give up on relationships and marriages too easily, cautions Kulbatski. "Focus on the quality of your communication, and remember that nothing takes the place of sitting together and sharing time," she suggests. That includes your iPhone, Blackberry or laptop computer. "Affect and emotion is lost in digital communication," she adds. "It's not the same as being able to hear the softness in your partner's voice or the feeling of your hand in theirs."

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Wedding showers celebrate the cycles of life

Beverly Levitt
Special to The CJN

Isn't there some archaic maxim that every occasion honoring your wedding be forever etched in your memory? Then why can't I remember any details of my own wedding shower?

Well, I do remember one thing – carefully opening the presents – knowing that my best friend, Mary, would be dutifully recording my every utterance, later to be read out loud so guests could titter at the double entendres. But for the life of me I can't remember where it was or what we ate, and I certainly didn't feel that a life-altering event had just taken place.

Fast forward to 2000, when my sister-in-law talked to me about the concept of mikvah and later that year when I read Anita Diamant's novel *The Red Tent*. The book, set in ancient times, illuminates the beauty of ancient Jewish rituals and the power of the camaraderie of women. It quietly nudges us to embrace their customs, even if we reinterpret them for the 21st century.

Picture from *Kosher by Design* [John Uher photo]

Since that time I have celebrated life-changing events, including wedding showers, in more meaningful ways, but I have often thought how empowering it would be to host such an occasion in a mikvah.

When I spoke to Diamant by phone from Boston, she told me people are doing just that, especially since non-affiliated, non-denominational mikvahs are being built all over the country, including the mikvah she helped build in Boston; Mayyim Hayyim: Living Waters Community Mikvah and Education Center.

"The mikvah is being reclaimed and reinvented," Diamant said. Since it is defined as a pool of living water that one submerges themselves to mark a transitional moment in one's life, it seems the perfect place for the celebration.

In Diamant's book, *The New Jewish Wedding*, the prolific author describes how the Sephardic custom of turning mikvah into a joyful party has inspired new rituals and celebrations – from the bride arriving at the mikvah with five friends and a basket of food and wine, who wait for her in the foyer while she immerses and then greet her with songs, champagne and sweets.

Another group of women gathered in a swimming hole, made a circle around the bride and all immersed themselves. While in the water, they wished for it to wash away the bride's self doubts, and then they praised her abilities, talents and beauty.

At another gathering, shower guests anointed their "wedding queen" with the gift of scents. Each one brought a pure distilled oil of a favorite fragrance.

"There are many ways to bestow a bride with blessings," said Diamant. "You can give them favorite recipes, share advice and stories about marriage. Some people might want to write stories for the bride or even create a memory book," she added.

When I spoke to Rabbi Lauren Grabelle Herrmann of Kol Tzedek in west Philadelphia, she reminded me that going to a mikvah before your wedding day is already an ancient custom, so using this ritual creates an opportunity for greater meaning. Entering the water is a reference to birth, she said, and coming out new or cleansed is a rebirth, getting ready for a new cycle of your life. It's a moment of transcendence.

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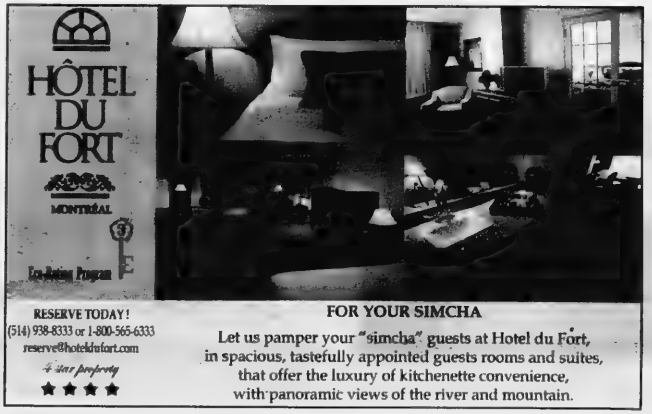
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And a lucky sixpence in her shoe…
Anonymous

For years, this adage has sent mothers of the bride, maids of honour – even concerned second cousins – scurrying about town to locate the perfect antique veil, wedding dress, second-hand handkerchief, baby blue garter and lucky penny to bestow upon the bride for her walk down the aisle. These traditional things have been guaranteeing good luck since time immemorial.

Now all that fuss is fun, but Sadie Sadie married lady still needs her espresso maker and her salmon poacher. And, as one modern bride so desperately wanted – her picnic table that folds up and fits into a bag. That's where the bridal shower comes in. And you were nice enough to offer to host a luncheon.

But instead of spending upward of $30 a person and having guests complain about prosaic pasta and commonplace chicken at a trendy restaurant, or hiring a caterer to tramp through your house and dirty up your kitchen, how about serving our delicious "do-able" menu and toasting the bride with a glass of your favourite champagne (no outrageous prices or corkage fee) in your own garden?

You'll not only save beaucoup de bucks you'll kvell from your cleverness. And send Sadie down the aisle with the comforting thought that when it comes time for her to host a shower, she knows who to call for help. Now that's a gift that keeps on giving.

And the best part, putting on a perfect party will bring Sadie just as much luck – and everything she registered for – as that silly sixpence in her shoe.

Since Los Angeles cooking teacher and party coordinator Jean Brady's company, L.A. Celebrations, has catered over 500 showers and weddings, we called upon her to guide us through what can potentially be a daunting endeavour.

A visit to Brady in her gadget-filled kitchen, with its picture windows providing views of the lush garden where she entertains, finds her bustling about the kitchen, testing recipes for a bridal shower. She brims over with advice as she offers a sip of Roasted Yellow Pepper Soup, a bite of Rosemary Bread with Dried Cherries, a taste of Pot De Crème Au Café. In between these delectable delights she explains how we can host our own luncheon but make it look like she did it for us.

Getting started

Decide upon a theme. Since showers are all about bestowing the bride with gifts for her new home, why not take your cue from her taste – whether it be Victorian, country or modern – and design the flowers, the decorations and even the music accordingly.

Choose your menu, then make a timeline of what to do when, including shopping, preparing, cleaning the house and setting the tables. In Brady's suggested menu, most items can be prepared in advance, making your luncheon more fun than work.

Make a list of dishes, flatware and glassware for each person, and of platters, bowls and serving pieces for each dish. If they're not in your closet, beg, borrow or find on sale what you'll need.

Brady's helpful hints

Tablecloths and napkins can be matching or contrasting. A pretty way of presenting napkins is to shake one down the middle, then tie it with a ribbon, variegated ivy and a rose. Or fasten it with a ribbon and a sprig of herbs.

A wonderful party favour is a cruet or wine split of homemade blackberry vinegar tied with raffia. If you attach a name tag to each one, it serves a double purpose.

A lovely way of serving butter is in individual soufflé dishes with a herb sprig on top. Rosemary, basil or Italian parsley are pretty and smell wonderful.

Serve salad dressing in attractive cruets or sauceboats with a ladle. Don't dress the salad in advance or your crisp greens will turn into a soggy mess.

Set up a separate table specifically for the gifts.

Have a table of simple appetizers available for guests when they arrive. We packed wide-mouthed vases with cherry tomatoes and black olives. Alongside, we filled dishes with nuts including pistachios, almonds and cashews.

Time savers

Soup: can be made up to 3-4 days in advance and refrigerated. Don't add cream until the last minute.
Salad: vegetables can be prepped several hours before the luncheon.
Avocado: peel 2-3 hours in advance but don't slice. Wrap in plastic until ready to use.
Asparagus: blanch, cut and leave at room temperature for a few hours before using.
Baby lettuce: just before serving, submerge in ice water for a few minutes until cold and crisp, then either spin dry in salad spinner or blot with paper towel.
Mango: peel skin with vegetable peeler and cut chunks off pit; or peel skin with peeler, score lengthwise and crosswise, then cut as close to pit as possible to release. You may place chunks in covered bowl in refrigerator for several hours before serving.
Tarragon: should be as fresh as possible. Wash well to loosen dirt.
Grapes: wash well to get rid of pesticide residual. Keep in refrigerator until just before assembling salad.
Bread: can be baked up to 3 weeks in advance, frozen, then defrosted at room temperature.
Pot de crème: can be made 2-3 days in advance, then set in coldest part of refrigerator. Let sit outside refrigerator 1/2 hour before serving.

ROASTED YELLOW PEPPER SOUP

From Jean Brady. Since our soup is served at room temperature, it can be poured and waiting for guests to arrive. Serve in individual soup bowls, preferably with handles, with matching or contrasting liners. The pale orange of the soup garnished with purple violas, violets or pansies looks like a painting. When eating flowers always make sure they are unsprayed.

15 roasted, peeled yellow peppers, sliced thin
8 carrots, scrubbed and diced
8 shallots, peeled and diced
4 sweet onions, peeled and coarsely chopped
4 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
1 stick unsalted butter for sautéing
1 1/2 tbsp. fresh tarragon, chopped
8 cups vegetable stock
salt and pepper to taste
dash ground chili powder
1 1/2 to 2 cups cream
20 edible violets, purple pansies or violas for garnish.

Sauté vegetables in butter until carrots are tender. Add stock, salt, pepper and chili powder. Simmer, covered, about 20 minutes. Puree vegetables and fresh tarragon; add cream to achieve desired consistency. Taste and adjust seasonings. Just before serving, place a flower in the centre of each bowl. Serves 20.

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You can do most of it in advance

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ROSEMARY BREAD WITH DRIED CHERRIES

From Jean Brady. Although you may warm it before serving, it dries out easily, so be careful. To save your sanity serve at room temperature. These proportions are for 1 loaf, which will serve 10 people. For 20 people, either double the recipe or make in 2 separate batches.

4 1/3 cups all-purpose unbleached flour and more to shape
1 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
2 tbsp. granulated sugar
1/4 cup fresh rosemary, chopped
2 tsp. instant yeast
1 3/4 cups warm water
1/2 cup good quality olive oil
1/2 cup dried cherries

Mix together 4 cups flour with salt, sugar, rosemary and yeast. Add olive oil and water to make a sticky dough. Knead by hand or in a mixer with a dough hook for 3-4 minutes – the last 2 minutes add cherries and last 1/3-cup flour. Cover with plastic wrap; allow to double in size, about 1 to 1-1/2 hours. Shape into large round or oval loaves; place on parchment-lined sheet, attractive side up. Preheat oven to 425. Allow dough to double once again, for about 45 minutes. Slash top of loaf with razor sharp knife or razor blade in 3-inch "X". Place in oven. Bake 45 minutes and allow to cool on rack for at least an hour. Makes 1 loaf.

SALAD OF BABY GREENS WITH GRILLED SALMON, PECANS, BLACKBERRIES AND BLACKBERRY VINAIGRETTE

From Jean Brady. One large platter heaped with salad at each table is gorgeous; but you can also make up individual plates. Serve dressing on the side. Make sure the pecans are very fresh.

Note: This recipe originally called for skinless, boneless grilled chicken breasts, perfect for when it's used with a non-dairy meal.

Blackberry vinegar
1 quart best quality white wine vinegar
25 fresh blackberries
Blackberry vinaigrette

All ingredients for vinaigrette should be at room temperature.
1 tbsp. best quality Dijon mustard, spicy or mild
3 tbsp. orange or tangerine juice
1/2 cup blackberry vinegar
salt and freshly ground white pepper to taste
1 clove garlic, peeled and crushed
3 shallots, peeled and finely minced
1/2 teaspoon sugar
1-1 1/2 cups olive oil, according to taste
Salad:
freshly ground salt and pepper to taste
30 cups mixed baby greens
2 bunches fresh tarragon, rinsed and stemmed
20 grilled salmon fillets
8 mangoes or papaya, peeled and diced
5 large, ripe avocados, peeled and sliced
2 cups raw or roasted unsalted pecan halves
1 1/2 pounds small seedless grapes
3 cups fresh blackberries
60 baby asparagus spears, blanched and sliced into 2-inch pieces

For Blackberry Vinegar:

Pour vinegar and blackberries into a glass or stoneware jar and leave in a dark place for 8 days. Gently remove blackberries and strain vinegar into decorative glass jar for storing and serving.

For Blackberry Vinaigrette:

Whisk together all ingredients except oil. Gently whisk oil into mixture. It tastes best if made 1 day in advance and left at room temperature.

Salad:

Salt and pepper lettuce leaves; add tarragon. Toss with vinaigrette. Place heaping amount of greens on platters – one for each table – or on individual plates. Top with salmon, mangos, avocados, asparagus, pecans, grapes and blackberries. Place vinaigrette dressing in bowls with ladles on each table so guests can help themselves. Serves 20.

POT DE CRÈME AU CAFE

From Jean Brady. Baking this luscious dessert in antique porcelain cups or cups to match the theme of the luncheon adds to the decor. You can surprise the bride by baking hers in a cup from her china. Remember the cups don't have to match. Often it's more interesting to see a variety of patterns on the table. Be careful not to under- or overcook it.

7 1/2 cups cream
1/4 cup ground espresso beans
3/4 to 1 cup granulated sugar, to taste
18 egg yolks
20 chocolate-covered espresso beans

Preheat oven to 300. Heat sugar, cream and espresso beans over low heat until sugar dissolves. Beat into yolks. Strain through fine strainer or cheesecloth. Divide into 20 individual china cups, pots de crème cups or ramekins (custard moulds). Set containers into a bain-marie (large pan of boiling water) in bottom third of oven. The hot water should come halfway up outside of cups. Bake 25 to 40 minutes, until just set. To determine doneness insert a sharp, thin-bladed knife or toothpick one inch from outside of container. If it comes out clean, remove from water and cool. Chill in refrigerator. Take out 1/2 hour before serving.

MERINGUE MUSHROOMS

From Connie Burdick. These mushrooms are right out of *Alice in Wonderland* and look gorgeous piled into baskets and tucked beneath maiden hair fern. To make your own "superfine" sugar, place regular granulated sugar in food processor and pulse until it achieves a fine texture.

6 egg whites
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. cream of tartar
1 1/2 cups superfine sugar
1/4 tsp. almond extract
3/4 tsp. vanilla extract
unsweetened cocoa to dust
6 oz. bittersweet chocolate, melted

Using an electric mixer on medium to high speed, beat egg whites in large bowl until foamy. Beat in salt and cream of tartar. Change speed to low, gradually add sugar, almond and vanilla extracts. Raise speed to high, beat until stiff, about 5 minutes.

Preheat oven to 225. Place meringue mixture in large pastry bag fitted with a plain 1/2-inch diameter tip. Line 2 cookie sheets with parchment paper. Make mushroom stems first while meringue is firmest. Press out meringue while lifting bag until stems are about 1/2 to 3/4 inches tall. Press out caps in rounds, about 1 inch in diameter. Try to keep them high and puffy rather than flat. If caps have points on them, dampen a finger and press points flat. Sprinkle stems and caps with cocoa.

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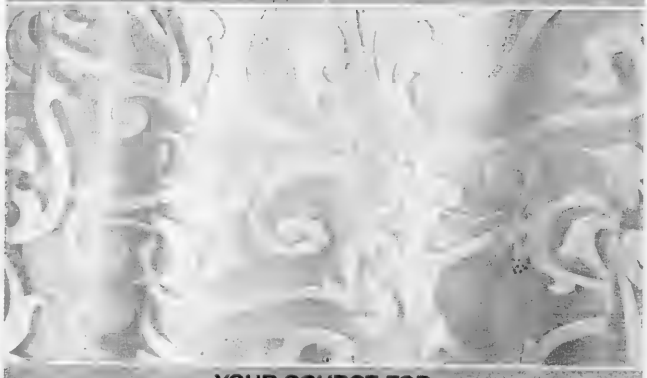

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From flirting to marriage

Stacey Naglie
Special to the CJN

We are Stacey Naglie and Sean Moxley, the bride and groom to be. We're getting married at Toronto's Adath Israel Synagogue in October 2011, and I'd like to share our story.

We first met via a mutual friend I had agreed to go out with so that she could introduce me to Sean. The attraction was mutual. After a few weeks of flirting back and forth, Sean finally asked me out. The rest is history!

After seven years as a couple, we went to Las Vegas for a holiday. A few days before leaving, Sean came home from work, got down on one knee and proposed! I accepted and immediately went to my parents' house to share the good news.

We soon started sharing our feelings about having children and whether we would raise them with a religion.

While I was adopted into a Jewish family and was converted as an infant, Sean was a content atheist with no particular urge to change. However, Sean's belief was that children should be raised with traditions and faith to help them deal with the big questions in life. So we decided that we would raise Jewish children in a Jewish home and that Sean would convert.

We met with my rabbi, who directed us to the Judaism conversion course led by Rabbi Martin Berman. The course introduced Sean to a concept of God and religion that he had never experienced before, and somehow it all felt right to him.

He wasn't the only one who was touched – I had tears streaming down my face.

For the next three months, we went to class and studied. This past Dec. 6, we wrote our first of three exams, and we passed with flying colours! Sean got an 88 per cent. Needless to say, I was crying yet again. We still have so much more to learn.

But we can say without a doubt that nothing will stop us from being the best Jews we can be.

We have been very busy over the past few months with work, conversion studies and wedding preparations, and we're sure the upcoming months will be even more hectic. We're grateful to have families that have been able to help us out this year, as we couldn't have done it without them! We have accomplished a lot, but the best is yet to come.

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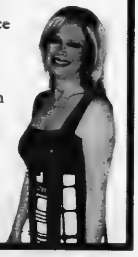

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Couple marries amid G20 protest

Sara Sherkey Fox
Special to The CJN

Thousands of police dressed in riot gear, weeks of heightened security, and protesters lining the streets of Toronto. Not exactly a romantic setting but such was the atmosphere outside of our June 24, 2010, wedding on King Street, the day before the official start of the G20. In spite of all of this, 220 guests happily gathered to celebrate our wedding day at the venerable King Edward Hotel.

When Matthew and I became engaged in January 2009, we had planned for a September wedding. However, circumstances dictated otherwise and when June 24 became available for us to get married, I became very excited. To me this was bashert as my grandparents were the first couple married in Bergen-Belsen on June 24, 1945, after the camp was liberated. This was a great opportunity to honour their memory and their loving marriage.

Destiny is a word that I would use to describe many aspects of mine and Matthew's relationship, including how we met. What started off as a cloudy July 1 holiday at the cottage in 2007 turned out to be the day I would meet the man I would one day marry. After only exchanging looks for a few short minutes, we both felt we wanted to see each other again. As it happened, my cousins were friends with my husband and subsequently our phone numbers were exchanged. After only a few months of dating, we both knew that we had something special.

Now being happily married for almost eight months, we continue to look forward to the future milestones we will share together. On every June 24, we will not only celebrate our anniversary but also that of my grandparents, a wonderful anniversary gift indeed!

Bridal designers embrace the ballerina

Anita Szabadi-Gottesman
Special to The CJN

"Everything is beautiful at the ballet" is a line of one of the lead characters speaks in the delightful Broadway spectacular, *A Chorus Line*. The story traces the journey of a group of ballet and modern dancers vying for a place on the Broadway stage.

Many little girls dream about making it as a ballerina and being on stage performing such wondrous works as *Swan Lake* or *Giselle*. Hollywood has just launched its newest psycho-thriller *Black Swan*, set on and off the ballet stage.

Bridal designers – Vera Wang, Monique Lhuillier, Carolina Herrera, Peter Langer, to name just a few, with relative newcomers New York-based Randi Rahm and Barcelona's Rosa Clara also presenting several ballerina designs – have embraced the ballerina in every little girl by including ballet-inspired wedding gowns in their 2011 collections and featuring them in their runway shows.

Some of the show-stopping gowns are replete with layers of tulle, chiffon, organza, silk and satin, and several designers have created dramatic effects by adding feathers and other accents. Frilly, feminine and romantic, a ballerina-inspired gown allows the bride to create a true fairy-tale feeling for her wedding day.

The ballet-inspired gown has a simple silhouette that's created with a tight bodice till the waist and a full skirt bottom. A corset top can also be paired with a flowy skirt. Many skirts have built-in crinolines or layers of chiffon or tulle. Detailing includes lace and crystals. The overall look is pure romance in easy-to-wear simple styling.

While ballet-inspired gowns can be floor length, designers have chosen to include a selection of gowns that are true ballerina length. These gowns fall halfway between the knee and the ankle, making them extremely comfortable and easy to wear. Dancing through the reception with a ballerina-length gown ensures freedom of movement and no trampling on the front or back of the gown during the festivities.

Style diva Martha Stewart has also joined in creating a complete ballet-inspired look for this year's bride. She offers ballet-pink bridesmaid's dresses and pink-based decor. From pink flowers and cupcakes decorated with pink icing to the bride's bouquet, Stewart has embraced the ballerina look as a little girl's dream come true – perfect for her wedding day.

The bride can choose to carry this romantic ballerina look to her hairstyle by wearing a high bun and accessorizing with a ribbon or jewelled headband. Flower girls can add to the charm in tutu-inspired dresses in white or pink with matching ballet slippers.

The bride may also prefer ballet slippers or ballet-style flats for her walk down the aisle or to change into for the reception. Comfortable and versatile, ballet slippers complete the look for the ballet-inspired bride. Ballet slippers and ballet flats are available in satin and leather in dozens of styles. Choose styles with bows, crystals or pearls, or classic-style toe shoes with ribbon accents that tie at the ankles. Add a touch of glamour by choosing sequined ballet slippers. Most ballet slippers can be dyed to match the colour of a wedding gown. You can customize a pair of ballet slippers with unique embellishments and the help of a glue gun.

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Shower honours cycle of life

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But there are many ways to achieve this. Grabelle Herrmann suggested that if a mikvah isn't available, the women can gather at a spa and enjoy shampoos, facials or other forms of cleansing. Hot tubs or swimming pools can also be used. Friends of the bride are there as support, to share marriage stories and to help their sister and friend go through this transition.

"I believe holy moments can happen any time. Holiness can happen in our living room, our bedroom or our courtyard. If women feel comfortable at a spa, you can bring spirituality to where people already are. There are many ways to connect."

Since the wedding shower honors the cycles of life – the universal concept of no beginning and no end – the menu, as well as the floral decorations and gift suggestions, will all be round, signifying the birth of a new union and that a husband and a wife are two parts of one soul. It is delightfully surprising how this perfect, beautiful shape appears so frequently in nature – from the seed, which is the beginning of life, to many of the most beautiful flowers, fruits and vegetables.

For gifts, since guests will be in a mikvah, spa or around running water, round soaps, sponges, candles, doilies, placemats, crystals and rocks or CDs with beautiful music can be presented. Round gifts of food and sweets such as chocolate truffles, cookies and cakes, round biscuits, crackers, muffins and breads, round cheeses and cheese balls, round fresh and dried fruits are also options.

Beautiful floral decorations start with roses, peonies, dahlias, daisies, camellias, chrysanthemums, gardenias – the list is endless. Depending on the season, bulbs of lovely flowers make great gifts.

For the menu, serve round, symbolic foods – roasted whole fish will be presented head to tail, as in sign of the Pisces zodiac, a symbol of a long life. Fish is a token of wisdom, fortune and fertility. Whole baked fish stands for righteousness. The garnish of ruby red pomegranate seeds and pomegranate syrup is a wish for a sweet marriage filled with fertility.

Leeks are included for luck and opulence, soup made from squash, which promises fullness in blessing. The fish are complemented by round baby potatoes and beets and a fennel bulb. There's a round cheese ball encrusted with round hazelnuts, as well as angel eggs stuffed with truffles and caviar. The M'hancha pastry, which is formed out of filo dough and coiled like a snake, is a symbol of spiritual power and the awakened self. It also represents sexual energy.

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A YEAR IN ISRAEL

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JEWISH PLAYWRIGHTS

In the Beginning, a Jewish Playwrights Festival, calls for submissions that offer fresh perspectives on Jewish heritage, history and experience. June 1-16, 4 playwrights will workshop their scripts with professional actors and directors and receive one public staged reading. Script submissions by 5 p.m., March 15. to www.hgjewishtheatre.com.

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Bernard Betel Centre. 416-225-2112. Feb. 20, digital photography, 6-week course, $75. Call **Dianne Erdos-Rush**, ext. 128. Feb. 22, lecture, "A Woman's Work Is Never Done." **Rachel Levin**, 10-11:30 a.m., members $3, non-members $6. Feb. 24, wellness lecture, "I Just Need a Good Night's Sleep. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. Call **Valerie**, 416-395-7881. Casino Rama, Wednesday, March 16. Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon, canasta. Tuesdays, drop-in art classes, 10 a.m. Thursdays, line dancing, 10 a.m. Thursdays, social bridge, 12:30 p.m. Seniors woodworking, skilled craftsmen, repairs, call 416-630-6487.

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Family Day, Monday, Feb. 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Includes tobogganing, sledding, skating and snowman making; mother-daughter Zumba and Zone; father-son Box-Fit and Tone; bubbie, parent and child move and groove; fitness challenges; crafts, scavenger hunt, obstacle course and games. Small fee for refreshments.

Kolel Bamidbar advanced Torah class with **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein**, Feb. 28 to April 4. Ext. 4235.

Israel: Reflections of an Insider from the Outside. **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein**, March 7-28. Ext. 4235.

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Jokers Club cancelled in February.

Trial Shuttle Service, free for seniors registered in a program or are a social or fitness member. Ext. 4259.

Movie Mondays with **Larry Anklewicz**, Feb. 21, *The Chosen*. 1:30 p.m.

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Personal storytelling classes, with **Tracey Erin Smith**. 10 weeks, Feb. 24-April 28, 7-9:30 p.m.

Toronto Jewish Film Society presents *Surfwise*, Feb. 27, 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Guest speaker **Karen Shopsowitz**. Al Green Theatre.

A Night without a Moon, Jewish Women's Cabaret, featuring **Annie Gilbert**, The Marni Levitt Trio and more. March 5, 8 p.m.- 12 a.m.

The gallery in the Jacobs Lounge, MNJCC. *Ephemera* by **Judy Singer**. Until Feb. 28.

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Student-led group unites Jews, Muslims in charity work

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

A student-run initiative that unites Jewish and Muslim students based on their shared religious value of charity has spread its programming to the University of Toronto.

The Tzedaka-Sadaqah Project (TSP), founded in 2009 by four Jewish and Muslim students at the University of Western Ontario, held its first event in Toronto earlier this month.

Despite of the Feb. 2 snowstorm that hit the Toronto area, 15 students made their way to U of T's Hart House to make 80 lunches for the Scott Mission, a drop-in centre for Toronto's homeless.

The lunches, which were sponsored by U of T's Multi-faith Centre for Spiritual Study and Practice, contained sandwiches, fruit, drinks and a dessert.

During the program, a Muslim and Jewish student each gave a presentation on the roots of social action and interfaith work in their respective traditions, and there was also a projector showing slides that displayed inspirational quotes by Jewish and Muslim leaders, and statistics on Toronto's poverty rates.

Avi Shack, 24, who sits on the TSP board and helped organize the U of T event, said the purpose of such programs is to help Jews and Muslims find common ground.

"We see humanitarian work as a portal to develop an encounter between the two groups who otherwise wouldn't have a reason to meet on campus. Through these encounters, they can develop a sense of trust, and through that trust, they can have more substantial conversations about the issues that keep the two communities apart," said Shack, a part-time student at U of T.

Shack said he was working toward his master's in sociology at McMaster University when he first met, and was inspired by, one of the group's founders, Ben Rosen.

Rosen, now a 23-year-old medical student at McMaster, co-founded TSP during his last year of undergraduate studies at UWO. He said it wasn't until he and his friends organized a group of Jewish and Muslim students to serve hot meals to London's homeless through a local church's Out of the Cold program that he realized how much the two faiths had in common.

"We started talking about some of the values that we have in common, and we came up with the idea that it's important to develop a relationship in spite of the fact that we may disagree on political issues," Rosen said.

Since Jewish and Muslim UWO students first began volunteering at the Dundas Street Centre United Church in London for the Out of the Cold program two years ago, TSP has expanded its reach to organize events at McMaster and U of T, and it plans to launch at the University of Ottawa next month.

Jewish and Muslim students gathered earlier this month at the University of Toronto to make lunches for Toronto's homeless as part of a new student-led initiative called the Tzedaka-Sadaqah Project.

Azim Kasmani, who sits on the TSP board, also saw the value in building bridges between the two communities.

Kasmani, a 24-year-old epidemiology student at the University of Ottawa who first connected with TSP when he was a McMaster student, said working with TSP has opened his eyes to the commonalities between Judaism and Islam.

"We went to a couple of Shabbat dinners for Muslim and Jewish students at Ben's house, and that was a really great opportunity to see how similar we are in some of our values. Just getting to know people on a personal level, we have a lot more of the same goals and ideals than you'd think," Kasmani said.

He added that one of the values that both faiths place high importance on is family. "Ben's family hosted the dinner, and the way they hosted it and the hospitality – it was a very family-first type thing," he said.

He said an organization such as TSP is important because it can effect change on a local level.

"We're always thinking about international causes, but I think this is a real opportunity to give back to our local Canadian communities, and on top of that, reduce the tensions between the Muslim and Jewish communities."

Shack said that since the U of T event was such a success, he hopes that Ryerson University and York University will also hold TSP programs by the end of the year.

"I've connected with a number of students on the executive at Hillel and also at the Muslim Students' Association," he said, adding that Hillel has expressed interest in partnering on future programs that "centre around Jewish and Muslim students coming together to do social justice work together and also to learn a bit more about each others' faiths and hopefully engage in a more substantial dialogue."

Shack said the U of T event garnered interest from about 75 students who said they want to support TSP and be informed about future programs.

Rosen thinks the success of the organization lies in the fact that it doesn't try to do too much too soon.

"The philosophy of the organization is that we don't start with the most difficult issues. We observed that... the only time Jewish and Muslim students encountered each other was at some heated political rally, and they were mostly negative encounters," Rosen said.

"So we figured that if we're going to focus on the things that divide us, we have to pay equal mind to the things that unite us."

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Que. MNA blocks debate on boycott motion

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — A motion condemning the boycott of a Montreal shoe store selling Israeli shoes was blocked by the single Québec solidaire (QS) member of the National Assembly.

Amir Khadir, MNA for Mercier, prevented the motion from being debated after it was presented Feb. 9 by the Action démocratique du Québec's François Bonnardel (Shefford) and supported by Parti québécois MNA Martin Lemay (Ste. Marie-St. Jacques) and Liberal Lawrence Bergman (D'Arcy McGee).

Boutique Le Marcheur on St. Denis Street is located in Lemay's riding.

All three politicians have visited the store to lend their support to owner Yves Archambault.

The motion "deplores the boycott campaign" in front of the store, which began in October, and states that "the National Assembly reiterates its support for the understanding on co-operation between the government of Quebec and the government of the State of Israel, which was signed in Jerusalem in 1997 and renewed in 2007."

Khadir participated in the Dec. 11 picketing outside Le Marcheur, and his party passed a motion in November 2009 endorsing the international boycott campaign against Israel. Soon after, Khadir tried to have the legislature entertain his motion in support of the boycott.

Supporters of Le Marcheur have been rallying outside the store to counter the anti-Israel boycott campaign.

In a statement, the Quebec-Israel Committee (QIC) welcomed the motion and its implied repudiation of Khadir and his party's involvement.

Executive director Luciano Del Negro explained that Khadir was the only member to refuse to give his consent to the Speaker for the motion to proceed. Unanimous consent of all members present is required for a motion to be debated.

"What we had was a full house, 124 MNAs from all three major parties, and the independents, saying yes, and one member being isolated."

Del Negro noted that what happened is significant because it's the first time any government in Canada, and possibly the world, has clearly rejected the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaign.

"People always say the situation is more difficult in Quebec, but it is the National Assembly that has set a new benchmark on the issue that we hope will inspire other legislatures. There is now a consensus among the political class in Quebec that BDS is not acceptable. You don't have that elsewhere in Canada."

QIC research and communications director David Ouellette added: "This unprecedented disavowal of the BDS campaign by the legislature confirms QIC's long-held contention that the boycott campaign of Israel enjoys no significant support in Quebec."

Khadir and party co-leader Françoise David have stated that he regretted taking part in the demonstration, because his intention was not to encourage a boycott of the store, but only of the Israeli-made merchandise, which represents a small part of its wares.

Khadir's press attaché Christian Dubois said the MNA refused to debate the motion because it went beyond denouncing the boycott of Le Marcheur. The QS has called for the suspension of the Quebec-Israel agreement.

Khadir, first elected in 2008, ran unsuccessfully for the Bloc québécois in the 2000 federal election.

The group that has been organizing the demonstrations announced on its website last week that it would be resuming its action this past Saturday.

Palestinian and Jewish Unity (PAJU) had suspended the protests the previous two Saturdays, Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 based on fears that the little-known Mouvement Nationaliste-Révolutionnaire Québécois, which it judged to be extreme right-wing and racist, was planning to show up. It did not.

In a departure from the past, PAJU identified the location of the demonstration as the corner of St. Denis and Duluth streets, rather than naming the nearby store.

Bergen-Belsen DP babies

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Applebaum said that all of them have been "in the womb of a woman who had just been liberated. The trauma of that kind of birth affects everyone."

None of the three had a lot of information on their history, said Lasky. "Our parents gave us moments, but not a chain of events. My parents could not speak of the horrors. They had life to live and didn't want to live in the past."

Applebaum said they would also like to learn about the local Jewish community's role in helping to bring European Jews to North America. "This project is not just about being born there. It's about survival."

Their goal, said Lasky, is to put together a project that will fill in a gap in history for their grandchildren. "We don't want them to be detached from their roots." Everyone invited for an interview, said Volgyesi, accepted without reservation. "They take from 45 minutes to an hour, and each one is an incredible experience."

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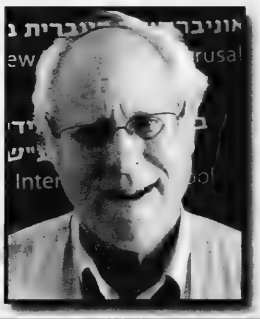

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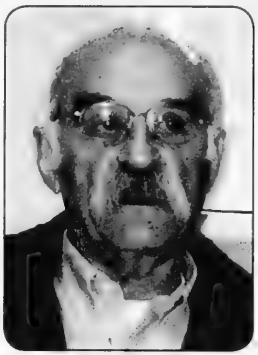
Staking out David's Jerusalem

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

For the layman, it's hard not to think of the Bible when considering archeology in the Holy Land.

It turns out, it's just as hard for many archeologists. A dispute has been raging for years over mixing the scientific means of gathering information versus relying on the holy book as a guide. *National Geographic* magazine recently highlighted the argument, which has focused to a large extent on the biblical figure of David and his capital city, Jerusalem.



Dan Bahat

Were David and his son Solomon majestic figures lording it over a grand kingdom, or were they minor warlords in control of a dirt-poor corner of the Middle East. Or did they exist at all?

The disagreement among Israeli archeologists focuses on one Israel Finkelstein, a Tel Aviv University professor who dismisses suggestions that David and Solomon were anything like the glorious, city-building monarchs described in the Bible, versus Eilat Mazar, who is excavating a site in Jerusalem that she claims is David's ancient palace.

Enter Dan Bahat to shed light on the dispute. Bahat is a colourful figure in Israeli archeology who served as chief archeologist of the Jerusalem Region for the Israel Antiquities Authority. This reporter first met Bahat in 2009 when he conducted a fascinating tour of the Western Wall tunnel that runs for 1,600 feet from the visible wall into the Arab Quarter of Jerusalem.

"I am in the school of Mazar," said Bahat, who recently ended a visiting teaching position at the University of Toronto's St. Michael's College. "You can't prove anything from a lack of information."

Bahat has left Toronto for now, although he promises to return next autumn to resume teaching at U of T.

"My field is Jerusalem," he said. "When Israel Finkelstein and others wrote, 'How can it be a big empire if we didn't find anything?', my point of view is that Jerusalem cannot be judged. Why? Because it was destroyed so many times, we should be grateful for the smallest morsel of information."

The ancient City of David, which lies south of the current Old City walls and is the site of a largely Arab neighbourhood, was first excavated in the 1880s. Archeologists found nothing of the Davidic period and "the result was that people say there was no David or Solomon in Jerusalem," he explained.

"The problem in Jerusalem is that the upper part of the hill was completely shaven by the Romans. The Romans took the stones to build Aelia Capitolina, the name [Rome] gave for Jerusalem after it exiled the Jews following the Bar Kochba revolt.

"So all that can be looked for are the slopes on both sides."

"Mazar was clever. She found areas that were never excavated and she tried and found 10th- and 11th-century BCE remains," Bahat said.

But, he continued, "she made a grave mistake. She immediately said this is David's palace" and that prompted an "attack" from Finkelstein.

"She should have said, 'I found structures built in the 11th century and used in the 10th century BCE and this is exactly what the Bible said, that David made his residence in the citadel of Zion and he called it the City of David. I think this is exactly what she found.

"You should never, when you come to digs, come with previous knowledge. It will distort what you find… You can refer later to the Bible," he said.

Bahat believes that the argument of naysayers, who question David's prominence, was put to rest by the discovery in 1993 of an inscription in Tel Dan, in which "another king called Israel the House of David. That meant David left a great impression on the Aramean king."

There are historians and archeologists who "falsify history" and who reject evidence of the Davidic influence. One "wrote a book that accuses Jewish archeologists and historians of trying to erase Arab history in the country. That's part of a world view that embraces the Palestinian narrative and denies the Jewish one."

Other discoveries have bolstered the biblical description of the Davidic kingdom, he continued. Another find, this time southeast of the Dead Sea in Jordan, dated to the time of David and Solomon, suggest the scale of the mining operation could only have been organized by a well-to-do kingdom, *National Geographic* reported.

Asked about recent Palestinian claims that denied a Jewish connection to the Western Wall, Bahat quickly responded, "These are lies."

In fact, he said, recent excavations in the Western Wall tunnel are going deeper than before and finding artifacts from the First Temple Period – the era associated with Solomon, almost 1,000 BCE.

"It shows the city existed north of the Second Temple area and into [today's] Old City."

Bahat, 72, said Israeli archeology authorities won't permit him to dig anymore – they worry he'll die before he publishes his findings. But, "if I could dig on the eastern side of Jerusalem at the eastern wall of the Temple Mount, it is believed to date back to the Solomonic period. But you'd have to dig in an Arab cemetery," and that is not in the cards, he said.

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Teachers concerned about merger plans

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Teachers at the two Jewish school systems slated to merge have doubts about the feasibility of the project, says union spokesperson Jeff Itcush.

Itcush, who has taught at Bialik High School since 1994, said there is concern about a lack of consultation with educators.

"Schools are more than buildings, Smart Boards and computers," said Itcush, a past president and first vice-president of the Federation of Teachers of Jewish Schools. "Most teachers fear a complete absence of consultation in the educational direction of this proposal. There should be maximum consultation of all stakeholders."

Teachers were officially informed Jan. 31 of the proposal to merge Jewish People's and Peretz Schools/Bialik High School and United Talmud Torahs/Herzliah High School. Prior to that, there had been no request for input from the teachers on the idea, although it was being formulated by volunteer school leaders since last year, Itcush said.

Itcush does agree with school leaders that the current organization of the Jewish day school system is no longer "tenable." The two systems in question cannot continue to operate separately, because of the competition for students and resources. But his preference is a middle course that would entail "some kind of marriage" at the administrative level, while allowing each system to maintain its distinct philosophies and strengths.

A lot of money would be saved and efficiency gained if the two schools shared some of the same professional administrators, had a centralized board and co-operated in other ways, such as in finances and government relations.

"There's too much duplication now," he said.

Itcush also foresees a logistical headache resulting from the creation of a "community" school that tries to accommodate a range of Jewish and secular studies options.

"Even as things stand now, it is an enormous challenge to schedule in a way that includes all of the government-mandated curriculum and the Jewish studies, and have all students in the right place at the right time," he said. "In a multi-track system, with different streams and options added, the task seems insurmountable."

FTJS president Mordechai Antal, who has taught at Bialik for eight years, thinks that how well the consolidation of UTT/Herzliah on the Snowdon campus is accomplished will be a test run for a larger merger. The St. Laurent campus is to be closed and moved to Snowdon by this summer.

"We will see how well they manage the merger of students and staff, how they deal with the parents. That's just at the beginning now," Antal said.

Itcush said the worst-case scenario envisioned is that the merger process will cause instability that will lead to parents pulling their children out of schools and younger teachers choosing to establish their careers elsewhere.

Some teachers are optimistic that the merger as now proposed would be "the best-case scenario," he continued, and there is excitement about new facilities and new structures. But for that to unfold, there is agreement that good management is crucial.

Is the Brotherhood hiding or sharpening its fangs?

As coverage of the Egyptian crisis entered its second week, several analysts argued that the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood is a voice of moderation and that there's nothing to fear from it.

On cbc.ca (Feb. 4), Kent State University professor Joshua Stacher maintained that while it uses an "Islamic idiom" to define its policies, the Brotherhood isn't driven by a radical religious ideology. Stacher claimed that, in practice, it's nothing but a benign, pragmatic organization intent on promoting non-violent social and political change within Egypt. "It's just a boring, sleeping group that just does politics really well," he said.

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

In a Feb. 3 op-ed in the *New York Times*, Scott Atram, an academic and author of a book on the Brotherhood, downplayed its significance within Egyptian society. Atram depicts the Brotherhood as a disorganized, ineffective group which, although it seeks power, has failed for 83 years to turn Egypt into an Islamic state, and is now "marginal to the spirit of revolt now spreading through the Arab world."

Continuing with the theme of a benign Brotherhood, the *Globe and Mail*'s Doug Saunders ("Who's afraid of the Muslim Brotherhood?", Feb. 5), boldly predicted that "There's zero chance of Egypt's uprising turning into the 1979 Iranian revolution or the terrorist violence of Hamas; there are no parties, and no Egyptian constituency of any size, seeking a theocracy."

He quoted George Washington University political scientist Nathan Brown: "'First, the Muslim Brotherhood is against a theocratic state or any role for clerics... And second, they prefer to work within a pluralist system... The idea of creating an Islamic state does not seem to be anywhere near their agenda.'"

These claims of moderation contrast starkly with statements from senior officials of the movement itself, affirming the gradual creation of an Islamic state governed by *sharia* law. As was mentioned in last week's column, the recent Pew Center survey of attitudes in Muslim countries about the role of Islam in politics found that nearly 60 per cent of Egyptians favour fundamentalist Islam over modernization. This hardly makes Egypt immune to the lure of the Brotherhood.

"Would the Muslim Brotherhood participate in a government that recognizes Israel and works with western governments?" Saunders asked. His answer: "Their leaders, and informed observers, say yes."

Only certain spokesmen, but not the movement's leaders, have issued statements that appear to accept the 1979 Egypt-Israel peace treaty. However – and this is crucial – they do *not* state this unambiguously. There's always a qualification added that gives them an out and amounts to double-speak meant to hoodwink unsuspecting westerners.

Thus spokesperson Mahoud Ezzat stated (CBS News, Feb. 1): "We will respect the peace treaty with Israel as long *as Israel shows real progress on improving the lot of the Palestinians*" (emphasis added). Brotherhood member and former spokesperson Kamal El Helbawy told the BBC (Feb. 3): "We will adhere [to the peace treaty], but it should be reviewed to bring justice in [since] we can't accept [Israeli] occupation." More subtle is the same message from Brotherhood member Sobi Saleh (*Wall Street Journal*, Feb. 2), who said that his movement would abide by the treaty "so long as Israel doesn't breach the treaty first." (Since part of the treaty concerns autonomy for the West Bank leading to a permanent settlement "within five years," the Brotherhood can readily charge that Israel has breached the treaty, rendering it null and void.)

Throngs of Egyptians show their contempt for Hosni Mubarak. *[Israel Sun photo]*

When the BBC host pointed out that officially the Brotherhood insists on shredding the peace treaty, he bluntly asked El Helbawy: "Are you aware of the widespread suspicion – sometimes not with all gullible western journalists – but the widespread suspicion among a lot of people in the West, that the Muslim Brotherhood puts up people like you to sound and look moderate and to cover the fact that you're a highly extremist Islamicist organization?"

It's not hard to imagine El Helbawy's response. But as to the actual leaders of the Brotherhood, on Japan's NHTV, Rahad al-Bayumi, the group's second-in-command said straightforwardly that any government that replaces the Mubarak regime should cancel the peace agreement with Israel.

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Meatballs always a hit

Eileen Goltz
Special to The CJN

I had a culinary 911 call a few weeks ago. A neighbour was having a bunch for her husband's new work colleagues, and she was panicking because she doesn't cook. This was the first time she was going to be entertaining as the "boss' wife" and she felt like she should go the extra mile.

As her budget was tight I suggested she prepare a veggie platter and make some meat balls. Everyone likes meatballs, I tell her, and they can be made with a less caloric meat like ground chicken or turkey.

Personally, I tend to make basic meat balls and leave the gourmet ones to others. I gave her several recipes to choose from.

MAMA MARIE'S BAKED MEATBALLS

A neighbour who is an excellent cook assures me they have been gracing her table for over 25 years to rave reviews. Who am I to disagree with her 13 grandkids?

1 tbsp. olive oil.
1/2 cup minced onion
2 tsp. dried oregano
1 tbsp. minced garlic
1 1/2 lb. ground beef.
1/2 cup cracker crumbs
2 eggs
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. ground black pepper.

Preheat oven to 375. In a skillet, over high heat, saute the onion in the oil for 5 minutes or until soft. Add the garlic and cook for 1 more minute. Place the onion and garlic into a bowl and add the beef, oregano, cracker crumbs, eggs, salt and black pepper. Mix to combine. Roll into golf ball sized balls and arrange them on a baking sheet with sides. Bake for about 20 to 25 minutes or until the meatballs are browned and cooked throughout. Serve as an appetizer or add them into your favorite tomato sauce over pasta. Serves 8

BAYOU MEAT BALLS

1 1/2 lb. of ground meat (your choice of beef or ground chicken or turkey).
1 cup of breadcrumbs
1 egg
1/4 cup of water or soy milk
1 tsp. of salt
1/4 tsp. garlic powder
ground black pepper to taste.
1/2 cup oil
1/2 cup of chopped red bell pepper.
1 onion, diced

1 tsp. minced garlic
1/2 cup of green onion tops and bottoms.
hot sauce to taste
flour
5 cups of water

In a large bowl, combine the meat, breadcrumbs, egg, 1/4 cup water, salt, garlic powder and black pepper. Form the mixture into small balls then roll them in the flour. Heat the oil in a large pot and then brown the meatballs on all sides. Remove meatballs from oil and saute the peppers, garlic and onions just until they are soft. Return the meatballs back to the pot, add the water and a dash or two or hot sauce. Cook, uncovered for about 35 to 45 minutes, until the gravy thickens and the meat balls are cooked throughout. Serve with tooth picks or over rice. Serves 6 to 8 as appetizers, 4 as main course

Submitted by Roger Marousse Indianapolis, IN

PACIFIC RIM MEATBALLS

16 oz. of pineapple chunks in juice, drained, save the juice
1/2 to 2/3 cup of red or green bell pepper, chopped fine.
1 tsp. fresh ginger chopped or 1/4 tsp. dried
1 1/2 lb. ground turkey
1/2 cup of green onion slices.
2/3 cup of toasted breadcrumbs
1/2 tsp. of salt
1 cup ready-made teriyaki sauce

Preheat oven to 400. In a large bowl, combine 1/4 cup of the pineapple juice, chopped bell pepper, ginger, ground turkey, sliced green onion, breadcrumbs and salt and mix to combine. Shape the mixture into balls and place them in a 9X13 baking dish. Pour the teriyaki sauce over meatballs; mix lightly to coat the meatballs Bake, uncovered for 30 minutes. Serves 6 to 8.

SAVOURY MEATBALLS

1 lb. ground beef
1 egg, beaten
1cup bread crumbs
2 tsp. minced garlic
1/2 cup minced onion
1 to 2 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
1 to 2 tbsp. chopped fresh basil
1/4 tsp. fennel seed, toasted and chopped fine
1/4 tsp. dried red pepper flakes
1/4 tsp. dried oregano
1/2 + tsp. kosher salt
1/4+ tsp. fresh ground pepper
marinara sauce of your choice

Preheat oven to 350. Mix all ingredients together in a large bowl. Roll mixture into balls. It should make between 12 to 15, depending on the size. Spray cooking sheet with olive oil spray and bake meatballs for 10 minutes. Turn them over and bake for another 10 minutes. Remove them to a large pot and add marinara sauce. Cook on low heat for about 30 minutes. Serves 6 to 8

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Egypt pledges to honour peace treaties

Canada, Israel, U.S. welcome commitment

JTA

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu welcomed statements last weekend by Egypt's military that it would honour the country's peace treaty with Israel.

"The longstanding peace treaty between Israel and Egypt has greatly contributed to both countries and is the cornerstone for peace and stability in the entire Middle East," Netanyahu said Saturday night in his first comments since Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak resigned on Feb. 11, ceding power to the military.

Netanyahu expanded on the statement Sunday in cabinet.

"The peace agreement with Israel has stood for many years. During this period, all Egyptian governments have upheld and advanced it, and we believe that it is the cornerstone of peace and stability, not only between the two countries, but in the entire Middle East as well," he said.

Meanwhile, Reuters reported that Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak spoke by phone with Mohamed Hussein Tantawi, the head of Egypt's Higher Military Council, in the first contact between Israel and Egypt's new military rulers.

In an announcement broadcast on state television last Saturday, an Egyptian army spokesperson pledged that Egypt would honour all its international and regional treaties.

The news prompted immediate reaction from the international community. U.S. President Barack Obama welcomed the proclamation, according to a White House statement.

In his own statement last Friday, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Canada "respects" Mubarak's decision to step down and called on Egyptians to now work toward "free and fair elections."

"We want to see the rule of law and stability. We want to see respect for human rights, including the rights of minorities, including religious minorities. We want to see the transition to a democratic Egypt," Harper said.

He added that Canada would continue to support Egypt in implementing "meaningful democratic and economic reforms" as well as Egypt's efforts to promote regional stability and peace "including with Israel."

Harper and Obama held lengthy discussions about the situation in Egypt when the two leaders met in Washington on Feb. 4, according to a spokesperson from the PMO.

In conversations with various world leaders over the weekend, Obama "reaffirmed the United States' strong commitment to supporting a more peaceful and prosperous Middle East in close consultation with all our regional partners," according to the White House.

Obama's comments came after Netanyahu made his statements over the weekend.

Israel has been deeply concerned that Egypt's turmoil could threaten the 1979 peace accord signed between the two countries.

The United States, Egypt's top ally, is also eager to ensure the accord remains in place. The Egyptian military strongly supports the accord, in no small part because it guarantees U.S. aid for the armed forces, currently running at $1.3 billion a year.

Also last Friday, the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA) and the Canada-Israel Committee released a joint statement saying they were "encouraged" by recent developments in Egypt.

"We remain cautiously hopeful that these developments mark the first steps toward genuine democratic freedom in Egypt. This will require a stable transition, supported by key civil institutions, in order to safeguard Egypt from extremist influences."

Meanwhile, an Egyptian opposition leader has declared his country's peace treaty with Israel over.

Ayman Nour, who plans to be a candidate for president of Egypt and who heads the secular-liberal Tomorrow party, reportedly told Egyptian Radio Sunday that "The Camp David accord is over," and said that Egypt should renegotiate the accord's terms.

His remarks followed the statement from the military on the weekend that it would honour the 20-year treaty.

Nour, 46, was jailed in 2005 after challenging Mubarak in presidential elections. Released from prison in 2009, he was a leader of protests in recent weeks, which toppled the government and Mubarak's 30-year-reign.

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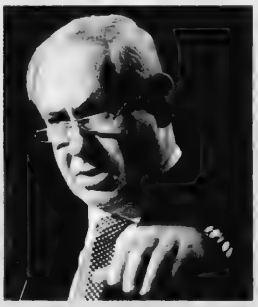

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Demonstrations in Cairo and Bahrain

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CAIRO — Thousands of Egyptians flooded back into Tahrir Square on Monday, only hours after military police and soldiers had cleared the last few dozen pro-democracy activists from the area.

The army had appeared to be in full control of the central Cairo square after they issued an ultimatum to demonstrators to evacuate or face arrest. Tahrir Square has been at the heart of the protests that began on Jan. 25 and within weeks toppled President Hosni Mubarak.

But hundreds of police in uniform and plainclothes marched through the square to show solidarity with the demonstrators shortly after the military announced that the area had been evacuated.

The police protesters and the crowds of onlookers around them disrupted traffic that had begun flowing at the weekend.

Waving Egyptian flags, the police demonstrators shouted "We and the people are one," witnesses said. Policemen said they wanted to "honour the martyrs of the revolution."

Lt. Mohammed Mestekawy told Reuters, "We are with the people. We ask the people of Egypt not to ostracize us. We are not enemies."

The army ordered the remaining protesters, who were cordoned off by troops and military police in front of a stage erected during the anti-Mubarak demonstrations, to leave or face arrest.

The widely loathed police were withdrawn from the streets on Jan. 28 after failing to crush protesters with batons, tear gas, rubber bullets and live fire.

The army stood by during those confrontations, without helping the protesters or the police.

In related developments, small-scale clashes erupted in Bahrain as security forces tightened their grip on Shiite communities for Monday's "Day of Rage" protests inspired by upheaval in Egypt and Tunisia that led to the ouster of both countries' leaders.

Helicopters circled over the capital Manama, where protesters were expected to gather in the afternoon, and police cars stepped up their presence in Shiite villages, breaking up one protest with tear gas and rubber bullets.

At least 14 people were injured in clashes overnight and on Monday.

Bahrain, where a Sunni family rules over a Shiite majority, has offered cash payouts in the run-up to the protest to prevent Shiite discontent from bubbling over as popular revolts spread in the Arab world.

"We call on all Bahraini people – men, women, boys and girls – to share in our rallies in a peaceful and civilized way to guarantee a stable and promising future for ourselves and our children," Bahraini activists said in a statement issued on Twitter.

"We would like to stress that Feb. 14 is only the beginning. The road may be long and the rallies may continue for days and weeks, but if a people one day chooses life, then destiny will respond."

Diplomats say Bahrain's demonstrations, organized on the social media websites Facebook and Twitter, will be a gauge of whether a larger base of Shiites can be drawn on to the streets. The big test will be if demonstrations take hold in Manama, where demonstrations are rare.

Protests in the Gulf Arab island state could embolden other marginalized Shiites in nearby Saudi Arabia, political analysts say.

There was no immediate comment from Bahraini authorities.

Bahrain is a small oil-producing country whose Shiite population has long complained of discrimination by the ruling Sunni al-Khalifa family, well before popular uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt emboldened activists throughout the region.

King Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa, trying to defuse the tension, said he would give 1,000 dinars ($2,650 US) to each local family, and the government has indicated that it may free minors arrested under a security crackdown last year.

Non-OPEC (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries) Bahrain, which unlike its Gulf Arab peers has little spare cash to use for social problems, said last week it would spend an extra $417 million (US) on social items, including food subsidies, reversing its attempts to prepare the public for cuts in subsidies.

Other Arab countries have jumped on the demonstrations bandwagon, with protests in Yemen intensifying in the wake of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's ouster. Hundreds of anti-government demonstrators clashed with supporters of Yemen's president on Monday south of the capital, Sanaa, with both sides hurling rocks as protests escalated in the impoverished Arabian Peninsula state.

Benny Gantz takes over as Israel's new chief of military staff

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TEL AVIV — Lt.-Gen. Benny Gantz took over as Israel Defence Forces' 20th chief of staff on Monday, declaring that he was prepared to take upon himself the "important mission" of leading Israel's army through the challenges and developments facing the region.

The day of transition began with a ceremony at the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem, where Gantz was promoted from his previous rank of major-general. He officially assumed his new role in a military ceremony a few hours later at the Kirya defence compound in Tel Aviv, taking over from outgoing chief of staff Gabi Ashkenazi.

In his acceptance speech, Gantz thanked Maj.-Gen. Yoav Galant, who had been the initial choice for the position, for his years of service in the army. Galant was disqualified as a result of allegations against him regarding the seizure of public land near his home.

Then, addressing Ashkenazi, under whom he had served as deputy chief of general staff, Gantz said, "You rehabilitated the IDF at a difficult time. You are handing me a determined, disciplined, professional and primed army. I swear to you that I will continue in your path."

"Maj.-Gen. Benny Gantz is an outstanding officer and an experienced commander," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told cabinet on Sunday. "His experience is vast in terms of both operation and organization. He is endowed with all of the qualities needed to be a wonderful commander for the Israel Defence Forces."

The 51-year-old veteran army man was chosen after months of controversy and debate surrounding the initial selection and subsequent disqualification of Galant for the position.

Gantz first enlisted in the IDF as a paratrooper in 1977 and graduated from officer school in 1979. He has since served in many major command capacities over the course of his 30-year military career.

After completing officers' school, Gantz returned to the Paratroopers Brigade, where he served as a platoon, company and battalion commander. He assumed command of the Israel Air Force's elite Shaldag unit in 1989, where he served for three years before assuming the command of the Paratroopers Reserves Brigade.

In 1994, he was appointed to command the Judea Brigade in the Judea and Samaria Division, and a year later, he was promoted to commander of the Paratroopers Brigade.

Gantz took a leave of absence in 1997 to obtain a master's degree in national resources management from the National Defense University in the United States. Upon returning to active service in the IDF, he became commander of a reserve division in the Northern Command.

Gantz served as commander of the IDF's liaison unit in Lebanon during Israel's withdrawal in 1999 and was personally responsible for shutting the gate between the two countries.

In 2000, he was appointed commander of the Judea and Samaria division, overseeing IDF forces in the West Bank during the outbreak of the second intifadah. Two years later, he was appointed general commanding officer of the Northern Command, one of the highest positions in the IDF.

In 2005, he became commander of the IDF ground forces, a position he held during the Second Lebanon War. The position did not place him in a decision-making capacity, and Gantz later remarked that he unsuccessfully advocated mobilization of reserves and a ground campaign at an early stage.

Gantz was next appointed as the IDF's military attache in the United States. Upon his return to Israel in 2009, he assumed the role of deputy chief of staff. He held that position until his recent retirement from the IDF, after being initially passed over for chief of staff.

Incoming IDF Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Benny Gantz received an honour guard in the official transfer of command ceremony at Tel Aviv's Kirya army base Monday afternoon. *[Israel Sun photo]*

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Unrest in Egypt reverberates at security conference

Dina Kraft
JTA

HERZLIYA, Israel — In the sleek, blue auditorium filled with spotlights and large video screens at Israel's premier annual national security policy conference, all eyes were fixed on the revolution next door, in Cairo's Tahrir Square.

From the Israelis among the experts, diplomats and security officials assembled for the 11th annual Herzliya Conference near Tel Aviv, there were dark assessments and discussion of preparing for worst-case scenarios.

"Like all Israelis, we'd like to see democracy in Egypt," Shlomo Avineri, a leading political scientist at Hebrew University and a former director of Israel's Foreign Ministry, said in a speech last Wednesday. "However, that's probably not going to happen."

Comparing events in Egypt to the days when the Soviet Union collapsed and the world was awash with hopes for political freedom, Avineri noted that "we got Putin instead, a neo-absolutist system.

"Something similar might transpire in Egypt because you need a civil society, a belief in tolerance and individualism. Those elements were lacking in Russia and they are lacking in Egypt," he said. "We should be realistic even with all our support for the people of Egypt and democracy."

The Herzliya Conference has become the annual setting for assessing the current focus and outlook of Israel's political and security elite. As Israel watches and waits to see how things in Cairo will shake out, the conference served as an opportunity to speculate about the future and mourn the possible passing of an era of stability along Israel's southern border with Egypt.

Yakov Amidror

The changes in Egypt and the possible ripple effect they pose for the rest of the Arab world prompted many to argue for Israel to redouble its efforts on securing a peace deal with the Palestinians.

"Our region is moving very fast to the next war, and the only way to stabilize events in Tunisia and Egypt is to find stability by having an interim peace agreement," said Shaul Mofaz, a former defence minister and chief of staff who is now part of the opposition. "We need to rebuild trust between both sides."

Israeli President Shimon Peres made a similar plea in his opening remarks at the conference.

"The recent dramatic events raise the need to rid the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from the agenda," he said. "The conflict is being used by all sides for the worse. The peace process is crucial for our neighbours, not just for us."

Yet in an indication of the deteriorating relations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, none of the Palestinians who were invited to the conference agreed to come. PA President Mahmoud Abbas was among the speakers last year.

Israel's prime minister usually speaks at the conference, along with other top Israeli officials and diplomats and security experts from around the world. But this year, neither the prime minister nor any senior cabinet ministers delivered speeches – perhaps a reflection of the radio silence Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at first demanded after news of the budding revolution in Egypt broke last month.

The conference at times felt like something of an unofficial shivah for President Hosni Mubarak's Egypt – not a warm and fuzzy ally, but most important for the Israeli security community, a reliably stable one.

The lingering standoff in Egypt at the time, between anti-government protesters and Mubarak, was a source of added concern for the Israelis. Security experts said that the longer the uncertainty lasted, the more likely it would be followed by radicalism.

"The longer President Mubarak stays, the more it endangers an orderly transition and the more Vice-President Omar Suleiman and the army are tainted by the street, and the more this goes on, the more Egypt is in free fall," said Salman Shaikh, director of the Brookings Doha Center in Qatar.

Shaikh was joined by Egyptian and Jordanian colleagues during a session on the Arab street and its effects on regional stability.

There was also much discussion of the long list of brewing regional concerns – the looming threat of a nuclear Iran, Hezbollah's growing political influence in Lebanon, Islamicization in Turkey – not to mention the possible impact of the events on Egypt on peacemaking with the Palestinians.

"Who will come to power and push the Palestinians towards concessions with Israel?" asked Yakov Amidror, a retired Israeli general who held senior roles in military intelligence. "Things have changed for the worse, not the better."

Amidror said that weapons smuggling into Gaza had increased since the start of the unrest in Egypt, and Hamas in the long run would be strengthened by a new regime in Cairo.

Most analysts who spoke at the conference agreed that the prospect of the Muslim Brotherhood – Egypt's version of Hamas – seizing control in Egypt was slim. But the consensus was that whatever government comes to power next in Cairo would be less amenable to Israeli and American interests than the current one.

In a marked departure from the tone of anxiety and concern coming from most of Israeli officialdom, Peres portrayed a less threatening picture of the revolt in Egypt, calling it a spontaneous uprising by youth "wearing T-shirts and jeans."

The protests, he said, were "not organized by an army, a religion or political parties," but by young Egyptians using the Internet.

"You can lock the doors, but the Internet opens the windows," said Peres, who called the unrest a "social rebellion rather than a political one."

NATO Secretary Gen. Anders Fogh Rasmussen sounded a more ominous note. Speaking at the conference, he said the persistence of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict contributes to the overall sense of instability in the Middle East and urged the sides to take action.

"We do not have all the time in the world," Rasmussen said. "There is a new dynamic in the region. We must seize the opportunity to build on it."

Israel Briefs

Inquiry condemns IDF

A Turkish government inquiry into Israel's raid on a Gaza-bound flotilla that killed eight Turks and a Turkish-American says Israeli soldiers shot five victims at close range. The Feb. 11 report says two of the victims were killed even before soldiers boarded the Turkish ship in May. The report says Israel blatantly violated international laws. Israeli commandos raided the flotilla last May as it sought to break the blockade on the Hamas-ruled strip. A report published last month after an internal investigation in Israel found the Israeli soldiers who took part in the raid acted in self-defence. It also determined that Israel's 3-1/2-year blockade of Gaza does not violate international law. Turkey criticized the report, with Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan saying that it had "no value or credibility." The Turkish Foreign Ministry issued a statement saying it was "appalled and dismayed" at the report. The United States defended it, saying the Turkel Commission, which investigated the incident in Israel, conducted an "impartial and transparent investigation."

Salonika mayor visits

Salonika Mayor Yannis Boutaris visited Israel to learn how to bring more Israeli tourists to Greece's second-largest city. The mayor participated in the 17th International Mediterranean Tourism Market in Tel Aviv. He was accompanied by his vice-mayor for economic management, Hasdai Capon, the first Jewish person to be elected to office in a major Greek city since before World War II, and the president of the Hotel Association of Salonika. Boutari met with Tel Aviv Mayor Ron Huldai, Greek Orthodox Patriarch Theofillo in Jerusalem and with the board of a Greek Jewish Holocaust survivors' group. He also visited the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum. Prior to his visit to Israel, Boutaris met with representatives of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, who had been invited to Greece by Prime Minister George Papandreou. Papandreou promised the visiting Jewish American leaders that he would help Israel forge closer ties with the European Union.

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Israel considering alternatives to Egyptian natural gas

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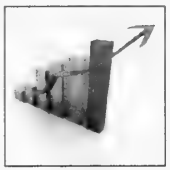
JERUSALEM — The interruption to Egyptian gas exports forced the Israel Electric Corporation (IEC) to spend an additional $1.5 million (US) a day on alternative fuels, according to Shaul Zemach, director general of the National Infrastructure Ministry.

The Egyptians halted gas exports after the pipeline to Jordan and Syria was bombed recently, apparently the action of saboteurs. The entire system had to be shut so it could cool down, industry sources said. Gas exports were expected to resume within a week, however.



The IEC is using alternative fossil fuels, such as diesel and heavy, low-quality fuel oil. They cost 10 times more than natural gas.

About 40 per cent of the country's electricity production is from natural gas, and about half of the gas comes from Egypt, via exporter EMG.

"The first, most important thing that needs to enter the public discourse is energy security. This is something that is starting to concern many countries around the world, and it should concern us, too," Zemach told the Herzliya Conference, an annual event in which participants discuss international strategic issues.

Zemach said Israel needed to ensure its own needs were met before gas could be sold abroad.

"We won't let natural gas be exported until we're sure we've taken everything into account to make sure Israel has energy security. In times of crisis, everyone falls back on his own assets, and is first to use them. We'll export gas but first we'll make sure we have enough for times of crisis. We must shelter Israel from external crises," he said.

Israel's dependence on oil is a fiscal problem, too, he said.

"The gas reserves discovered off Israel's shores are a strategic asset. As time passes, we'll rely on them more, and thus any export policy will put Israel's long-term interests first," Zemach said.

Meanwhile, government officials were pressing the private sector to speed development of a natural gas deposit they say can make Israel energy independent.

Infrastructure Minister Uzi Landau called for government-backed loans so financing can be obtained to develop the Tamar field, off Israel's coast in the Mediterranean Sea, a spokesperson said. Landau also favours exempting the field's developers from a proposed windfall tax.

"We have to do everything to improve Israel's energy security," Landau told Israel Radio. "It is Israel's obligation to remove every obstacle to developing Tamar as soon as possible."

Landau's spokesperson, Chen Ben-Lulu, said the goal was to have gas from Tamar flowing into Israel by 2013.

"The explosion in Egypt... just proves the need to do so," Ben-Lulu said. "We want energy independence as soon as possible."

The explosion in Egypt's northern Sinai Peninsula came amid a popular uprising against longtime Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Under a deal that went into effect three years ago, Egypt is to sell Israel 1.7 billion cubic metres a year for at least 15 years. Israeli industry analysts believe that flow would help diversify Israel's fuel sources while cementing political relations.

At the same time, the turmoil in Egypt, which supplies up to half of the natural gas that Israel currently uses to power its electrical plants, has emphasized to Israelis the dangers of relying on other sources for fuel.

Israel's Tamar field is said to contain about eight trillion cubic metres of gas. In December, gas exploration companies led by U.S.-based Noble Energy announced that another deposit in Israeli waters, Leviathan, contained some 16 trillion cubic metres.

The finds are enough to keep Israel energy self-sufficient for decades, Israeli experts say.

"Israel needs to achieve security of energy supply. This is one of the most fundamental security and economic aspects of a country," said Gina Cohen, an electricity and gas industry consultant based in Israel.

The supply of gas from Egypt has always been dogged by fears that the flow could be disrupted by saboteurs or political forces hostile to the deal and Egypt's 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

Pipe dream or reality: Star of David on moon?

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JERUSALEM — If Yariv Bash, Kfir Damari and Yonatan Winetraub succeed and send a robot to the moon, they'll donate their millions in prize money to promote science among Israel youth. The trio recently announced their participation in the Google Lunar X Prize competition – an effort to send an unmanned vehicle to the moon and beam back high-quality photos and short films.

The competition seeks to encourage space scientists and engineers from around the world to develop cheap technologies for robotic space exploration. To win, a team needs to raise private funding. The first team to achieve the mission gets $13 million (all funds US); second prize is $5 million. The other prizes total $5 million. So far 13 groups have registered for the competition. Prizes can be won up to the end of 2015.

So far, the three Israelis have raised only around $50,000 in donations out of an $8 million target.

The X Prize gained publicity in 2004 when Burt Rutan, who led a group in co-operation with Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, built and flew the first private manned spaceship.

The Israeli group's official declaration was issued at a space conference held by Tel Aviv University's Yuval Ne'eman workshop for science and technology. The group goes by the name SpaceIL and is registered in Israel as a non-profit organization. It's the only Israeli team in the competition.

The three young men are not motivated by money. They view the competition as a national mission to develop Israel's ability to explore space.

"Our mission is to put the Israeli flag on the moon. During the next two years, we intend to build a small space robot that will make the long journey from the earth to the moon. The vision is to promote technological education in Israel," the group's website states.

"America's space program excited the imagination of an entire generation in the United States. We hope that this project will inspire children of the next generation in Israel... The Israeli startup nation was born as a result of civilian adaptation of military computer technology. Similarly, advancing a civil space program will boost space technology" in Israel, the site goes on to say.

"No, we're not imagining things," the site adds. "This is an initiative of a few engineers – experts in hardware, software and space technology who are considered capable, prudent people in their daily lives."

So what exactly is the project's technological concept? "The world of small satellites has changed significantly over the past decade. Today a box the size of a Coca-Cola bottle can be sent to space at a low cost of $1 million," Bash, 30, said. "We intend to use relatively cheap components and pack our entire spacecraft into one box... That box will be put on a commercial launcher that will put the vessel into orbit around the earth. From there, we need to head toward the moon and carry out a landing.

"The main problem, of course, is how to get there," Bash goes on to say. "This same little box is really a flying gas tank with some electronics and cameras. Most of the space in our vessel is taken up by fuel needed to reach and land on the moon.

File photo of NASA sending an unmanned satellite into space. ***[Pat Corkery/United Launch Alliance photo]***

"Unlike large satellites, we plan to build a vessel that will last only two weeks to a month in space. That helps us for two reasons – there won't be a need for massive protection against the sun's rays, and there won't be a need for large battery power to drive the vessel when there is no sun... Everything will be built from existing, cheap products," Bash says.

"We're not the first to try this. Orbiting the earth right now are dozens of such small CubeSat satellites that contain simple, cheap materials. Of course, this is our early planning, and we assume that much will change as we get to more advanced planning stages. We have a number of space experts who are working on various issues, starting with the ignition system, and including topics such as navigation, landing and flight monitoring," Bash says in conclusion.

Winetraub, 24, says that at this stage, the group is addressing planning issues that are not likely to be resolved until the end of the year – technical surveys and the like. "These are surveys in which you present your concept of a technological solution and then check to see what unresolved questions remain," he says. "At this point, we've reached decisions about the size of the satellite and how to pack the components into the vessel."

Bash, Damari and Winetraub have different technological backgrounds. Bash is an electrical and computer engineer. He's studying for a master's degree in business administration at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya.

Damari is a communications systems engineer and a lecturer in communications and computers. He's also a consultant in communications and information security. He served as a technology officer in an elite unit at military intelligence.

Winetraub is a graduate of the space technology program at NASA's International Space University. He works as a systems engineer for Israel Aerospace Industries. He is also enrolled in a master's program at Tel Aviv University's interdisciplinary program for outstanding students.

Damari predicts the group will get the job done. "I think we'll reach the moon, but we have some challenges to meet. I believe that the technological solution we chose, the nanosatellite, will reach the moon."

Will they make it? Will they realize their ambition? Winetraub says yes.

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Cancer survivor writes book about experiences

Jennifer Libman
Special to The CJN

It was an ordinary day in August 2005 when Ruth Rakoff's life changed forever.

After dropping off her three sons at different friends' homes, she went for what she expected to be a routine mammogram. When the results showed that Rakoff had breast cancer, her busy world of being a mom and an active member of her tight-knit community shrank to one that revolved entirely around her disease.

While in recovery, Rakoff used writing to make something of her experience, and in the fall of 2010, her memoir, *When My World Was Very Small*, was published.

"I didn't set out to write a book," Rakoff said. "I had no intention of publishing anything, but it just kind of happened."

Rakoff recalled long days spent on her couch, too tired from her treatments to leave her living room. "I wanted to show people that I was doing something, so I began to write."

She wrote everything by hand and eventually worked up the courage to share her work with her husband. "He typed out my words for me and encouraged me to join a writing group. At first I would only share small samples of my work, but eventually people wanted to see the whole piece."

Her brother persuaded her to look for a publisher.

"I got lucky. This was the first thing I've ever written – people hate hearing that!" Rakoff said. "The whole experience has been surreal. The first time I saw my writing in book form, I freaked out. I was fascinated that anyone would be interested in such a personal memoir, but it's a universal story about community, support and surviving a crisis."

Rakoff described the 18 months it took to write and publish *When My World Was Very Small* as therapeutic, although she doesn't see the book as a how-to guide to surviving cancer. "If my book offers a reflective image, it would only be to say I know how you feel," she said. "Everyone finds their own path and deals with cancer in their own personal way."

For her, one of the hardest parts of being sick was having no interest in eating. She devotes an entire chapter of her book to describing food memories from different times in her life. "For me, food is a reference point," said Rakoff. "I use it as a mnemonic device to remember where I was and what I did. Because I barely ate for an entire year, I feel like I lost that chunk of time and that I have no memories. When I wanted to start cooking again, it was a huge milestone. I knew I was getting better."

Ruth Rakoff

Rakoff said her family life is now back to normal, though everyone was changed by her illness. "My sons are people they may not have been had I not gotten sick. At a very young age, they learned to understand the value of community, empathy and compassion. They learned to be a good friend."

Rakoff is now working on a novel. "I'm having fun writing about something other than myself. I want to move on from my story. I have no intentions of being that person who can't move beyond a tragedy."

FRENCH STUDY: Grade 2 students at Robbins Hebrew Academy's Beth Tikvah campus – from left, Carly Swirsky, Ariel Sharer, Noah Rich, Alison Treger, Zachary Wayne, Dylan Spilberg and Matt Brown as the Dog Minuit show off their French skills in an in-class production of *Où Est Mon Chien?* This was the first in a series of plays in the AIM French Language Program, which emphasizes oral language skills.

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Sam Borenstein's paintings exhibited in New York

Compiled by CJN Staff

The paintings of the late Montreal Jewish artist Sam Borenstein (1908-1969) are being exhibited for the first time in the United States, in the heart of New York City.

Yeshiva University Museum's (YUM) Selz Gallery at 15 West 16th St. is showing 35 of Borenstein's works until May 8.

It's a slightly abridged version of the retrospective *Sam Borenstein and the Colours of Montreal*, which was first exhibited at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts in 2005, and then toured the University of Toronto's Hart House and Mount Allison University's Owens Gallery in Sackville, N.B.

The American exposure is a dream come true for Borenstein's twin daughters, Erin and Joyce Borenstein, the latter of whom made the 1991 Oscar-nominated, Genie Award-winning animated film *Colours of My Father: A Portrait of Sam Borenstein*.

Born in Lithuania, Borenstein immigrated to Montreal in 1921. He was a clothing factory worker who liked to write poetry. Then he turned to visual art and, although virtually self-taught, he became a master of a style called Canadian Expressionism.

Over a 40-year career, he mainly painted scenes of Montreal and the Laurentians in vibrant hues and with exuberant brushwork, as well as still lifes and portraits.

"Through his paintings, he captures the movement of the wind, the heat of summer, and the many colours of snow," said Concordia University art history professor Loren Lerner, who curated the MMFA show.

"He captures the personality behind the face, and the fragrance of flowers. He is able to make the invisible visible."

Borenstein loved to paint outdoors and was inspired by nature, but his landscapes are bustling with people as well, even if sometimes they are just abstract squiggles of paint.

The Borenstein sisters will be present for the exhibition's vernissage Feb. 27 from 2 to 4 p.m., and Joyce's film will be screened.

Most of the paintings are the family's possessions, and some are on loan from private collections.

***Sam Borenstein and the Colours of Montreal* is on exhibit at Yeshiva University Museum until May.**

The MMFA and now the New York show are part of their tireless efforts to make their father's work better known, a mission they have carried on from their late mother, Judith Aron, who died in 2003.

They found a sympathetic audience at YUM, whose director, former Montrealer Jacob Wisse, likes Borenstein's art.

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A modern-day Passover story

David Silverberg
Special to The CJN

A touring theatre production that tells the true story of an Ethiopian Jewish family travelling from Africa to Jerusalem arrives at Toronto's Jane Mallett Theatre in the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts next week.

One of a Kind stars Yossi Vassa and his real-life journey of trekking 700 kilometres on foot with his family from northern Ethiopia to Sudan and then flying to Israel.

The story may be familiar to those who recall the Ethiopian Jewish exodus in 1984 and 1991. It's a fascinating chapter in the book of Israeli history known as the Law of Return, which states that Jews anywhere in the world can come to Israel and become full citizens.

Yossi Vassa stars in the true story of his family's exodus from Ethiopia. ***[Stephanie Berger photo]***

Canadians can relate to this story, says Howard Rypp, founder of Tel Aviv-based Nephesh Theatre, responsible for *One of a Kind*. "Canada is an immigrant country, and this show is all about that dream of having a homeland and the sacrifices done to get that dream."

One of a Kind focuses on Yossi and his family, as well as giving us a glimpse into life as a Jew in Ethiopia. Rypp says audiences will see how antisemitism played a role in Yossi's early life. The emotional heft in the show will be profound for both adults and children, Rypp notes, adding how song and dance will add a necessary contrast to the heavier themes.

The play begins with Yossi as a 10-year-old boy. When he grows up to be a teenager, he realizes the community rabbi's son has fallen in love with his sister. The family, including a headstrong grandmother, remain central to *One of a Kind's* journey.

Seven Ethiopian actors play all the roles, Rypp notes, and have dedicated themselves to this production for six years. *One of a Kind* has enjoyed a cross-continental tour as well as a two-week stint on Broadway. In Israel, it's been presented in Hebrew more than 500 times.

The show isn't all weighty intensity. Rypp says humour is a key part of *One of a Kind*. "The first half is especially carefree, and audiences will find lots of humour in Yossi's family life in Ethiopia," he adds.

What does the show intend to impart to the audience long after the final curtain? "An understanding of how special these people are," Rypp quickly replies. "We should admire what these Jewish people went through." He pauses. "And it's a modern-day Passover story, too, right?"

One of a Kind runs for two shows on Feb. 24. Matinée and evening shows. Jane Mallett Theatre, St. Lawrence Centre For The Arts, 27 Front St. E. Box office information available at 416-366-7723.

It's all in the fingers for Ukrainian-born prodigy

Jordana Divon
Special to The CJN

While many seek to learn their destiny through the lines on their palms, violinist Vadim Gluzman can say his fate was sealed by his fingers.

It's a lofty statement, but in this case quite fitting. Back in the 1970s in the Soviet Union, children selected for the region's specialized music education program were asked to present their hands for inspection at the end of a rigorous audition process.

Gluzman, then six years old, took a very practical approach to the request.

"I was sure they were checking my fingernails to see if they were clean," he says with characteristic deadpan humour. "But they were just looking at the structure of my hands to see what instrument I was best suited to play."

The verdict? Violin. A choice that initially horrified the young musician.

"My father had the misfortune of telling me that piano was the king of the instruments, and violin was the queen. Of course I wanted to play the king. So for the next few months my parents had it pretty tough."

Once the storm cleared and he settled into his instrument, the Ukrainian-born prodigy quickly developed into one of the standout talents in a school that has produced the violinists Maxim Vengerov and Vadim Repin.

He continued to hone his craft in Israel, after the Gluzman family made aliyah in 1990. A stint at Julliard under the legendary Dorothy DeLay soon followed.

In the years since his professional debut, critics have praised Gluzman's immense depth and technicality, while singling out his ability to channel an otherworldly connection to 19th- and 20th-century sentiment.

The 37-year-old virtuoso brought that energy to Roy Thomson Hall for his debut with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra on Feb. 16, and he performs with the orchestra again on Feb. 19. Gluzman will play Johannes Brahms' Violin Concerto as part of a celebration of Czech and Estonian composers led by the dynamic Jewish-Estonian conductor Eri Klas.

The challenge of engaging with one of the greatest concertos ever written does not escape the versatile musician.

"I'm in awe in front of it," he admits. "I remember panicking on stage during the first concert and I caught myself thinking, 'I am playing Brahms? I am allowed to play Brahms?' There is this feeling of humility being in front of it."

Vadim Gluzman *(John Kringas photo)*

Perhaps that sense of humility has been a winning salve: his New York debut of the program garnered rave reviews, with the *New York Times* music critic Allan Kozinn pronouncing that Gluzman is "destined for, if not already at, the pinnacle of violin playing."

When asked how he copes with reviews of that calibre, Gluzman thinks for a moment before responding.

"A review is an opinion of one person," he says. "And I dare say that I don't think anyone could give me harsher criticism than myself. I appreciate the good heart of people that give me good reviews. I very often think they're undeserved."

Though he may be cautious about discussing his own talent, one subject that sends him into hyperbolic overdrive is his 400-year-old Stradivarius violin, on loan from the Stradivari Society of Chicago.

"Just imagine that you've been driving your whole life in a Hyundai and then you are given a chance to drive a Lamborghini. You realize what driving actually is," he says with a laugh.

So while it may still be the "queen" of instruments, at least Gluzman can say he plays on the king of violins.

Gluzman performs with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra on Feb. 16 and Feb. 19 at Roy Thompson Hall, 60 Simcoe St. Toronto. For tickets call 416-593-4828 or visit www.tso.ca.

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By BILL GLADSTONE

HOT ISRAELI BAND YEMEN BLUES TO PLAY TORONTO ON FEB. 26

Yemen Blues, an Israeli nine-piece ensemble whose vibrant sound combines Yemenite-Jewish song and poetry, West African rhythms and American jazz and blues, is performing in Toronto on Feb. 26, hosted by the Ashkenaz Foundation and the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation.

A rising star in Israel, band leader and singer **Ravid Kahalani** recently told the Vancouver-based newspaper *Georgia Strait* that he regards Tel Aviv as one of the foremost musical centres of the world because newcomers from Morocco, Iraq, various regions of the former Soviet Union and other exotic locales have all enlivened its cultural life.

Ravid Kahalani of Yemen Blues

"There are lots and lots of great things that happen here," Kahalani told the newspaper by telephone for a Jan. 27 cover story. "Great music, and great musicians – all kinds of stuff is happening here."

The son of Yemenite-Jewish parents, the Israeli-born Kahalani comes from a family that has produced numerous singers and musicians over the last few generations. He and bassist and oud player **Omer Avital** and various other musicians from New York, Israel and Uruguay perform concerts that often become ecstatic celebrations that erupt into dance-fuelled frenzies.

While the music is apolitical, some reviewers interpret the fact that Kahalani sings in Arabic as a gesture meant to form cultural bridges between Jews and Arabs. "Yemen Blues is a language you will understand no matter where you come from," Kahalani said.

Yemen Blues performs in Toronto as part of the band's debut North American tour. The Mod Club, 722 College St., Saturday, Feb. 26. Doors open 8:30 p.m., show begins at 9. Tickets $25 in advance, $30 at the door. 416-979-9979, www.ashkenazfestival.com

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***Anne Frank* on Stage:** Theatre company Shakespeare in Action is mounting a production of *The Diary of Anne Frank* (as adapted by **Wendy Kesselman**) with actor **Sascha Cole** in the title role. The play is being performed in a century-old theatre in Toronto's Central Commerce Collegiate.

It opens on March 1 and runs to March 13, but preview performances for students and the general public begin Feb. 23. Suitable for ages 10 and up. Central Commerce Theatre, 570 Shaw St. (below College). $15, $12. Reservations, 416-703-4881.

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Names in the News: Actor **Adam Sandler**, a *Saturday Night Live* alumnus who has starred in numerous films, including *Big Daddy* and *50 First Dates*, was recently honoured with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Sandler 's most recent film is *Just Go With It*, in which he stars with **Jennifer Aniston**. He is also a singer who has released five albums to date. One of his notable tunes is *The Chanukah Song*.

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Arts in Brief

• **Rosalyn Rubenstein**, an expert in the museum and cultural fields, speaks on "Canada's Cultural Institutions in Transition – Challenges and Opportunities for Leadership" at a free public lecture hosted by the Royal Ontario Museum. Signy & Cleophee Eaton Theatre, ROM. Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m. Free. Please enter via south entrance.

• The Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company is currently accepting submissions for its In the Beginning Jewish Playwrights Festival. Deadline is March 15, 5 p.m. www.hgjewishtheatre.com

• Actor-writer **Tracey Erin Smith** offers Personal Storytelling, a program of classes designed to help you write, direct and star in your own one-person show. Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre. Ten Thursdays from Feb. 24 to April 28, 7 to 9:30 p.m. cre8_tv@yahoo.com

Sascha Cole

• Active Seniors presents *Broadway's Great Jewish Composers: Sammy Cahn and Jule Styne*, a presentation by **Jordan Klapman** with live piano and refreshments. Miles Nadal JCC, Thursday, Feb. 24, 1:30 p.m.

• Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company present the Nephesh Theatre production of *One of a Kind*, direct from Israel for two performances. $31, $43. Jane Mallett Theatre, 27 Front St. E., Thursday, Feb. 24, 1:15 and 7:30 p.m. 416-366-7723.

• Cammac @ the J is a music workshop for singing and vocal percussion with **FreePlay Duo**, **Suba Sankaran** and **Dylan Bell**. $30, $25. Sunday, Feb. 27, 2 to 4 p.m. 416-694-1266.

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Going Hollywood: a literary guide to the Oscars

Bill Gladstone
Special to The CJN

The Social Network, one of 10 contenders for the Best Picture award at the 2010 Academy Awards (set for Feb. 27), tells the story of Facebook billionaire Mark Zuckerberg. Although charmed in business, he is portrayed as an unlikeable Harvard computer nerd with negligible social skills, business ethics or personal charm.

In the opening scene, a young lady walks out from a date with him, calling him "an a******." In the closing scene, as he is being sued by various friends and business partners whom he has betrayed, a sympathetic female lawyer pays him a compliment: "You're actually not an a******, but you're trying awfully hard to be one." In these two bookend scenes and all that falls in between, it's apparent that the man who taught 500 million Facebook members how to "friend" each other via computer has no idea how to keep a friend in real life.

Some critics see in Zuckerberg a true ironic hero of our times and have proclaimed *The Social Network* as "best film of the year." In my opinion the cinema has seen better days if *The Social Network*, with all of its cloying mediocrity, is being so widely hailed.

Although 1939 was the year World War II broke out, it stands out as one of the best years in cinematic history: Best Picture nominees included *Gone With the Wind*, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*, *Ninotchka*, *Stagecoach*, *The Wizard of Oz* and *Wuthering Heights*. (GWTW deservedly won.)

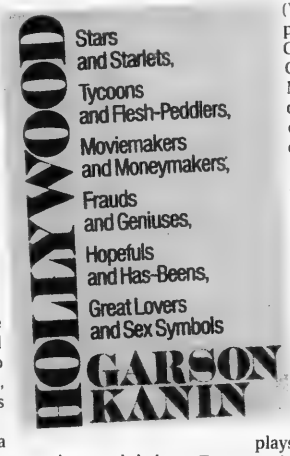
The Academy Awards: The Complete History of Oscar (Black Dog & Leventhal), by Gail Kinn and Jim Piazza, gives year-by-year summaries of the films that were nominated and the films that won in a growing number of categories since Oscar was born in 1927. Film connoisseurs will find this large, lavishly illustrated volume an interesting reference work.

The year 1940 also brought forth a goodly share of cinematic gems. Nominees for Best Picture (in 1941) included *The Grapes of Wrath*, *The Great Dictator*, *The Letter*, *The Philadelphia Story* and *Rebecca* – the David O. Selznick-Alfred Hitchcock collaboration that ultimately took the golden statue. (Best Director went to John Ford for *Grapes of Wrath*.)

Another parade of excellencies unfolded at the Academy Awards for 1950. Best Picture contenders included *All About Eve*, *Born Yesterday*, *Father of the Bride* and *Sunset Boulevard*; the prize went to producer Darryl F. Zanuck for *All About Eve*. That film's writer-director, Joseph L. Mankiewicz, also won twin Oscars for Best Director and Best Screenplay. (Mankiewicz had accomplished a parallel feat the year before for the less memorable *A Letter to Three Wives*.) Meanwhile, *Sunset Boulevard* earned writer-director Billy Wilder an Oscar for Best Story and Screenplay.

Fifty years ago, at the awards ceremony in 1961, Wilder won three Oscars – Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Original Story and Screenplay – for *The Apartment* (1960). According to author Kevin Lally in his readable biography *Wilder Times: The Life of Billy Wilder* (Henry Holt & Co.), it was "only the second time – after Leo McCarey's *Going My Way* victory – that one individual collected three Oscars in a single night." Wilder and his writing partner I. A. L. Diamond gave thank-you speeches that were memorably brief: "Thank you, Billy Wilder," said the one and "Thank you, I.A.L Diamond" said the other.

An Austrian-born Jew, Wilder (1906-2002) began his career as a journalist in Vienna and worked for a time in Berlin. In 1933, he left Germany for Paris – "It wasn't my idea, it was Hitler's" – and soon came to Hollywood, where he and Charles Brackett co-wrote several successful scripts for director Ernst Lubitsch, including *Ninotchka* starring Greta Garbo. In 1944, he co-wrote the film noir classic *Double Indemnity* with Raymond Chandler, then *Lost Weekend* with Brackett. In 1950 came his original film noir classic *Sunset Boulevard*, followed by several comedies including *The Seven Year Itch* (1955) with Marilyn Monroe and *Some Like It Hot* (1959) with Monroe, Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis.



With *The Apartment*, which starred Lemmon and Shirley MacLaine, Wilder was at the top of his form. Still, reviewers criticized him for his "amoral" characters: C.C. Baxter (Lemmon), who loans out his apartment for his bosses' adulterous trysts in exchange for the promise of a promotion; and Fran Kubelik (MacLaine), who has an affair with Mr. Sheldrake, the married department boss (Fred MacMurray).

As the '60s opened, America apparently wasn't yet ready for a romantic comedy laden with dark social themes and imperfect heroes, even if decency wins in the end. Baxter, who is smitten with Kubelik, decides to be a "mensch" – a decent human being – and ultimately wins her from the duplicitous Sheldrake. (*The Apartment* features two of the very few Jewish characters in Wilder's opus – Dr. and Mrs. Dreyfuss – who act as moral compass for Baxter, influencing his understanding of what it means to be a "mensch.")

One of my favourite books on film is author-screenwriter Garson Kanin's book *Hollywood*, (Viking Press) in which he describes his personal encounters with Wilder, Samuel Goldwyn, Carole Lombard, John Barrymore, Greta Garbo, Marilyn Monroe, Groucho Marx, Charlie Chaplin, Irving Thalberg and other show-biz celebrities. Kanin's portrayal of Goldwyn, the autocratic studio head, includes many of the latter's hilarious malapropisms that have been retold and traded as "Goldwynisms" ever since.

Of a screenplay, Goldwyn would say that "I read part of it all the way through"; of a verbal agreement, that "it wasn't worth the paper it was printed on." Upon meeting Goldwyn for the first time, Kanin is barely able to conceal his amazed delight after the legendary mogul opens with, "Sidney Howard tells me you're a very clever genius." ("Could it be?" Kanin muses. "Had I heard correctly? Did I own, so soon, a personal Goldwynism?")

Kanin (1912-1999), whose own screenplays with wife Ruth Gordon included the witty Tracy-Hepburn romantic comedies *Adam's Rib* and *Pat and Mike*, has given us a highly readable and entertaining book filled with sparkling portraits of Hollywood personalities – none more mighty or coveted than the glittering statuette known as Oscar.

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Smoskowitz makes a name for himself in the OHL

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There aren't many Jewish kids at the most elite levels of competitive hockey, but Dylan Smoskowitz is among that select group.

The Richmond Hill native is in his rookie season as a forward with the Ontario Hockey League's (OHL) Barrie Colts and does his best to quash the naysayers who tell him Jewish guys can't play that kind of hockey.

"I really take that to heart," the six-foot, 170-pound centre said. "I want to show everyone that, no matter where you come from or what your background is, you've got a chance.

"You make your own path in life and I want to make a good name for Jewish people and prove that we can [play in the OHL]."

In his first year in the league, which develops many NHL draftees, Smoskowitz had 13 goals and five assists through the first 50 games of the season, putting him in the league's top 20 for rookie scoring.

He registered a hat-trick in the Colts first win of the season on Oct. 6 in Belleville. The rookie-laden Colts, however, inhabit the OHL cellar with only 11 wins and 26 points so far this season.

Playing with the Mississauga Chargers of the Ontario Junior Hockey League in 2009-10, Smoskowitz showed a bit more of a scoring touch, getting 27 goals and 35 assists in 56 games.

Despite that, it's his play at the other end of the ice that Smoskowitz feels is the most important.

"I really take pride in playing strong in my own zone," Smoskowitz said. "It's always nice to score goals, but it's even nicer to keep them out of your own net."

Smoskowitz, who was selected in the 10th round of the 2009 OHL draft, has impressed Colts head coach Dale Hawerchuk.

"He's a pleasure to coach and probably one of our hardest workers," said Hawerchuk, a member of the Hockey Hall of Fame who enjoyed a stellar NHL career, mostly with the Winnipeg Jets.

"Dylan's not the most gifted skater, but he works at it every day. He's got good vision on the ice, and he's one of those guys that keeps getting better on a monthly basis."

For help with his skating, Smoskowitz turned to one of the fastest guys in the league – Guelph Storm forward and fellow Jewish athlete Daniel Erlich.

"I've trained and skated with him a couple of times, and he's a great guy," Smoskowitz said. "He showed me how to get my feet up, going quicker. I've learned a lot from him."

Off the ice, it's been a change for the former Thornhill Secondary student, who went from having a Jewish circle at home to virtually none to speak of in Barrie.

"I haven't come across another Jewish person yet," Smoskowitz said, "but it's OK, because I talk to my friends back home, and they keep me level and all."

In Barrie, there weren't many differences between him and the rest of his teammates – that is, until December rolled around.

"I had to explain how Chanukah works about 800 times in my life," Smoskowitz said. "I've never gotten to celebrate Chanukah with another player on my team. It's always been Christmas."

Fortunately for Smoskowitz, he was able to go home and light the candles for one night during the winter holiday.

"I got to see my family, which was really nice," he said. "I miss them a lot, and it was nice to go home, celebrate, and just be with the family on a holiday."

Smoskowitz may not see much of his family while living in Barrie, but his parents are making sure they're following him.

Dylan Smoskowitz

"My dad's [Michael] been at almost every home game," Smoskowitz said. "My mom [Shirley] tries to come up as much as she can. When my sisters, Jackie and Amanda, aren't dancing, they always come out and support me."

As Smoskowitz pushes toward his goals in the OHL and, perhaps one day, professional hockey, he remembers that his family has helped him to this point.

"They're the reason I am where I am today," he said. "My dad taught me everything I know, and without him, I'd be nowhere.

"My mom didn't know [much] about hockey, but she always kept on top of me to work hard. I definitely wouldn't be here without the help of my family."

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Athletes gear up for Jerusalem marathon

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The route will include the Sultan's Pool, Jaffa Gate and Zion's Gate, the Jerusalem Theater, the President's Residence, the German Colony in the Emek Refaim district, the Sherover Promenade and, for participants in the full marathon, Ammunition Hill, Mount Scopus and Augustus Victoria.

"We look forward to welcoming athletes from around the world to participate in this one-of-a-kind fitness competition," said Oded Grofman, consul for tourism at the Israel Government Tourist Office – Canada. "The race will provide unprecedented views of one of the world's most historically rich and beautiful cities."

The race will also provide cash prizes to the top five marathon runners and feature a pre-event health and sports exhibition at the International Convention Center in Jerusalem, March 22 to 24.

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Canadian helps victims of terror

Jenny Hazan
CJN Israel Bureau

Yehuda Poch says we have forgotten the victims of terror.

Poch is the director of communications for One Family Fund, a Jerusalem-based non-profit that sprung up during the second intifadah to help Israeli victims of terror.

"Fundraising has tapered off now that victims are no longer in the media and people don't see terror attacks in the news anymore," says Poch, 39, who made aliyah from Toronto in 1997.

In 2001, the worst year for terrorism in Israel, and the year the organization was founded, it was a large Israeli charity with a budget just over $5 million (US), compared to $3.6 million in 2010. In shekel terms, the fund's budget fell from about 22.5 million shekels in 2002 to about 13 million in 2010.

Says Poch, this is a tragedy because although attacks are no longer in the headlines (not to mention a lack of media coverage on attack attempts), victims of the second intifadah are still in need of help. "They are not in need of emergency care anymore, but instead long-term care," says Poch, who lists post-traumatic stress syndrome, emotional rehabilitation, permanent physical health issues and miscellaneous costs among the population's top needs.

For example, a child orphaned by the intifadah at age 10 who is now in university needs tuition funds. "The needs are changing because the population is changing," says Poch. "The attack may have happened many years ago, but it will be with them every day of their lives for the rest of their lives, and we need to understand that to help them."

It is up to the Diaspora to help, he says. "The people who live in Israel are the anchor of the Jewish nation. It's because they are here on the front lines that Jews can live in the Diaspora, and so we need to strengthen this connection between the Diaspora and Israel."

Poch has dedicated his life to strengthening this connection. It all started when he was 16 years old, and a yeshiva student in Ottawa. "Even then I knew that I wanted to work in some way to help the Jewish nation," he says.

He joined the Soviet Jewry movement and successfully petitioned for the release of two families who were allowed to immigrate to Israel. "It gave me a really good feeling to know that someone I was trying to help got the help they needed," he says.

When the first intifadah broke out in 1987 and Israel was being slammed by the media, Poch wrote letters to the Canadian government and to foreign governments that had chosen to boycott Israel, published news articles and initiated rallies in Ottawa. Eventually, his Jewish community activism earned him a co-operative education credit.

He also got involved in Israel activism as a student at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto and later as an undergraduate student of international relations, political science and history at the University of Toronto.

Finally, in 1997, at the age of 25, Poch made aliyah. "I always wanted to come here," says the Ramat Beit Shemesh-based father of five. He was followed to Israel by his three brothers in 2002 and finally by his parents in 2003.

It was equally important for him to continue working in the service of the Jewish nation, as a resident of Israel. "I couldn't just do a job to do a job. I needed to work to help other people," he says.

After taking positions doing public relations for Tel Aviv University and Ezer Mizion, the Israel Health Support Organization, Poch began advising various non-profits on their PR efforts.

It wasn't until five years later, in May 2003, that he finally discovered his true calling, when One Family Fund, which was founded by Vancouver-born Mark Belzberg, announced it was looking for a public relations specialist.

"The causes that spoke to me the most were those attached to the political reality in Israel. I wanted something where I could address people outside of Israel about the situation in Israel," says Poch. "Although hunger is an issue inside of Israel, it doesn't grab people's attention on an international level. Terrorism does."

Along with doing PR for One Family Fund, Poch handles requests from victims and meets with donors. "My work [with One Family] is the most rewarding work I have ever done," he says. "I consider it the realization of my lifelong goal of helping the people and State of Israel."

Says Poch, the work has given him a deeper appreciation of the way people live in Israel. "This job has put me in touch with Israelis of all geographic, socio-economic, religious and cultural backgrounds – immigrants from everywhere," he says. "Terrorism is a great equalizer.

"It has been very enlightening. I am getting a real picture of what it is to be a part of the Jewish nation:"

Yehuda Poch speaks to a group of OneFamily donors.

He adds that "you're Canadian because you live in Canada. You're American because you live in the U.S. But you are Israeli because you are Jewish, which is not how it works anywhere else.

"In Israel, when you are doing something for the country, you are doing something for the people as well, since the people are very much a part of the country and the country very much a part of the people here. I find it [this aspect of the work] very rewarding."

It is also, of course, very emotionally challenging. "I have seen and heard stories that would make most people cringe," says Poch. "Sometimes I get depressed when I'm not able to help, but that's the whole beauty of where I'm working and what I'm doing – that we are there to help."

The most basic need of all victims, he says, is to feel that they are not alone, since even though they know that terrorism has affected one in 60 households in the country, they all report feeling alone. "They need to know that there are people out there who care about them," says Poch.

In retrospect, Poch says he can see how his whole life led to the place where he is now. "One Family brings together a lot of my experience, and now when I look back at it I can see where everything was leading.

"On the other hand, it's still part of a journey," he says. "I don't know where I'll be in 10 to 15 years from now, but I know I will continue to work for the country, the nation, the people."

And now for something completely different: **HEEBONICS**

Rock Legend takes on Israeli Apartheid Week

Laura Stricker
Special to The CJN

In order to counter Israeli Apartheid Week, one woman is using Israeli music to show a different side of the country.

Ravid Dahan, in conjunction with her booking agency Motek Productions, is hosting two concerts with Israeli artists in response to Apartheid Week, which this year is from March 7 to 20. Israeli Apartheid Week is held annually in cities and on campuses around the world, with the goal of delegitimizing Israel and encouraging the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement.

On March 3, Shalom Hanoch, widely considered one of Israel's rock music legends, is performing at the Bathurst Street Theatre in Toronto.

On March 12, Asaf Avidan, who *Rolling Stone* magazine called a "26-year-old genius," will be performing at the Gladstone Hotel as part of Canadian Music Fest .

The idea to counter Israeli Apartheid Week, Dahan said, started in 2010, when Motek Productions brought the Israeli hip-hop band Hadag Nahash to Toronto.

"Last year we did [this] on a small scale, so we decided this year to make a big impact," she said. "The first important aspect to me is that people will see [Israel] differently. The other thing that is important to me is that the Jews, that the Israelis, that the students that go to school... don't feel ashamed of walking into their university during [Apartheid Week]."

In advance of Apartheid Week, Motek hosted another event on Feb. 13, a free concert with Geva Alon, also at the Gladstone Hotel. Alon is travelling to cities across Canada as well, including Vancouver, Victoria, Hamilton and London.

Motek Productions specializes in bringing Israeli artists to perform in North America throughout the year and exposing a wide variety of people, not just the Jewish and Israeli communities, to Israeli culture.

"[We try to] show a different face of Israel to Canadians who don't really know what we are, what we're doing and what Israel has to offer," Dahan said. "It's not only about the conflict.

"It hurts me when people don't know enough about [Israel], and I blame this on us... anyone who's lived in Israel, been to Israel or knows about Israel can do something. If it's one person or a million people, big changes start small."

Dahan, who moved to Canada from Israel, spent nine years travelling before settling in Toronto. She moved to Toronto because of the strong possibility to effect change.

"Toronto is my baby," she said. "I'm part of this community, and I do want to make change. I believe that we can. [If] there is a place in the world that we can do that it's in Toronto, because of the culture."

With this particular series of concerts, Dahan is aiming to reach out beyond the Jewish community by making them more mainstream and accessible, which she said is being done by having Avidan perform during the Canadian Music Fest, and by bringing Alon to the Gladstone for a free concert.

Dahan wanted Alon to perform before Apartheid Week to keep the focus where she says it belongs – on the music, not the politics.

"With Geva Alon, we don't bring him during Apartheid Week, we're bringing him...

Asaf Avidan & the Mojos

Shalom Hanoch

before. Why? Because then we're dealing with the meaning, not the... politics around it. We're able to get people before [Apartheid Week starts]."

Motek Productions has received a lot of support from members of both the Canadian and Israeli communities, Dahan said, mentioning Dori Segal from Gazit-Globe, an Israeli real estate investment company. Amir Gissin, the consul general of Israel for Toronto, has also been very helpful, she added.

"I wish we had more Gissins in the world. His obligation to his job is something that I don't see a lot, and I meet a lot of people," Dahan said. "He cares about Apartheid Week and he's here to make a change, not only because of his job."

Dahan hopes that people will take away from the concerts an appreciation of Israeli music and culture and a sense of duty to encourage a different attitude toward Israel.

"I want people to be united through music. I want people to appreciate Israeli culture... In Israel there are many new artists, and we need to give them an opportunity.

"If each person listens to even one song, even just one artist that [Motek] brings in, they will understand Israel more. And then our community will be stronger."

For more information or to purchase tickets for the Asaf Avidan and Shalom Hanoch shows, visit www.motekproductions.com.

Synagogues reduce energy costs

What role should a synagogue play in helping its members live a more sustainable existence? Should a synagogue lead by example or just respond to the requirements of their boards and their members. Are we dealing with a business decision or a spiritual imperative?

Rabbi Howard Voss-Altman of Temple B'nai Tikvah in Calgary was one of the first in the Canadian Reform movement to dedicate one of his Shabbat talks to putting a green spin on parshat Noach. His talk focused on the responsibility mankind has for stewardship of the Earth and taking care of the planet. The Reform movement has even dedicated time and resources to helping its congregations become more sustainable. **[http://bit.ly/tsj1102-01]**

Sustainable Jew

Fred Winegust

The rabbi brought an interesting proposition to his congregation in 2007, after visiting the local Ikea store and finding out that it was powered by renewable energy from southern Alberta wind farms. The synagogue board agreed about the spiritual value of renewable energy and decided to pay the premium for this power once the rabbi secured a synagogue member willing to sponsor the effort. The rabbi succeeded in finding a member connected with the oil industry willing to be that sponsor. Today, the temple uses Bullfrog Power, a green electricity provider, and draws renewable energy from Alberta's power grid. **[http://bit.ly/tsj1102-02]**

Alan Levine and Michael Charendoff, of the Reconstructionist Congregation Darchei Noam, recently took me on a tour of their building in Toronto. The former Adath Shalom Congregation building, it was bought by Darchei Noam in 2004 and was "re-skinned" with a new exterior. A third-floor addition was built, too. The synagogue reopened in January 2008.

Various congregational committees were involved in the selection of heating, cooling and water systems, ensuring the building could operate in an environmentally respectful way. Sustainable materials were chosen to create a comfortable and inviting interior, minimizing environment impact.

Today, the congregation reduces its energy costs by selling electricity from 22 roof-mounted solar panels to the Ontario power grid. The energy consumption of the building is significantly less than other similar institutional buildings. **[http://bit.ly/tsj1102-03]**

Ontario's electricity rates are expected to increase by 46 per cent in the next five years, independent of pre-election 10 per cent rebates. Shortly, time-of-use charging will extend from residential homes to institutional buildings such as synagogues and communal organizations funded by the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

Are the lower five-year fixed electricity rates being offered to these institutions so attractive once you map energy consumption to the time it is consumed? Once you add the global adjustment cost into proposals currently in front of these institutions, do the expected savings still remain? **[http://bit.ly/tsj1102-04]**

"Communal organizations should focus their budgets on providing services to their constituents. More funds are available for the Jewish mission when operational cost savings around energy consumption are put in place," said Gary Siepser, federation's senior vice-president.

"We are aware of energy efficiency efforts currently underway and will be calling together representatives of our stakeholder community to share best practices, identify programs and methodologies they can leverage and help them avoid known pitfalls."

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Soak porcini mushrooms 1/2 hr. in enough hot water to cover. Strain; reserve water. Coarsely chop these mushrooms. Melt margarine in pot; sauté onion, celery, 2 tbls. parsley, carrot, garlic, fresh mushrooms until soft, about 5 min. Lower heat; add flour, stirring for about 5 min or until thick. In a soup pot, heat broth or water. Add a cup of mushroom mixture at a time to the pot, stirring. Turn heat to high, add reserved mushroom water & barley. Stir well; add salt to taste. Simmer covered about 1hr. or until barley is tender and soup is thickened, stirring often. Add additional chopped parsley, mix thoroughly, adjust seasonings.

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Canada

Montreal police chief Marc Parent, left, chats with rabbis Reuben Poupko and Itchy Treitel.

The Middle East: peace or bust?

What has caused the bid for change in the Arab world? How will it play out for the Arab people? For Israel? What are we thinking here at home about the new world?

Revolutions and uprising generally grow from vast amounts of jaded negativity and the strengthening of a people's core. In the cast of Egypt, the people have come to sense that what exists outside their walls is different than what transpires within them.

Urban Writer

Avrum Rosensweig

For 30 years, Hosni Mubarak has run the country under a state of emergency. He's been responsible for vast human rights abuses and has a propensity to take down anyone he perceives as his nemesis. According to Amnesty International, human right activists are often arrested and tortured in Egypt. People have lived in fear of their government, army and those who were supposed to give them security. As well, poverty is rampant, as is hunger.

Meanwhile, Iraq was invaded by the Americans, creating an alternative form of government in the Arab world, a move that will ultimately turn former U.S. president George W. Bush into a hero. It's safe to say, too, that Israel's democracy has had an enormous impact on the Arab world. Similarly, the Internet came to Egypt and offered its people the ability to watch and learn from free societies in which criticizing the government is encouraged and freedom of speech is protected by law.

A combination of these things has created a cauldron of anger and desire for freedom among Egypt's 80 million people and their neighbours. The outcome of this has been masses in the streets and a cry for change.

There are many within our community who are deeply frightened by how this situation will play out. They cite statistics that say close to 30 per cent of the Arab world supports the Muslim Brotherhood, along with public humiliation and hangings, cutting off thieves' hands and annihilating Israel. This school of thought sees Arab nations as highly tribalized and saddled with archaic laws and, therefore, unable to change, ever.

Then there are those who watch the Middle East unravel, or perhaps come together, and instead hope that the nations that currently espouse antisemitic and anti-Israel sentiments and are highly patriarchal will suffer for many years – as the Russian people did following Glasnost – but ultimately come around so that democracy is an accepted form of government in the region.

Who is right? And how will Israel fare in all of this?

I, like you, have made my prediction, based on my armchair view of history and a dream.

The Arab nations are the world's last real dictatorships. They've lagged behind for years. But throughout history, such nations have changed. Why wouldn't Syria, Egypt, Libya, etc., follow that path? Will there be bloodshed? Yes. Will Israel be threatened, attacked and undermined? Yes.

But why isn't it possible that in the years following – and it will take years– once all the anger, distrust and ugliness is worked through, a kinder, gentler aspect of the Arab psyche will rise to the surface and more peaceful times will be upon us?

Why would we think that Arabs, unlike others, can't change? What makes us believe that peace isn't closer as we watch Arab governments fall and the Egyptian people fight for their own rights?

Am I right? I hope so. Is this dream possible? I believe so.

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Tribute to a historic flag

The Statue of the Ink Flag was recently installed in Eilat. The statue recalls the moment during Israel's War of Independence when soldiers of the Alexandroni Brigade captured Eilat. To claim the location for the nascent state, the soldiers planted a makeshift Israeli flag they had made from a white sheet on which they drew the Star of David from a handy bottle of ink. The archival photo, inset, shows Avram Adan (Bren) of Kfar Giladi raising the improvised flag. *(Flash90 photo)*

Canada blasts Tehran's abuses

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Lawrence Cannon called out Iran for its government's "egregious" handling of renewed popular reform protests last week.

The foreign affairs minister made the remarks after Liberal MP and human rights advocate Irwin Cotler called for an all-party emergency debate on Iran in the House of Commons on Feb. 16. Cannon slammed Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps for its recent brutal crackdown on its own people, calling it "an offence to reasonable people the world over" and saying they must stop.

Lawrence Cannon

Cotler said he spearheaded the debate to refocus his fellow parliamentarians and Canadians and "sound the alarm" on the "unprecedented escalation" of state-sanctioned violence by the Iranian regime against its people, which it has undertaken while the international community was caught up in the sweeping changes occurring in North Africa.

"While the eyes of the world are understandably on Egypt, Iranian executions of opposition members have escalated to the rate of one every eight hours. The government of Iran is on an execution binge, even by wanton Iranian standards," Cotler said.

He added: "Iran is now engaged in a wholesale assault on the rights of its own people, including a state-orchestrated wave of arrests, detentions, beatings, torture, kidnappings, disappearances and executions."

Referring to events in the Iranian parliament last week, where frenzied calls for the execution of opposition members were made by the judiciary and members of parliament, and to the continued arrests and brutalization of the country's grassroots "Green Revolution" leaders – those who led the massive 2009 protests against the government after the alleged rigged elections – Cannon said Canada will not let up its pressure on the Ahmadinejad regime.

"The flagrant disregard and egregious abuse of the most basic human rights by the Iranian authorities have always been and will continue to be denounced by our government and by the House," Cannon said.

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Doctor Suspended

MONTREAL — Lung specialist Dr. Barry Rabinovitch was suspended last week for four months and fined $3,000 by the Quebec College of Physicians last week for secretly filming female patients while they were naked, Canadian Press reported. Rabinovitch, an associate professor of medicine at McGill University, filmed 10 to 15 women between January and May 2009 at two clinics where he works – the Montreal Chest Institute and the Queen Elizabeth Health Complex. Rabinovitch, a 56-year-old married father of two, pleaded guilty before a disciplinary council of inappropriately filming the women during cardio-pulmonary exams.

WORLD

Leftist Trip Planned

NEW YORK — The liberal pro-Israel lobby group J Street is launching its own Israel trip for Jewish students after Birthright Israel declined to partner with it. In a fundraising letter to supporters, J Street said it will organize a trip to Israel and the West Bank for 10 to 15 student leaders this summer. A donor agreed to match every dollar up to $15,000 to fund it. J Street started promoting a trip last month to be run in co-operation with Israel Experience, one of several Birthright tour providers. But Birthright said it nixed the idea for a J Street trip focused on progressivism and social action when it was first proposed months ago, saying it no longer works with groups with Israel-related political leanings. J Street said more than 100 students were interested in the proposed Birthright trip.

Tunisian Jews Worry

TUNIS — Tunisia's Jewish community is fearful for its security after anti-Jewish protests outside the capital's main synagogue, a community leader said. The head of the community met recently with the country's interim prime minister, Mohammed Ghanoucci, and requested better security for the country's 1,500 Jews, the AFP news agency reported. On Feb. 11, dozens of Muslim demonstrators gathered in front of the main shul in the capital, Tunis, and chanted anti-Jewish epithets. Last month, amid the political upheaval and violence in the African nation that toppled President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, the military deployed forces to protect the Jewish community on the southern island of Djerba and elsewhere.

Deportation Upheld

CHICAGO — A U.S. appeals court upheld a deportation order against a Chicago man who was stripped of his citizenship for his role in a Nazi-operated Ukrainian police unit. The Feb. 14 ruling upheld the 2007 deportation order against Osyp Firishchak, who immigrated to the United States in 1949 from what is now Ukraine and became a U.S. citizen five years later. Firishchak, who was born in Trebuszany, was stripped of his citizenship in 2005 for concealing his service in the Nazi-sponsored Ukrainian Auxiliary Police service when he came to America. The unit helped kill more than 100,000 Jews in Nazi-occupied Lvov, Poland (now Ukraine), in World War II.

Archeologists Find Oldest Mikvah in U.S.

BALTIMORE — Archeologists have found what they believe to be the oldest mikvah in America.

The 1845 ritual bath was uncovered under the Lloyd Street Synagogue in East Baltimore, which is now part of the Jewish Museum of Maryland. The dig is being led by Esther Doyle Read, a lecturer in ancient studies at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and is being funded by the museum, the university and the Maryland Historical Trust, the *Baltimore Sun* reported.

The bath was first detected during excavations in 2001, and more digging this winter uncovered part of a five-foot-deep wooden tub linked to a cistern and a brick hearth that once warmed the mikvah's water.

The mikvah was built under a former rowhouse that was used as a shul, which was taken over by the Lloyd Street Synagogue when it expanded in 1860. The filled-in bath is steps away from more modern tile-lined mikvahs built after 1905 by a congregation that bought the building from the Catholic Church after it had changed hands a number of times.

"The first congregation here was German," Read said, adding that the mikvah "was a very busy place for this small community of German immigrants."

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Multiculturalism comes under fire

Canadian professor says policy based on a lie

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

It wasn't a particularly good week for multiculturalism.

First, British Prime Minister David Cameron took dead aim at "the doctrine of state multiculturalism," saying – in a Feb. 5 speech on radicalization and Islamic extremism – that it had failed in England.

A few days later, French President Nicolas Sarkozy echoed the sentiment, arguing that as a policy, multiculturalism "is a failure."

Those comments were preceded by others from German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who declared German efforts to promote multiculturalism had "failed totally."

Canada was not immune to the trend of public pronouncements. Around the time Cameron was voicing concerns that Britain had "encouraged different cultures to live separate lives, apart from each other and the mainstream," political science professor Salim Mansur issued a policy document titled *The Muddle of Multiculturalism; A Liberal Critique.* It argued that Canadian multiculturalism was based on a lie, is divisive and should be overturned.

As part of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, multiculturalism will be a difficult principle to rescind. As a practical matter, it's a fact of life in Canada. According to the 2006 census, 43 per cent of the population is neither aboriginal, English nor French. And in 2010, Canada set a 50-year immigration record, admitting more than 280,000 people (China and India are traditionally important sources of immigrants).

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Iran versus its people

"Iran is engaged in a wholesale assault on the rights of its own people, including a state-orchestrated wave of arrests, detentions, beatings, torture, kidnappings, disappearances and executions."

Those words were written by Liberal MP Irwin Cotler at the beginning of this month. He was referring to the brutally sadistic campaign of oppression and repression of the people of Iran by the government of Iran. Cotler sorrowfully observed that during a 5-1/2-week period from Dec. 20 until the end of January, the Iranian rulers executed people at a rate of one every eight hours.

Iran's "execution binge" as Cotler referred to it, took place while the media of the world were not looking at Iran, so to speak. They were focused on events in North Africa.

From the editor's desk...

The media's focus of attention is still on North Africa. But some of the spotlight has shifted to Iran as well.

Returning to the same streets on which they marched in protest of the election that President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad stole from them in June of 2009, tens of thousands of ordinary Iranians are loudly clamouring for freedom and liberty after the remarkable fashion of Tunisians and Egyptians.

Unlike the Egyptian army, however, the Iranian Revolutionary Guard and their confederates, the Basij militia, unleashed bloody hell on their fellow citizens. They viciously set upon demonstrators in Tehran, Isfahan and Shiraz. As of this writing last week, a demonstrator had been killed by security forces.

The ghoulish embrace of violence was repeated in the Iranian parliament itself.

In a frightening display of frenzy, madness and mayhem, more than 200 legislators last week cried out for opposition leaders to face trial and then be put to death. A trial, they conceded, was a nuisance but necessary. On the other hand, the lawmakers forgot to provide for a right of appeal before sentencing.

"Death to Mousavi, Karroubi and Khatami" (opposition leaders Mir Hossein Mousavi, Mahdi Karroubi and former president Mohammad Khatami) echoed through the legislative chamber like a macabre mantra at a convention of murderers.

Speaker Ali Larijani explained the popular uprising happening beyond the walls of the parliament on the usual basis: he blamed the United States, Britain and Israel.

"The parliament condemns the Zionists, American, anti-revolutionary and anti-national action of the misled seditionists."

This time, however, Washington answered back. It found the voice it had inexplicably lost when Iranians took to the streets in 2009.

"Let me, clearly and directly, support the aspirations of the people who are in the streets in Iran today," Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton told reporters last week.

"What we see happening in Iran today is a testament to the courage of the Iranian people and an indictment of the hypocrisy of the Iranian regime – a regime that over the last three weeks has constantly hailed what went on in Egypt," Clinton said.

"We wish the opposition and the brave people in the streets across cities in Iran the same opportunities that they saw their Egyptian counterparts seize."

Clinton, of course, was quite correct in calling the Iranian rulers hypocrites.

One week earlier, the Iranian leader, Ayatollah Ahmad Khatami, appropriated the events in Egypt and Tunisia for his own self-serving ends. He taunted the West.

"I herewith proclaim to those (western leaders) who still do not want to see the realities that the political axis of the new Middle East will soon be Islamic rulership and a democracy based on religion.

"All these protests in Egypt, Tunisia, Jordan and Yemen are inspired by Iran's Islamic revolution, and these countries are de facto rocked by the aftershock of the Iranian revolution," Khatami added.

The protests Khatami celebrated in Egypt and Tunisia, he condemned in his own country. He condemned them because he fears them.

He is not embarrassed by the truth because his medieval worldview cannot accommodate the truth. The window through which he peers each day is draped by a curtain of intolerance and extremism, and a uniquely cruel indifference to the hopes and aspirations of the ordinary people on the streets whose lives he considers himself divinely directed to control.

As is his trademark, Cotler minces no words in characterizing the actions of the Iranian regime. "Iran leads the world in per capita executions, including the execution of children. The government has targeted labour rights and has imprisoned and even murdered the lawyers who defend the accused. All told, Iran's government's actions constitute crimes against humanity under international law."

Iran is not only at odds with much of the world. It is at odds with much of its own people. – ***MBD***

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(And whoever seeks a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he will be one of the losers) Holy Quran
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Religious Tolerance in Nazareth

The message on the sign on one of the main streets in Nazareth just across from the city's tourist information centre, speaks for itself. The dome in the background is the Basilica of the Annunciation, the Christian house of worship that dominates the city's skyline.

[H. Osterer photo]

Elizabeth Wolfe begins term as Chair, UJA Federation Board

Community leader cites her belief in organization's importance in accepting new role

By Daniel Horowitz

When Elizabeth Wolfe began her role as Chair of UJA Federation's Board in November, 2010, it was almost a case of her fulfilling a destiny. With her life-long involvement in UJA Federation, and with her parents, Ray and Rose Wolfe, both having served as UJA Board Chairs, the tradition continues.

"I've been involved with Federation in one form or another, my whole life," says Elizabeth, a graduate of Harvard University and the University of Toronto's Faculty of Law. "We grew up with UJA Federation and so for me not to take the position would be to challenge all the commitments that I've made to the Federation over the last 30 years. It was a natural progression to my involvement throughout my lifetime."

But it's clearly not a sense of familial obligation that enticed Elizabeth to accept this heady and time-consuming endeavour. When she speaks of UJA Federation, the pride she feels is obvious.

"It's been a significant piece of my life and I believe in the organization," says Elizabeth. "I believe in the importance of the organization and its role in the community and if we are involved as lay leaders, and as volunteers, and we are not prepared to step up and assume positions of responsibility, then what are we doing here? Imagine a Toronto without UJA Federation and you immediately understand its significance. Imagine a community that does not raise the dollars to provide for the needs of its most vulnerable within a Jewish context. Imagine a community with disparate agencies that do not have a mechanism to coordinate initiatives or advocate for improved funding and social change. Imagine a community where schools operate in isolation with no financial assistance for tuition. Imagine a community with no funded Jewish programming on our university campuses. Imagine a community that doesn't raise money for Israel, does not encourage or promote Israel engagement and does not advocate on its behalf. Imagine a community that could not respond to anti-Semitic attacks or the campaign to delegitimize Israel. Federation enables us to leverage our strength through combined efforts, in pursuit of our common purpose."

Jen Arron Photographs

Elizabeth Wolfe

Wolfe recently returned from a Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) Investment Institute in Palm Springs featuring 300 participants, where her pride for Jewish Toronto was again justified.

"Everyone there recognized the success that Toronto has with its Jewish community, and that Toronto is a vibrant Jewish city with a dynamic Jewish Federation," said Wolfe. "It is perceived as one of, if not the leading Jewish communities in North America. Actually, we are recognized outside of our community and outside of Canada to a much greater extent than we are aware of."

Wolfe realizes that while she had specific priorities when she assumed her role as Chair, flexibility is essential today, as we face a unique and disconcerting climate of increased anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist sentiment.

"As circumstances change, we have to be ready to shift our priorities to meet very altered realities," she explains. "I think we are facing tensions that go beyond our community that we have not seen since the Second World War. We need to strengthen the organization so that it can respond to those changing circumstances since we need to ensure that our role in advocacy for the Jewish community is as effective as it can be while continuing to meet basic needs. I came into this position with pre-existing priorities that are going to be there. We have a capital campaign where we're on a course to develop the infrastructure that's going to continue. Advocacy is on a course that's got to be pushed forward."

The sweet sounds of tzedakah

By Monique Gottlieb

Orli Silverberg is extremely passionate about two things: playing the violin, and making the world a better place. In honour of her bat mitzvah, she decided to combine the two by organizing a violin concert to raise money for children living in Sderot, Israel, with the help of the B'nai Tzédek Teen Philanthropy program at the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto.

Before her bat mitzvah, Orli knew she wanted to raise money for a charitable cause. "I know I'm very lucky," explained Orli. "I live in a safe country, and I have everything I need. Other people aren't as fortunate as me, so I wanted to do what I could to help them out."

Orli had always felt a strong connection to Israel. Her mother is Israeli, and her family visits the country at least once a year. When she was in Israel this past summer, her family visited Sderot. Seeing the city and its citizens for herself made a huge impact on Orli. "I think they are so brave to live there. I was really scared when I was there for just one day, and they live there every day of their lives."

After researching various causes, she decided to raise money for the people of Sderot. "I felt like they needed the money the most, out of everything I looked at," explained Orli.

Orli Silverberg is all smiles at her violin concert to raise money for the children of Sderot.

Sderot, located on the border of the Gaza Strip, has been the scene of kassam rocket attacks for over eight years. Its citizens live in constant fear, yet most of them choose to stay there to stand their ground on Israel's behalf.

Back in Toronto, the Silverbergs sent out invitations to their family and friends, inviting them to their home for the concert while asking for a donation to go towards the people of Sderot. With her decade of experience playing the violin, and the help of her little sister, Orli put on a phenomenal show. She and her family were blown away by the generosity of the 80 loved ones who came out to support the cause and collectively contributed $5,000.

Through B'nai Tzedek, Orli is able to decide where her donations will go – in this case, helping Sderot's children.

Raising money for Sderot made Orli feel more connected to the people living there. Now that she has had a taste of how it feels to give, Orli is addicted. A lot of people contributed, and she realized that she has so much potential to do good in the world, even at such a young age. "Getting involved and giving to charity is such a great thing. Before I actually did it, I had no idea how good it would make me feel. Instead of people buying gifts for me, I am helping people who are really less fortunate. It feels amazing."

CJC seeks 'shalom bayit' between rabbi, Kulanu

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Canadian Jewish Congress says it hopes to ease tensions between the city's main Jewish gay and lesbian group and a prominent Orthodox rabbi that arose in the wake of last summer's Gay Pride parade.

As reported in a JTA story published in the Feb. 11 edition of *The CJN*, York Regional Police (YRP) chaplain Rabbi Mendel Kaplan – spiritual leader of Chabad @ Flamingo in Thornhill – was recently investigated by the force in part for allegedly making "vile" and "hateful" remarks about gays and lesbians to his congregation in a sermon last summer.

Justine Apple

A six-month YRP investigation concluded earlier this month with the exoneration of Rabbi Kaplan. It was touched off by a complaint against the rabbi filed by Kulanu Toronto, a Hillel-affiliated advocacy and social group for Jewish gays and lesbians, both for his alleged sermon and for what the group described as a "homophobic" e-mail he sent to a group of rabbis about his position on the Gay Pride parade.

Last summer, Kulanu placed a full-page ad in the Toronto Star prior to the Parade urging the community to support gay Jews to help counter an anti-Israel group, Queers Against Israeli Apartheid, which was planning to march. The ad was co-sponsored by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, the Canada-Israel Committee and Congress.

According to Justine Apple, Kulanu's executive director, Rabbi Kaplan focused on the ad in a sermon prior to the parade that excoriated her group and those supporting it.

Although Rabbi Kaplan was cleared by the YRP probe, Apple believes his role as chaplain is inconsistent with the values of diversity and inclusiveness that a police chaplain should espouse. She said Kulanu planned to send a letter to York Police Chief Eric Jolliffe about the decision to retain him in the role.

Apple said her organization was still considering talking to Rabbi Kaplan. But she added that she and her board members were "not sure" whether gay Jews in York region would feel comfortable talking to a chaplain who is perceived to be anti-gay.

Congress CEO Bernie Farber said last week that "we just want to bring some shalom bayit to the situation" by bringing the two sides together, if Kulanu chooses that option.

"Whatever decision [Kulanu] decides upon, CJC will continue to try to help find a way to resolve this issue comfortably. But no matter what Kulanu does, it won't negate the need for dialogue," he said.

Asked about his position on the issue of the Pride Parade and Kulanu, Rabbi Kaplan said he believes some people have "misinterpreted" his intent and remarks.

"I don't take exception to people who march wherever they want. I don't discriminate against anybody. We're all treated equally. We're all children of God. I believe that tolerance and respect is important for our society," he said.

"I'm trying to make it clear… at the time I delivered the sermon, my reaction was not to the Pride parade, per se. My reaction was to the fact that the flagship institutions of the Jewish people publicly proclaimed that Torah values are not necessarily Jewish values," the rabbi added.

"This is really an internal Jewish issue. This has nothing to do with the general population. This has nothing to do with gay rights. This is entirely focused on what is appropriate for the Jewish community to formally endorse. A flagship institution that claims to represent the entire Jewish community cannot embrace any values or ideals that are antithetical to the Torah and still proclaim to represent the whole community."

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Canadians and Jews: "great sense of humour, no self-esteem," says comedy writer/producer Mike Reiss.

Toward the end of his speech, Reiss, best known for writing and producing *The Simpsons*, thanked the crowd at the UJA Campaign 2011 closing event for supporting the "worthy cause."

"I want to thank you… for donating your time and donating your money to this worthy cause, whatever the hell it is. I think we're buying skullcaps for dogs."

While not quite on par with skullcaps for dogs, for the hundreds of people who gathered Feb. 15 at Toronto's Westin Prince Hotel, the cause was important.

Campaign co-chair Sherry Firestone said this year's campaign had excellent results.

Compared to the 2010 campaign, she said, overall gifts from donors have increased, as well as the number of donors – 900 new ones and 700 previous donors who did not contribute in 2010. The 2011 campaign also attracted 800 canvassers, more than in many years, who helped raise more than $53.8 million to date, for UJA initiatives.

"We truly change people's lives for the better, in both the short and the long term," said fellow campaign chair Jeff Rosenthal.

Last year's campaign raised a total of $64 million, but as of February 2010, when last year's campaign closing was held, UJA had raised slightly less than this year's total to date, approximately $53 million.

"The official campaign closing celebration is never the closing of funds coming in," federation spokesperson Howard English told *The CJN*. "We will have a much better idea [of the final total] in a few months."

Lisa Draper, UJA's chair of campaign operations, introduced the 51-year-old Reiss by showing clips from two episodes of *The Simpsons*, where the family visits Toronto and Israel.

"We are going to have a lot of fun over the next six or seven hours," Reiss said by way of introduction. "That's a joke of course. It won't be fun at all."

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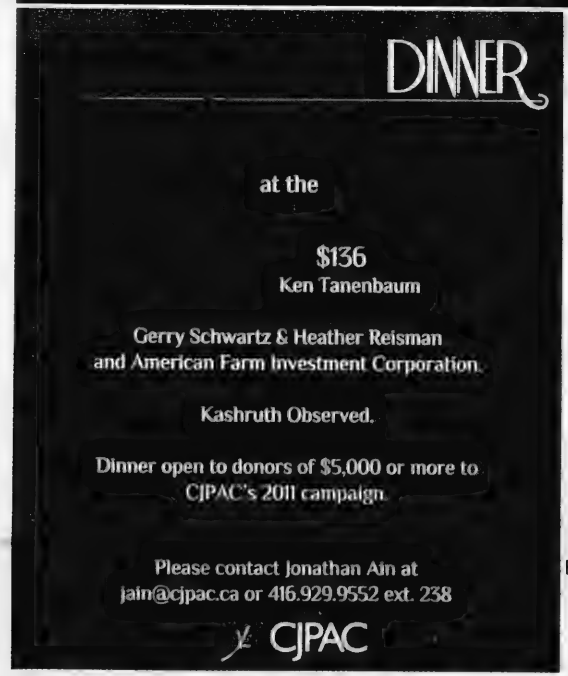

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'Iran, the greatest moral corruption'

The sight was so horrific, it was surreal; so surreal as to have bordered on fantasy. Except, alas, it was not fantasy. It was disgustingly true. More than 200 members of the parliament of Iran, in the legislative chamber of parliament, last week shouted and remonstrated their malevolence and hatred toward their own people, calling for the trial and execution of the opposition leaders urging the regime to reform.

"It was an abominable sight... to see on television the Iranian parliament standing and calling for the killing of opposition forces in the name of the 'democracy' of [Iranian President Mahmoud] Ahmadinejad," Israeli President Shimon Peres said of the disturbing spectacle.

Humane, freedom-loving peoples around the world share the revulsion expressed by Peres. None has expressed that legal or personal revulsion more insistently and eloquently than Liberal MP Irwin Cotler. (Please see "From the editor's desk," page 4.)

In the House of Commons last week, Foreign Minister Lawrence Cannon rebuked the Ahamadinejad government clearly and solemnly. He spoke forcefully and with great resolve.

"Actions taken by the Iranian authorities against peaceful protesters in Tehran... give our government much cause for concern. The hypocrisy of the Iranian authorities' support for democracy in Egypt and the suppression of the same demands in Iran is outright unacceptable. The use of tear gas, batons and pepper spray against peaceful protesters by Iranian security forces is a gross violation of the right to free expression and assembly."

In his remarks, Cannon poignantly reminded Canadians that the brutality against the Iranian people of late has "a long history." He recalled Tehran's violent repression of the people's protests in the summer of 2009. He also placed on the record the names of many "ordinary" Iranians whose lives today are being threatened. Cannon promised that the government "will continue to take Iran to task for its continued violations of human rights and freedom of expression and association."

We commend the government for its blunt, no-nonsense approach to Iran's abominable behaviour. We urge other governments to follow suit. We urge UN secretary general Ban Ki Moon to do so as well. The matter is urgent, and the full level of the Iranian leaders' cruelty is still unmeasured.

Peres last week referred to Iran as "the greatest moral corruption in the world." One cannot disagree with him. One can only heed his words as a warning. The danger is real.

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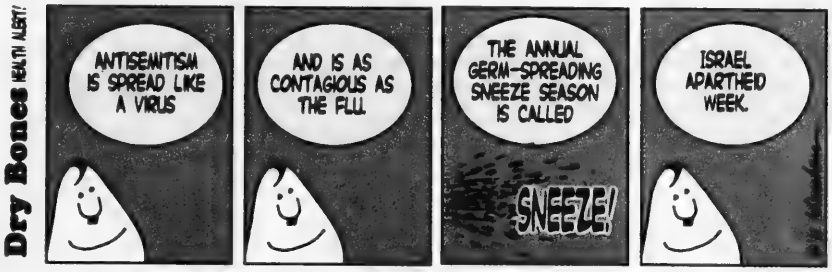
The shaky peace process in the Middle East shuddered to a halt after the announcement by King Hussein of Jordan that he was washing his hands of the Palestine Liberation Organization.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The police (1)

Avrum Rosensweig's column concerning the "efficiency and fairness of the Toronto police" misrepresents the Jewish community's general relationship with and feelings about the police. ("The police: a need for change," Feb. 10). Statements that the Jewish community only comes into contact with the police force when speeding tickets are issued or at the Walk for Israel are at best erroneous, and the statement that the community regards the force as "heavy-handed and racist" is insulting to our community and to the police force.

I have experienced the police force in action, and the attending officers have always been professional and courteous in performing their tasks. Now this is not to say that our police force is perfect. And in the last year we have witnessed questionable decisions made and actions by Ontario's premier, Toronto's chief of police and by several officers. But these matters are currently being investigated and being discussed by many citizens. The majority of Toronto Jews I am in contact with still have confidence in the Toronto police force. As a writer in a Jewish newspaper, one has to be very careful how one rebukes a member of our community, and even more careful with a person from outside our community.

David Bookman
Toronto

LET THEM GO...

Ron Arad, Zachary Baumel, Zvi Feldman, Guy Hever, Yehuda Katz

1706

The number of days Hamas has held Gilad Schalit captive

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The police (2)

Much of John Sewell's criticism of the police, as far as I am concerned, is biased and unbalanced ("The police: a need for change," Feb. 10). No doubt there are some officers who abuse their powers, but they are very few. Police deal with much of society's garbage, so it is not uncommon that there will be complaints made in some circumstances.

The G20 in Toronto last June was an immense operation for the officers, who worked under difficult conditions and for long hours.

The 5,500 Toronto police establishment's strength is less than in 1992, when Toronto stopped hiring for three years and lost more than 900 officers due to retirement. This resulted in the investigative units being decimated to provide uniform response to the 2,000 daily dispatched radio calls. This has a negative effect on service.

There is much more to the story of those shot by police than columnist Avrum Rosensweig indicates in a flippant manner. Police meet mentally challenged people as well as criminals in their work, and in crisis conditions, they do not have the benefit of psychiatric consultations.

As a former chair of the Toronto Police Services Board who has been in the field on many occasions, I can attest to the professionalism, patience and accountability that police officers have shown in their duty. It was, therefore, appalling to see what I perceive to be an article creating mistrust in the community against the police.

Norman Gardner
Thornhill, Ont.

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Pollard's plight different than soldiers

I agree with *The CJN* editor's view that Jonathan Pollard's plight is dissimilar to those of Israeli soldiers captured in battle ("'Let them go' should include Pollard," letters, Feb. 10). Pollard should be released immediately, for he has been held for a disproportionate amount of time by Israel's closest ally, the United States. However, the Israeli soldiers who are being held by enemies of the Jewish state risked their lives to protect our homeland in the face of the fiercest forces of hatred and evil. In this respect, they diverge from Pollard. They are neither better, nor worse, but merely different. As such, they should be acknowledged separately in the "Let them go" box in the centre of *The CJN*'s letters to the editor page.

Baruch Cohen
Montreal

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'Let's not forget' Pollard

The CJN seems to be reluctant to include Jonathan Pollard in the "Let them go" box in the centre of its letters to the editor page, supposedly because he is not an Israel Defence Forces "soldier who is missing in action" ("'Let them go' should include Pollard," letters, Feb. 10).

Let me, therefore, suggest that *The CJN* include a separate box, perhaps titled "Let's not forget" or "Let's also remember" for Pollard. This information would heighten readers' awareness of Pollard's case and serve as a constant reminder of the price this poor American Jewish hero, and honorary Israeli citizen, is paying for having helped the people and State of Israel.

(Sam) Ralph Schleichkorn
Montreal

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Tunisia, then Egypt: who is next?

Uriel Heilman
JTA

With popular uprisings having toppled two Arab dictators in the space of just a few weeks and unrest reverberating across the Middle East, are other regimes likely to fall, too?

Nearly everywhere in the region, autocratic leaders seem to be on the defensive. Using carrots or sticks, and sometimes both, they're struggling to curb growing protest movements.

In Jordan three weeks ago, amid spreading protests, King Abdullah II dismissed his prime minister and cabinet, promising reforms. In the Persian Gulf kingdom of Bahrain, police countered protesters' "Day of Rage" this week with rubber bullets and tear gas, while the king tried to defuse opposition by promising a $2,650 payment of "appreciation" to every Bahraini family. In Kuwait, too, the ruling emir announced cash grants to every citizen.

In Iran last week, government forces used violence to block demonstrators from massing in main squares, despite Tehran's rhetorical support for the uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt. In Yemen and Algeria, protesters and police battled in the streets. In the West Bank, the Palestinian Authority (PA) announced that it would hold long-overdue parliamentary and presidential elections by September, and this week the PA prime minister dismissed his cabinet.

Long a mostly impotent force in Arab politics, the Arab street has suddenly discovered its power, and it's ushering in change from Tunis to Amman – not to mention fraying nerves in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

"Activists in other countries are trying to use the example of Egypt and Tunisia to mobilize large numbers of people to the streets," said David Siddhartha Patel, a political scientist at Cornell University.

Despite the spreading protests, experts cautioned against predicting the collapse of additional regimes. While the Arab street has drawn lessons from Egypt and Tunisia, so have their autocratic rulers.

"Will people demonstrate and protest? Yes," said Barry Rubin, an Israeli scholar at the Herzliya Interdisciplinary Center's program of Global Research in International Affairs. "Will people overthrow governments? I think the answer is no."

The reasoning for every country is different, and the elements that made for the success of Egypt's uprising were a uniquely combustible combination that may not transfer elsewhere.

High unemployment, a yawning rich-poor gap, widespread government corruption and deteriorating quality-of-life metrics made Hosni Mubarak almost universally despised in his country, uniting Islamists and secularists in opposition. Egypt faced a looming succession crisis that undermined the legitimacy of the 82-year-old president, who wanted to hand over power to his son, Gamal.

Once the protests began in earnest, Egypt's government, which receives $1.3 billion in annual U.S. aid, was subject to American pressure on how to confront the demonstrators. Perhaps most significant, the Egyptian army opted to side with the protesters rather than with the regime, declining to use violence against the people and essentially turning what had begun as a popular uprising into a military coup.

That stands in stark contrast to Iran, which put down mass protests a year-and-a-half ago following the disputed re-election of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. The key state security forces did the government's bidding at the time, and with gusto: they beat and shot demonstrators, jailed dissenters and executed organizers.

Some of the protesters in Cairo took advantage of the anarchy to act violently. [*Israel Sun photo*]

This time, the regime is making sure that mass protests never materialize by choking off main arteries leading to central squares, deploying hundreds of riot officers and banning marches in solidarity with the uprisings in Egypt and Tunisia.

Already pariahs in the West, Tehran's rulers have little to hold them back from unleashing the full might of their security apparatus to stay in power.

"The Iranian regime acted decisively early on, using security forces ruthlessly against the opposition, unlike Mubarak who hesitated and vacillated," said Manochehr Dorraj, an Iran expert at Texas Christian University. "In Iran, the use of the security forces put shivers in the heart of the demonstrators who knew that they might be killed or executed. And because Iran has oil and gas reserves, it could afford to act autonomously and ignore public opinion and take that defiant posture."

Likewise in Syria, the state security services moved firmly to stifle budding protests, scaring potential opponents into submission through arrests, intimidation and a zero-tolerance policy even for small protest gatherings. Furthermore, the broad popular discontent that fuelled the Egyptian protests is less salient in Syria, where quality-of-life measures have improved in recent years under Bashar Assad.

Syria and Iran have another card to play when it comes to staunching opposition.

"Their anti-U.S. and anti-Israel posture lends them the claim that whoever rises against them are agents of the U.S. and Israel," Dorraj said. "This was not available to Mubarak."

Algeria in many ways looks similar to Egypt, with broad disaffection for the government of President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, youth-led protests gaining steam and widespread strikes. But Algeria's army is unlikely to side with the people against the regime, many analysts say. The same goes for Algeria's neighbour to the east, Moammar Gadhafi's Libya, where dissidents called for a protest to take place last week in Tripoli.

Jordan, the only Arab country besides Egypt to have a peace treaty with Israel, is seen to be in a more vulnerable position. Its ruler hails from a minority group in a country whose population is mostly Palestinian. In recent weeks, even the native Jordanian tribes in the minority that comprise the king's traditional power base went public with charges of corruption against King Abdullah's wife, Queen Rania. Also, the painful domestic effects of the global economic crisis have increased popular discontent in Jordan.

As protests – a recurring presence in the kingdom – gained steam following the unrest in Egypt, King Abdullah moved quickly to announce political reforms, firing his government and installing a new, conservative cabinet designed to placate Jordan's powerful tribes. The moves, and the king's relative popularity compared with Mubarak in Egypt, weigh in Abdullah's favour.

Perhaps the Middle Eastern country most vulnerable to revolution is Yemen, which like Mubarak's Egypt is plagued by high poverty, unemployment, discontent with the regime led by President Ali Abdullah Saleh and, until a few days ago, a looming succession crisis.

Long ravaged by internal conflicts, Yemen is seen as a key front in the war against Al Qaeda and terrorism. If Saleh goes, it's not clear that Yemen's government will remain allied with the West against Islamic extremism. The future of Yemen, like so much in the Middle East, remains uncertain.

The streets are stirring throughout the region

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In the Middle East Feb. 17:

Libya

At least 14 demonstrators were reported to have been killed in clashes with pro-government forces, as protesters seeking to oust longtime leader Moammar Gadhafi defied a crackdown and took to the streets of four cities for what activists have dubbed a day of rage.

An opposition website and an anti-Gadhafi activist said unrest broke out during marches in four Libyan cities Thursday. Organizers were using social networking sites Facebook and Twitter to call for nationwide demonstrations.

"Today the Libyans broke the barrier of fear, it is a new dawn," said Faiz Jibril, an opposition leader in exile.

Yemen

More than 1,000 protesters clashed with government loyalists in Yemen on the seventh straight day of demonstrations, Feb. 17, demanding the end of President Ali Abdullah Saleh's 32-year rule.

Clashes broke out in the capital Sanaa after groups of government loyalists armed with daggers and batons confronted about 1,500 protesters, prompting the police to fire warning shots in the air, witnesses said.

"The people want the fall of the president, the people want the fall of the regime," the protesters chanted.

Witnesses said police appeared to have lost control of the crowds and withdrew from the streets as the rival camps hurled rocks at each other. Dozens were wounded and carried away from the scene.

Bahrain

The Bahraini army seized control of key parts of capital Manama on Feb. 17 and banned gatherings, after a riot police raid on a protest camp left at least three people dead, 231 wounded and 60 more missing.

Armed vehicles rumbled through the capital after police stormed the demonstration square in a government attempt to quell three days of protest.

Hours after the violence unfolded, Bahrain's army said it would take all measures necessary to ensure security, and it is ordering people to avoid central areas of the Gulf Arab kingdom's capital, according to an Interior Ministry spokesman.

At least five people died since protests flared up. Thousands of overwhelmingly Shiite protesters took to Bahrain's streets demanding more say in the Gulf Arab kingdom where a Sunni Muslim family rules over a majority Shiite population.

Sharansky: Zionist and humanist pop star

Gill Troy

in Montreal

Twenty five years ago this month, on Feb. 11, 1986, a KBG agent told Natan Sharansky to walk straight ahead to a car waiting to take him to freedom. Sharansky zig-zagged his way to the car.

This independence of thought had gotten Sharansky into trouble with the Soviet authorities – and saved his life when they tried to break him. He suffered for nine years in the gulag. A chess player, he lived to outwit his KGB tormenters. When they mocked him by showing a clipping of a Free Soviet Jewry rally, saying only housewives and students were standing up for him, he feigned disbelief. They showed him more and more evidence of those rallies – letting him see just how far the message was travelling to free him and three million Jews suffering under Soviet Communism.

While Sharansky's survival reflected his tremendous personal will, his release was a collective accomplishment. He recalls that one thing that kept him going and kept him sane was the simple fact of belonging to the Jewish People. As a part of a story greater than his own individual narrative, he felt supported by others and would not betray them. In prison, he noticed that others, such as the Pentacostalists, who belonged to something greater than their own individual lives fared better, too. That insight shapes his passion for Jewish identity-building and the understanding that through our particular allegiances, we can achieve universal goods.

Belonging to the Jewish people also meant that an army of "students and housewives" mobilized to keep him alive. Here in Canada, the late Andrea Bronfman, at the time Andrea Cohen, helped galvanize the Group of 35 to keep the community aware, the pressure on and Soviet Jewish hopes alive. Prof. Irwin Cotler led the crackerjack legal team using Soviet laws to try to free Sharansky (which is one of the many reasons why I recently exercised one of my few powers as an academic to nominate Cotler for a Nobel Peace Prize). Tens of thousands of others were in the supporting cast – wearing bracelets, writing letters, attending rallies, donating money, visiting refuseniks, lobbying politicians, exercising their democratic rights to fight for those whose rights were being violated.

Today, Sharansky is one of the Jewish world's few iconic figures, probably the leading Zionist pop star. At a moment in history when Israel is being delegitimized, when too many potential Zionists wallow in cynicism or despair, he represents the Zionist dream, the possibility of personal and collective redemption through Jewish nationalism and by building a thriving, democratic state of Israel. As chairman of the Jewish Agency, he is spearheading a critical reframing of the agency's mission – and the Jewish People's essential task – understanding that in the 21st century, we must be in the business of saving souls and instilling values, not just saving lives. Our challenges are about who we are, what kind of lives we shall lead and how can we use Judaism, Zionism and Israel as frameworks for finding meaning and making a difference in the world.

More broadly, Sharansky teaches that democracy entails more than occasional trips to the voting booth, that it requires basic civil rights and freedoms. In his book, *The Case for Democracy*, he defines a country as being free if any citizen can denounce the government in the town square without suffering consequences. And yet, while the Sharansky Test suggests we should not naively think that every popular rebellion against a dictator is necessarily democratic, Sharansky has been very excited by the possibility of reform in the Arab world. He believes in democracy's healing power and the mass desire for democracy.

Natan Sharansky

I confess: when I was young, I had his name etched into a bracelet I wore, and his cause – freedom for all Soviet Jews, and all Soviet citizens – imprinted on my heart. I doubted we would succeed. I thought of the quest to free him as an impossible dream, worth pursuing, but unlikely. Sharansky shows that impossible dreams can come true. His life story is about making not only the impossible possible, but the improbable likely.

Sharansky shows that history is not just about tragedy but success, not just about despair but about hope, not just about wars and dictators but ideas – and short little bald guys who can stand up against evil and change the world.

A sweet singer in Israel

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein

in Toronto

I grew up in a Reform synagogue that didn't sing. My cantor had a deep bass voice, and he proclaimed the prayers rather than chanting them. We never sang along, except for the *Shema*, which he intoned slowly and importantly, as if allowing the congregation to join in. Though I loved his sonorous tones and the solemnity of the service, I wondered what it would feel like if we all participated more. From my friends, I learned that my experience was typical. None of them ever sang in shul.

But everything changed when I went to Jewish summer camp and youth group. There I met a young song-leader named Debbie Friedman, who was already shaking up the establishment with her creative renderings of familiar synagogue prayers and her new compositions of prayers in English. Suddenly we were all clapping and dancing and bouncing and joining hands in a circle to a rousing chorus of Psalms. Suddenly we were singing things we had heard before in shul, such as *Mi Chamocha* or *Aleynu*, and singing with fervour. We closed our eyes and melodiously harmonized with beautiful new tunes that praised the matriarchs and glorified creation, nature and the Divine in the world.

Here were Reform Jewish kids proclaiming "How glorious Thy Name in all the earth!" and feeling the meaning behind every word. Here were Reform Jewish teenagers looking forward to weekday-evening services and inspired by worship. We wanted to sing Debbie's songs. We wanted to learn to song-lead like Debbie. We wanted our deep-voiced cantors to pick up a guitar and lead us in "singing a new song unto God." We wanted to feel the joy of Debbie's music all year long.

So we took her music back from camp and back from NFTY events to our cantors and rabbis and synagogues. There was resistance. Her music was too folksy they said, too sing-songy, not serious enough. Instead we led "teen services" (who could argue with a group of 17- and 18-year-olds who wanted to lead services once in a while?) and taught the congregation some of her tunes. They caught on fast and furious.

Pretty soon a song here and a song there would be incorporated into the "main" service. Now, so long after those years have gone by, we can't imagine a Reform service without her *Mi Sheberach* or a *Havdalah* that doesn't use her tune. Her music is sung worldwide, in Conservative and Reconstructionist and even Orthodox camps and shuls; in non-denominational Jewish settings; at weddings and bar and bat mitzvahs; in shiva homes, and even in churches. Countless number of new Jewish folk artists have been inspired by her and continue to create a new Jewish folk music scene because she opened that door. Debbie changed the Jewish world forever.

This was all before she became ill in the 1990s with a chronic neurological condition that was never definitively diagnosed, but that weakened and debilitated her. Debbie lived and performed with the illness, and it moved her music into a new Jewish music genre that she helped to establish: Jewish "healing" music. She faced the challenges of her illness by forging this new kind of Jewish folk music, which allowed for spiritual growth through the most intense of challenges. Debbie herself wrote, "It is a strange thing that pain creates beauty and potential for healing… The willingness to both offer and receive blessings of healing and well-being allows one who is wounded to transform and unravel their pain… We are not just the recipients of blessings, but the messengers of blessings as well. Remember, out of what emerges from life's painful challenges will come our healing."

Debbie passed away tragically last month after falling ill with pneumonia at the Jewish learning conference Limmud England at the end of December. Thousands of people around the world sang her *Mi Sheberach* for her, in congregations and community centres everywhere, during her last days in the hospital. I pray she felt that energy and that love as it lifted her heaven-ward.

Debbie touched many lives. She certainly touched mine, and my introduction to her music years ago is one of the reasons I am a rabbi today. I am proud that the Reform community memorialized her on Feb. 23, the day she would have turned 60. A sweet singer in Israel is gone. May her memory be a blessing.

Egypt's wild card – the Muslim Brotherhood

Hosni Mubarak's abrupt departure from the scene, prompted by an upheaval of historic proportions, sets the stage for a new phase in modern Egyptian history. The 18-day popular uprising that led to his ouster on Feb. 11 as Egypt's authoritarian president may yet usher in an epoch of democracy.

Mubarak's powers were assumed by the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces, chaired by Field Marshal Mohammed Hussein Tantawi, the minister of defence and a veteran of the Six Day War and the Yom Kippur War. Tantawi proceeded to dissolve parliament, suspend the constitution and announce that elections would be held within about six months.

These developments may be to the advantage of the still-banned Muslim Brotherhood, Egypt's largest and best organized opposition group and the world's oldest Islamist movement.

In an op-ed piece in the *New York Times* on Feb. 10, Essam El-Errian, a member of its governing council, claimed that the Muslim Brotherhood has no intention of playing what he called "a dominant role" in Egypt's gradual transition to democracy: "We are not putting forward a candidate for the presidential elections."

Nonetheless, the Muslim Brotherhood, which compares itself to Turkey's Justice and Development party, may wield influence in the future and play a role in shaping Egyptian society and Egypt's policy toward Israel.

The Islamist movement has already emerged from the shadows. On the eve of Mubarak's resignation, Egypt's vice-president, Omar Suleiman, invited all the opposition groups, including the Muslim Brotherhood, to a "dialogue" on government reform. For the first time since the fall of the monarchy in 1952, the military-backed regime agreed to discuss what had been taboo topics: free and fair elections, freedom of expression and the repeal of the state of emergency, which Mubarak imposed after his predecessor, Anwar Sadat, was assassinated.

That the Muslim Brotherhood was invited to these talks was of enormous importance. "Today, we were recognized," said its secretary-general, Mahmoud Hussein.

Quite so.

Significantly, the United States tentatively welcomed the Muslim Brotherhood's participation in these roundtable discussions.

Iran, for self-serving reasons, portrayed the Egyptian revolution as a triumph of support for a hardline Islamic government.

But judging by comments by Mohammed Akif, its previous leader, the Muslim Brotherhood

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

seeks a republican system of government that is "democratic, constitutional and parliamentary and conforms with Islamic principles."

In his newspaper piece, El-Errian wrote that the Muslim Brotherhood is committed to "an agenda of gradual reform." But he added that American or European-style "secular democracy, with its firm rejection of religion in public life, is not the exclusive model for a legitimate democracy."

His observations beg a question: is the Muslim Brotherhood secretly working for a theocratic regime?

Established in 1928 as a discussion group and charitable organization, it was founded by Hassan al-Banna, who preached that Egypt had descended into poverty, corruption and division after straying from the moral and spiritual principles of Islam.

Proclaiming that "Islam is the solution," he argued that Egypt could only rebuild its power and pride by adopting Islamic law.

Al-Banna also called for social justice and equality, the unification of Egypt with the Islamic world – a new caliphate – and Egypt's liberation from British colonial rule.

On a concrete level, the Muslim Brotherhood attempted to ingratiate itself with the Egyptian masses by creating a network of professional associations, clinics, schools, libraries and mosques.

Its attitude to violence varied. One faction promoted armed confrontation with the government, but the moderate wing believed that the way to power was through education. The debate was heightened by Al-Banna's assassination in 1949.

By all accounts, he was killed by the secret police to avenge the murder of Egypt's prime minister, whose death was blamed on the Muslim Brotherhood. Eventually, it embraced a policy of non-violence.

According to Bruce Rutherford, the author of *Egypt after Mubarak: Liberalism, Islam and Democracy in the Arab World*, the army officers who staged the 1952 coup regarded the Muslim Brotherhood as allies. Both advocated a clean and transparent parliamentary form of government, economic reforms to narrow the gap between rich and poor and the end of Britain's occupation.

Since their platforms were similar, Egypt's new and charismatic strongman,

Mohammed Badie

Gamal Abdel Nasser, appointed a Muslim Brotherhood member to his cabinet.

The honeymoon did not last long. In 1954, after the Muslim Brotherhood was accused of trying to assassinate Nasser, more than 30,000 Muslim Brothers were arrested and several of its leaders were executed. Being exceedingly resilient, the Muslim Brotherhood weathered this crisis.

During the 1960s, the Muslim Brotherhood faced one more moment of truth when one of its most influential thinkers, Sayyid Qutb, called for the overthrow of the Egyptian government on the grounds that its policies were inimical to Islam.

In 1965, Nasser arrested 18,000 Muslim Brothers and then executed 26 of its leaders, including Qutb, whose radical ideas have influenced a generation of Islamic extremists from Al Qaeda's Osama bin Laden to the leadership of Hamas and Hezbollah.

With Egypt's defeat in the Six Day War, the Muslim Brotherhood regrouped as Nasser released thousands of its imprisoned members. Nasser's unlikely successor, Sadat, used the Muslim Brotherhood as a counterweight to leftist and Nasserist influence. Ironically, Sadat was assassinated by a Muslim Brotherhood splinter group. Like Sadat, Mubarak attempted to co-opt the Muslim Brotherhood, which is primarily supported by the lower middle class. Although Mubarak did not permit the Muslim Brotherhood to form a political party, he let it contest faux elections as independents from 1984 onward.

In 2005, the Muslim Brotherhood won 88 parliamentary seats, or 20 per cent of the total. In last year's election, the Muslim Brotherhood was completely shut out, causing its current leader, or general guide, Mohammed Badie, to cry foul.

Despite its apparent acceptance of democratic norms and its rejection of violence, the Muslim Brotherhood has historically been vehemently anti-Israel.

Muslim Brotherhood volunteers fought in the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. More recently, the Muslim Brotherhood urged Egypt to expel Israel's ambassador, suspend diplomatic relations with Israel and abrogate the 1979 peace treaty.

Last May, three of its members were aboard a Turkish ship attempting to break Israel's blockade of Gaza. Earlier this month, one of its spokesmen told an Iranian Arabic-language satellite TV station that Egyptians "should be prepared for war against Israel."

Clearly, the Muslim Brotherhood will be a wild card in Egypt's transition to democracy.

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Shabbat: gift and governance

Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl
Special to The CJN

More than two decades ago, the *Wall Street Journal* ran an article about the way some New York financial workers and lawyers protect themselves from the brutal schedules and pressures they face: they become Sabbath observers. Not in the ritual sense, but with an awareness of the Jewish tradition. Some attend shul. Others play tennis. But they make it clear that they don't engage in commercial activity on Shabbat.

Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl

More people are again thinking about Shabbat. Reboot, a secular effort to "re-vision" Judaism, is asking "hyper-connected people of all backgrounds" to unplug their phones, computers and other technology for 24 hours – from sundown on Friday, March 4 to sundown on Saturday, March 5, its second annual National Day of Unplugging.

Shabbat is both a responsibility and an opportunity. We are commanded to cease the activities that usually define our lives and shape the world.

The Torah links Shabbat to two core events – the birth of the cosmos and the formation of the Nation of Israel.

On a universal level, Shabbat is a reminder of the cessation of creative activity by God. It is connected to the environmental ideal of allowing the world to be, enabling us to take the time to turn off the switch, walk, learn and relax.

On a national level, Shabbat recalls the liberation of our ancestors from Egypt, the freedom to control our own lives, and the opportunity to spend time with God.

Delia Lloyd, a writer based in London, England, blogs for the *Huffington Post*. She writes about her Shabbat experiment:

"A month ago, I committed myself to testing out a new personal resolution: I would no longer work on Saturdays… It encompassed anything electronic (e.g. e-mail, Facebook, Twitter, RSS feeds) as well as conducting interviews and, of course, writing. My attempt to celebrate a secular sabbath was… not only doable, it also gave me a huge happiness boost… There was not a Saturday that I wasn't tempted to do at least a bit of work. But there also wasn't a Saturday that I wasn't glad that I had decided not to. So here are five things I gained from taking Saturdays off:

• *I relaxed.* My main goal in taking Saturdays off was to bring a few of my favourite things… back into my life: specifically, reading the *New Yorker* and going to yoga… And now it's part of my (new and improved!) Saturday routine.

• *I was more focused with my children…* In the last month or so, I've actually sat down and focused on my kids for hours at a clip… One day, my son and I actually took out the chemistry set that he'd gotten for Chanukah… and – gasp – actually used it. And the more I focused on the kids and didn't try to get 12 other things done simultaneously, the more relaxed I was with them.

• *I re-connected…* I used to call friends during my daily 45-minute commute home… [But overseas and] over time, I [called] my friends less and less… Now that I've given myself leave not to use spare time on Saturdays to jump on the computer, I can usually find 30 minutes… to call a friend back in America.

• *I went shopping…* I am not a natural shopper… I will always opt to get some work done… In the past month, I've purchased some running shoes, a new jacket, some earrings, even a colourful scarf to brighten up this dreary London winter.

• *I'm more productive…* I think about Saturdays as "my time" – a chance to recharge… When I sit down on Sunday morning to tackle that cluttered in-box, I actually have more energy." (*Sabbath Saturday: 5 Things I Gained By Not Working On Saturdays*, Feb. 2, 2010)

From a traditional Jewish perspective, shopping or doing chemistry projects with a child are not within the framework of Shabbat-permitted activities, but Delia Lloyd may be on to something.

Writing in the *Wall Street Journal*, Mollie Ziegler Hemingway reviewed two books by non-Jews pointing to the neglect of the Sabbath in our culture and the corrosive impact of such neglect on human life.

"Of all the gifts Jews gave the world, that of a weekly day of rest is certainly one to be cherished. And yet the Sabbath is now marked more by its neglect than its keeping…

"The flip side to the prosperity we enjoy is that we have lost our day of rest for another day of consumption. The pace of commerce and technology provide unheard of options for ignoring family, religion and rest – not just on the Sabbath but every day of the week." (*The Decline of the Sabbath: Less praying, more working and playing*, Mollie Ziegler Hemingway, *Wall Street Journal*, June 15, 2007)

Shabbat is a blessing that involves an obligation and a responsibility. In traditional Judaism, Shabbat is understood as having two aspects: (1) *zachor* – remember – a gift and opportunity to grow our souls and our family life; and (2) *shamor* – observe – a limitation on our activities to create the space needed to develop the first. Think of breathing – in order to inhale fresh air, we must exhale to make space in our lungs for the new breath.

When the people of Israel are instructed to build a wilderness Sanctuary for worship, they are twice told of the importance of the project and twice reminded to – as important as this construction job is – stop working to observe the Shabbat. The activities prohibited on Shabbat are related to 39 types of activity involved in the construction of that wilderness Sanctuary.

Historically, Shabbat was a day when we stepped away from the cruel world and spent time with God. Our world now is not so punishing – at least for us in North America – but it is still demanding. People who have any executive or professional role feel as though they are on call 24/7. The demands of the BlackBerry, smart phones and e-mails never seem to cease.

Last year, Judith Shulevitz published *The Sabbath World: Glimpses of a Different Order of Time*, based on an essay that originally appeared in the *New York Times Magazine*. In her article, Shulevitz tells her readers:

"Workaholism… has become the norm, and the Sabbath… has become the holiday Americans are most likely never to take.

"Most people mistakenly believe that all you have to do to stop working is not work. The inventors of the Sabbath understood that it was a much more complicated undertaking.

"Religious rituals do not exist simply to promote togetherness. They… convey a certain story about who we are without our even quite noticing that they are doing so… We rest in order to honour the divine in us, to remind ourselves that there is more to us than just what we do during the week…

"The Sabbath provides two things essential to anyone who wishes to lift himself out of the banality of mercantile culture: time to contemplate and distance from everyday demands…

"I began to incorporate into my life the most elemental rudiments of a traditional Jewish Sabbath… Orthodox Jews will scoff when they read of my sub-minimal level of observance; my secular friends think I've become a fanatic. Sticking to these few rituals, however, is the hardest and least unconscious thing I've ever done…

"Do I think everyone else should observe a Sabbath? I believe it would be good for them, and even better for me, since the more widespread the ritual, the more likely I am to observe it. It is much easier to keep the Sabbath, for instance, when your family does… If the Sabbath you choose to observe isn't a religious one, you should nonetheless be religiously disciplined in your approach to it, observing it every week, not just when it's convenient… We have to remember to stop because we have to stop to remember." (*Bring Back the Sabbath*, *New York Times Magazine*, Judith Shulevitz, March 2, 2003)

Perhaps the time has come to try once again to receive the gift of Shabbat along with some of its governing rules. Achad Ha'am once famously remarked, "More than the Jews preserved Shabbat, Shabbat preserved the Jews." Now the scale is global, universal and very personal. We all need Shabbat. It keeps us human.

Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl is the spiritual leader of Beth Tzedec Congregation in Toronto.

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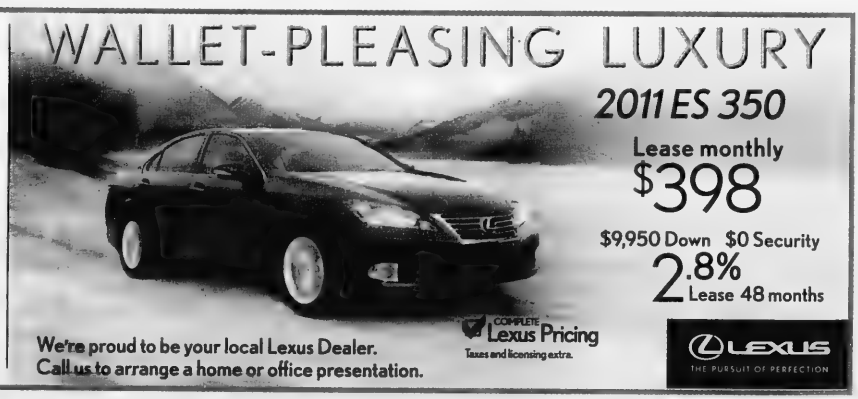

Local Israelis urged to speak Hebrew at home

Hamifgash program focuses on identity in North America

Yosef Tastassa
Special to The CJN

Israeli families living in Canada are exposed to many foreign cultural elements. Preserving the Israeli identity and the Hebrew language, in particular among the young generation, is a great challenge for them.

That was the theme of the second Hamifgash Program dealing with the Israeli identity in North America, held Feb. 13 at Leo Baeck Day School's Thornhill campus.

Israeli educator Nesya Richter spoke about ways to preserve the Hebrew language and strategies to convey the importance of preserving the Hebrew language among the younger generation.

Richter develops Hebrew curricula for several schools, including the Hamilton Hebrew High Midrasha program in Ontario. She instructs Hebrew-language teachers and is completing her PhD at Bar-Ilan University in Israel.

From left are Galya Sarner, head of the Israeli desk at UJA Federation of Greater Toronto; Israeli educator Nesya Richter, and Sara Dobner, chair of the Hamifgash Program.

Her thesis is titled *The Impact of Jewish Education on Hebrew Language Maintenance among Bilingual Children in Canada.*

Richter's lecture at the Hamifgash Program was based on current research and findings from previous research on the interaction of Hebrew and English among bilingual children in Canada.

Richter's main message was to parents. She recommended that they have a positive attitude, patience and deep understanding that the Hebrew language is part of who and what Israelis are.

"If we want to keep our identity and culture in the far future, then the Hebrew language has a major role in that identity," she said. "Everyone in the family benefits from bilingualism – the children and the parents – as long as they use Hebrew as their most proficient language to share their knowledge and life experiences."

She said the "best way to preserve the Hebrew language among young children is to speak Hebrew at home. Both parents should be dedicated to that important task. Children should also hear their mother language from others, and they should be proud of their language and culture."

According to Richter, many parents are confused about the language issue. Some think that speaking English at home from the beginning is the best way for their child to become part of the local culture. Other parents don't want to put their children in a difficult situation in which they bring their children to a new culture and at the same time preserve the old one via the Hebrew language.

"Research has shown that children who are exposed to a new language that is different from their first language will speak it conversationally after 18 to 24 months," she said.

"In order to be fluent in both languages the amount of exposure to each language is important. The main thing that parents have to do is to speak only in Hebrew at home and to make sure that their children respond to them in Hebrew.

"It is a demanding task that requires responsibility and persistence. It is frustrating and sometimes you want to give up, but eventually it's worth it," Richter continued. "Bilingualism has many advantages, including improved cognitive development."

Richter said that "besides speaking Hebrew at home, in order to enrich children's vocabulary and culture, they must be exposed to other elements of the language. They should read books, listen to texts and music, watch movies, and talk [in Hebrew] to friends and family members in their homeland.

"If this does not happen, then children will have limited communication and understanding capabilities, and they may abandon the Hebrew language and choose English as their preferred language."

Language, she said, "is a means of communication, a part of a culture and a part of one's national identity. Language makes each one of us part of a group, and above all, our mother language is a way to acquire norms and cultural values that stay with us for life."

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Annex shul gets new spiritual leader

Hopes to offer 'custom-made Jewish experience'

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

The Annex Shul's new spiritual leader, Yacov Fruchter, said he hopes to offer his congregants a "custom-made Jewish experience."

"Tons of young Jewish people are looking for new experiences. They are looking to connect more Jewishly, and we need to find the right language and the right way to connect with them," said 28-year-old Fruchter, who recently left his post as United Israel Appeal's director of emerging campuses for Hillel Canada to pursue his passion with the Annex Shul.

Inspired by Montreal's Ghetto Shul – a grassroots synagogue in the McGill Ghetto neighbourhood heavily populated by students and young professionals – the Annex Shul was founded in 2006 by Bram Belzberg and his friend, Richard Meloff.

The idea was to provide Toronto's young Jewish community with an intimate, inclusive space to connect with their Jewish roots on their own terms.

Some 4-1/2 years later, the shul attracts hundreds of young Jews to its Carlebach-style services, holiday parties, Shabbatons and lectures.

"We're trying to create a space that is really beyond denominations and beyond people's backgrounds. We want it to be accessible to everyone," Fruchter said.

He added that his title as a spiritual leader rather than a rabbi "is a luxury... because it means that we're not tied down to any one denomination. We consider ourselves a non-denominational shul where our focus is to give people the opportunity to own their own Jewish experience.

The Annex Shul's new spiritual leader, Yacov Fruchter, hopes he can reinvent the inclusive, non-denominational synagogue. *[Jon Cohen photo]*

"One thing that's unique about the Annex Shul is that... we're not trying to get people to go from a specific point A to point B in terms of Jewish growth. We're obviously trying to take them to a point B, but we're not telling them what point B is."

He said he enjoys the fact that Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jews feel comfortable to come together at the Annex Shul to eat, pray and celebrate.

"I think that is pretty rare in this city."

Earlier this month, the shul, which runs out of the Wolfond Centre for Jewish Campus Life at the University of Toronto, threw a weekend-long event titled the Milestone Weekend to celebrate Fruchter's new role and a successful membership drive that led to about 70 people officially joining the congregation.

"We wanted to honour our founding members and to let whoever wants to know about us in the community to have an opportunity to come see what it is what we're doing," Fruchter said.

Refusing to rest on the shul's laurels, Fruchter, who has worked part-time for the congregation since 2009 leading services and classes, said he hopes to take the Annex Shul to "a higher level.

"We're trying to reinvent the organization both as a shul and as a community of young professionals. It requires lots of conversations with our community, lots of planning sessions, but also lots of time to teach meaningful classes," he said.

Fruchter said that while the Annex shul still largely represents single Jews and newly married couples, he wants to better accommodate young families who are looking for a community that will provide fun, meaningful and entertaining programming for their young kids.

"Recently, we've been having Shabbat services and dinners once a month that are specifically geared toward young families," Fruchter said.

"The parents are loving it, because it's Friday night and the kids are singing and dancing around... and the parents get to have a shot of scotch while they're playing with their kids on a Friday night in a community setting."

The shul's tagline, "Come as you are, make it yours," resonates with Fruchter, but it took him a long time to be able to fully embrace that philosophy.

He said that as a child growing up in Montreal, he was very involved in the Jewish community.

"From the age of nine, I was reading from the Torah and leading different parts of the service, and later in my life I ran a shul in an old age home in Montreal for about three years... I went to a Jewish day school my whole life, and I also spent time in Israel learning in a yeshiva," he said.

"I grew up in a modern Orthodox home, and it was warm and loving, but there was a switch that I needed to go through to get to the point where I realized that the structures that we've placed in our community can divide us. We have to be able to see beyond them."

Fruchter hopes that his influence as the shul's spiritual leader will help others see beyond the differences within the denominations.

"We can be a role model for what the Jewish community can look like, being able to reach out beyond the lines that separate us and to create a warm space in this community," he said.

"There is a lot of warmth in the Toronto Jewish community, and we're happy to be a part of that."

Hike offers unique way to experience Israel

Compiled by CJN Staff

On most organized trips to Israel, you'll probably see the standard sights, but on the One Family Fund Cross Israel Hike you'll connect with the land and the people of Israel in a way you've never done before – by hiking through the country's spectacular natural environment in the company of victims of terror who've received support from One Family Fund.

Since 2008, participants on the One Family Fund Cross-Israel Hike have trekked through different sections of the Israel National Trail, a 940-kilometre path that extends from the Lebanese border all the way to the Red Sea, traversing Israel's unique physical and historical landscape.

This year's hike, which takes place in the picturesque Ein Gedi region from Oct. 29 to Nov. 3, gives participants the opportunity to personally help victims of terror rebuild their lives while hiking through the spectacular Judean Hills of the Dead Sea region.

The group will depart from Tel Aviv after Shabbat ends on Saturday, Oct. 29, travel by bus to Ein Gedi, and hike from Sunday, Oct. 30 to Thursday, Nov. 3, in small groups. All hikers are escorted by experienced guides and medics while being immersed in the scenery of the Judean Hills in the Dead Sea region.

Individuals who have been affected by terrorism and have received support from One Family Fund accompany the hikers throughout the five days and nights of the hike, creating memorable bonds and meaningful connections.

Participants from the 2010 trip to Israel pose in group photo.

The funds that it raises provide financial, legal and emotional support and include psychological counselling, support groups and retreats, summer camps for children, and other types of assistance such as job retraining, in order to help entire family units get back to pre-attack levels of functioning.

Prospective participants can learn more about the hike at an upcoming information session at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1 at Shaar Shalom Synagogue.

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Stones and memories

Memorial honours passengers of MS St. Louis

Bernie Farber

"Are you a Jew?" asked one of the guards.
"Yes," answered the child at the barrier.
"Jews are not admitted," snapped the guard.
"Oh, please let me in. I'm only a very little Jew."

This was the game played by children aboard the MS St. Louis, the ship that sailed on May 27, 1939, with 937 Jews from Germany on board, heading for Cuba. All had valid Cuban visas, and hoped to be saved from Hitler's coming madness.

On Jan. 20, I had the honour, along with Canadian Jewish Congress national president, Mark Freiman, to represent Canadian Jewry at the unveiling of a singularly unique memorial honouring the ill-fated passengers of that Voyage of the Damned.

It was for me the culmination of a long-held vision – to help Canadians understand the horror of bigoted intolerance and its ultimate end point. Working with my colleague Eric Vernon, we hoped to offer the tragedy of the MS St. Louis as a metaphor for the Shoah itself. Here on one boat heading toward a new life of freedom were Jewish refugees – but they could have been any of us – mothers and fathers, children and young lovers, the microcosm of Jewry fleeing danger and hoping for redemption.

At that moment, when the storm clouds of Hitler's hate were heavy but the deluge had not yet begun, the leaders of this country and others had an opportunity to create a spark of light and so diminish, if only for a brief space, the darkness that was gathering.

It was not to be.

Cuba refused them entry, as did the United States.

The *New York Times* wrote: "Off our shores she [the St. Louis] was attended by a helpful Coast Guard vessel alert to pick up any passengers who plunged overboard and thrust them back... The refugees could even see the shimmering towers of Miami... the battlements of another forbidden city."

Gustav Schroeder, captain of the St. Louis, was a man of great humanity. Despite his loyalty to the Nazi state, his sense of responsibility led him to determine that these refugees should not be abandoned.

Desperate, he headed for the shores of Canada. The St. Louis found itself outside Canadian territorial waters but within a journey of a day or so to Halifax Harbour's Pier 21.

Tragically, the luckless Jewish passengers encountered the antisemitism that was to become the refrain of the Canadian government when it came to the question of Jewish refugees. None is too many said a nameless government official. It might as well have been a government fiat. Prime minister Mackenzie King turned a deaf ear to pleas from my predecessors at CJC and refused to consider any offer of sanctuary.

Bernie Farber at the monument to the village and province where his father came from in Poland. Of the more than 20,000 Jews that once lived in the area, more than 90 percent were murdered in Treblinka.

Eventually, after weeks at sea, rampant sickness, despair and disillusionment overtook most of the passengers. A second editorial in the *New York Times* lamented, "We can only hope that some hearts will soften somewhere and some refuge be found. The cruise of the St. Louis cries to heaven of man's inhumanity to men."

Capt. Schroeder remained resolute and, with the assistance of the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, negotiations with Britain, Belgium, Holland and France led to each of these countries accepting a total of 900 passengers (29 had managed to get into Cuba). But the reprieve was short-lived: the Jewish passengers granted temporary asylum in mainland Europe were caught in the Nazi blitzkrieg. More than one-third of them perished under the Nazis.

Canada – Jew and non-Jew alike – failed our brothers and sisters in 1939. Our remembrance of that failure is both a *Kaddish* and an act of tshuvah.

We must remember not only those who travelled on the St. Louis, but also those who travelled by foot and wagon on hidden roads to the edge of the killing pits, and those who travelled by cattle car to the killing centres that dotted the map of the kingdom of death. We must speak for those whose voices were lost and for those thousands of survivors who came to Canada after the war, wore their agony as undergarments beneath their everyday attire and helped build this country. In Auschwitz, "Canada" was a place where life could be maintained. Our survivors made that fantasy a reality.

I am also here for my father, Max, a survivor of the Shoah. Max, while returning to his small Polish village after searching for food for his family, was caught in a Nazi "aktion" and herded on to a cattle car whose ultimate destination was the Treblinka death camp. Miraculously, he managed to kick through the slats of the cattle car and jump off the moving train. He made his way home only to discover that his entire family had been taken on that train to death. It was at Treblinka that my father lost his first family, and I lost half brothers I never knew.

Guest Voice

Have you been to Treblinka? I have. It was soul-destroying. It was a blustery cold February in 2006. I am not really sure what I expected. I had been to Auschwitz and Majdanek – both death camps turned into museums that today are testaments to man's capability for evil. However as museums they seemed almost pristine in their presentation of horror. At Treblinka, the Nazis attempted to destroy any last vestiges of their horrendous crime. There are no barracks, no railway ties, and no remnants of electrified fences. Indeed Treblinka itself is difficult to find. I am told this was the way the Nazis wanted it because unlike the other camps that had originally been built as labour camps, Treblinka had only one function, to murder the Jews of eastern Poland.

There is nothing there today but the monuments erected by the generations that followed the war. Treblinka is empty. It is oblivion. It is the void to which the Nazis sought to consign the Jewish people. But there is a monument in Treblinka. It means that the bodies could be destroyed but our memory of them could not. The monument we unveiled on Jan. 20 in Halifax had that same meaning: that we understand how we failed our brothers and sisters, but that we will not do so again.

I came to Pier 21 as well for my mother Gertrude, who, 12 years before the St. Louis, disembarked from the ship Alaunia, ironically in Halifax at Pier 21, after a harried flight with my grandmother from Ukraine, where Jewish persecution and pogroms were commonplace.

How jubilant she must have felt taking her first tentative steps onto Canadian soil, dreaming of what could be possible for a 13-year-old Jewish girl in Canada, the land of her dreams. Sadly, the gates for Jewish refugees were soon to slam shut, leaving behind thousands who should have had the opportunity to share that dream.

By the grace of a thousand miracles the dreams of my parents, Max and Gertrude, both refugees, became my goals in life. Their histories became my future inspiration. Their tragedies and triumphs became my vehicle for understanding tolerance, human dignity and the need to treat everyone as we ourselves would want to be treated.

My parents taught me that memory is our best hope for the future. And it was memory that in fact drove me toward the day we unveiled Daniel Liebskind's "Wheel of Conscience" at Pier 21.

On that day, as I sat listening to the dignitaries speak, I returned to the last few minutes of my time at Treblinka. I remembered clearing the snow from a small bench. As I sat, a small ray of sunshine broke through the grey sky, as if God Himself was taking a quick peek at this tardy explorer who had waited so hard to be here. Tears ran down my frozen cheeks. I looked up to see the monument erected in the middle of what was once the camp. It was in the shape of a piece of Judaism's most holy of symbols, Jerusalem's Western Wall. Eerily, surrounding it as far as the eye can see were jagged stones each inscribed with the name of a lost Polish Jewish community pointing a dagger-like accusing finger heavenward. I rose slowly, walking toward the stone that memorialized my father's village, and as the ray of sun slowly receded back into the grey sky, I said *Kaddish*. I placed a small pebble upon the gravestone as a witness to the memory of my father's village.

As the ceremony came to a close in Halifax, a sense of pride overtook me. I realized that while we failed our people 72 years ago, today we stand on the shoulders of those who suffered the indignities of the kingdom of death; today we speak for those whose voices have been forever stilled; today that little stone I placed at Treblinka will forever be the "Wheel of Conscience" at the Halifax Harbour.

Bernie Farber is the CEO of Canadian Jewish Congress.

TanenbaumCHAT celebrates 50 years

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

The Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (TanenbaumCHAT) has come a long way since Judith Weinroth attended what was then known as the Toronto Hebrew High School. The Toronto physician was a member of its small first graduating class in 1965.

"We really were the pioneers," she recalls.

TanenbaumCHAT now has a total of 1,450 students at two campuses and is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year with a series of events.

On March 6, there will be a Birthday Bash Gala at On The Park, the site of the former Inn on the Park hotel. Attire – '60s chic – is a nod to the school's beginnings.

The $180-a-plate dinner, which will feature a commemorative video, is a fundraiser for a school fund that subsidizes school activities and the purchase of equipment.

A planned $8-million expansion and refurbishment of the school's Wilmington Ave. campus, including five new science labs, will be funded through TanenbaumCHAT's capital fund. Fundraising for the project will begin after the gala.

The expansion is expected to be completed in 2013, said Paul Shaviv, TanenbaumCHAT's director of education.

The technology-equipped library at TanenbaumCHAT's Kimel Centre in Richmond Hill, is a hub for students. Fifty years ago, facilities at the original school were 'primitive.' *[CJN file photo]*

Since Shaviv joined the school 12 years ago, it has doubled in size, adding a second campus in Richmond Hill.

As well, Shaviv noted, extracurricular activities have expanded, and there is now a full music program at both campuses in "purpose-built, fully equipped music centres."

He added that the school has become a more "user-friendly place to a wider range of students and denominations of the community," and that it continues to have the best university entrance record of any school in Ontario.

As well, he said, "It's the largest private high school in Canada, even though we recruit from a relatively small community."

The school's emphasis on academics dates back to its beginning, when it started as an outgrowth of Associated Hebrew Schools and was housed on Neptune Drive. It became independent early in its history.

For the school's first students, there was pressure to succeed, said Weinroth. "If we didn't do well, I think the school probably wouldn't have existed any more."

Jewish studies courses did not count for credit at the time, and students' standings were based entirely on provincial departmental exams. Although facilities such as science labs were "primitive," Weinroth said she had "a great experience" at the school, with wonderful teachers and strong friendships that have lasted ever since.

She credits the school and its double curriculum for helping her "learn how to be organized and work hard." Those skills served her well as a medical student, when she was in her 30s with four young children. Three of them are also graduates of the school.

Shaviv said that the jubilee year is "a time for us to take quiet pride in the achievements of 50 years, and to spend a lot of energy looking forward to what we have to do to make sure our coming 50 years are as momentous."

School president Cecile Zaifman, the mother of a Grade 10 TanenbaumCHAT student and two graduates of the school, said it has educated thousands of students and prepared them to be leaders of the community.

She added that about 400 people are expected to attend the gala. "We're very excited. We think it's a great thing to celebrate, and we look forward to our next 50 years."

Other jubilee year events include a homecoming weekend held last fall, and an upcoming event this fall with guest speaker Rabbi Donniel Hartman. The president of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem will talk about the future of Judaism.

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104-year-old still prepares family's meals

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

Mark Biel, who lives with his grandmother, Bassia Guterman, lovingly complains that she's making him fat.

It's not an unusual complaint, except that Guterman recently celebrated her 104th birthday.

Biel said that his grandmother prepares seven meals a week for the two of them and often for company, and she bakes such goodies as sour cream buns, cinnamon walnut cake and banana cake.

In an interview in her Downsview home, Guterman describes a new recipe that she developed because she wanted to use up ingredients she had in the house.

"I put skinless, boneless chicken breasts in a baking dish, and added dried cranberries and peeled, diced apples. I then baked it until the chicken was ready. It was delicious."

The recipes are all in her head, she said. "I make them so often, I don't need them written down. Sometimes I worry I that I didn't add enough sugar, but they're always fine."

Born in Harbin, China, in 1907, she has one daughter, Dolly Biel – Mark's mother – one other granddaughter, and four great-grandchildren. Her husband Alexander, who she met and married in China, died in 1970. They immigrated to Canada in 1952.

Guterman's grandfather had arrived in China from Russia in 1898 because he supplied ties for the Trans-Siberian Railway. He prospered, there, and eventually built the Grand Hotel, where Guterman lived when she was born.

She didn't cook in China, she said, but learned a lot from watching her chef, who prepared European food.

"I had to learn here, but when I started, the memories came back to me. I remember that he had to stick his arm in the oven to see if it was hot enough. Even if it was 100 degrees outside, he'd cook in that coal stove."

She hasn't returned to China – her daughter went in 2004 – "because I want to remember it like it was."

Dolly Biel said that her mother has always been a "home person. She was happy to be with her family. She is very artistic, and until recently did needlework, embroidery and applique. Whatever she decided to do, she would do an excellent job."

Biel, who is writing a book about her family, said she calls her mother when she needs a detail filled in. "She thinks and feels young. She wears a hearing aid, but she walks unaided – no cane or walking stick."

Basia Guterman still makes her own sour cream buns.
[*Carolyn Blackman photo*]

Guterman celebrated her birthday with 12 people at a Chinese restaurant, "and the next table cheered for me."

What is it like to be 104? "I didn't really realize it until I looked in the mirror. I don't feel any different than I did 60 years ago."

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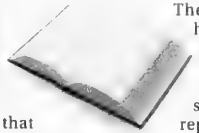

In this week's Torah portion of Vayakhel, we are told of an unusual problem, one I think more people wish they had!

We read that Moses called on Bezalel and Oholiab, and every skilled person whom the Lord had endowed with skill to undertake the task of building and preparing the Mishkan, the portable Tabernacle or Sanctuary the Israelites used in the desert. They also took from Moses all the gifts that the Israelites had brought, to carry out the tasks connected with the service of the Sanctuary.

But when people continued to bring freewill offerings to Moses morning after morning, the artisans who were engaged in the tasks related to the Sanctuary came, each from the task upon which he was engaged, and said to Moses, "The people are bringing more than is needed for the tasks entailed in the work that the Lord has commanded to be done."

Moses thereupon had this proclamation made throughout the camp: "Let no man or woman make further effort toward gifts for the Sanctuary!" So the people stopped bringing: their efforts had been more than enough.

I'm sure that few who have ever asked for a donation have had the experience Moses did when building the Mishkan. It's usually a struggle asking people to give of their financial resources to a cause, regardless of how worthy it might be.

What was Moses' secret for receiving such an overwhelming response?

Moses had an advantage. It wasn't the marketing agency he had hired or the ad campaign he initiated. It was the fact that participating in the building of the Mishkan touched everyone's heart and soul. They were being asked for a contribution not merely to a tangible object (a hospital, symphony, school, etc.), but to an idea that was beyond the moment.

The Israelites understood they were giving of their possessions to support not just a building but more – a link to the Divine. By contributing to the Mishkan, they were connecting to an ideal that was eternal. Through their limited means, they knew their gifts would strengthen their relationship with God and lift them from their limited sense of place to a time beyond their years on this earth.

We know that we are finite beings. As the Psalmist reminds us: "Man's days are like grass; he blooms like a flower of the field; a wind passes by and it is no more, its own place no longer knows it (Psalms 103:15-16).

But is there a way to gain eternal life, even if our days are limited? There certainly is – by helping to maintain the values that are so integral to our own lives. If we understand that our tzedakah represents much more than giving to bricks and mortar but means giving to ideas that will continue to exist after we have gone, then I believe we will give generously as did our ancestors. It's a plan that doesn't need an expensive marketing campaign, but rather a heart that appreciates the true worth of our possessions.

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Purim at Sinai?

Midrashic Moments

Rachel Turkienicz

As we're in the midst of the Hebrew months of Adar, we get closer to Purim and begin to immerse ourselves in the complex layers of that holiday. At the same time, we're reading Torah portions about the building of the Golden Calf, so it's natural to ask if these two moments in Jewish history speak to each other.

At first glance, they seem to be completely unrelated. The Golden Calf involves the slave generation liberated from Egypt, while Purim involves an exiled generation forced out of Israel. The leader of Israel at Sinai is Moses, a man chosen by God, while the leader of the Jewish people in Purim is Esther, a woman chosen by a foreign king. In fact, we could sit and count the differences for some time, an activity I highly recommend.

Yet with all the differences, it's surprising how the core of these events convey the same message. There are many interesting midrashim that ask questions about who is to blame for the Golden Calf. Of course, Israel and Aaron are at fault, but should it stop there?

Several midrashim speak of God holding Moses responsible for the actions of Israel, even referring to the nation as "your people" when speaking to Moses. Even more interesting are the midrashim that speak of Moses holding God responsible for the Golden Calf.

According to these midrashim, Moses believes God is responsible, since God placed Israel in Egypt, a nation that worships calves, and left them there to learn from the Egyptians. In other words, what did God expect?

Similarly in the Purim story, there are many midrashim that place the Jews at the opening parties of the Megillah. In fact, the sages go one step further, stating that the utensils of the Temple were being desecrated at these parties and the Jewish people were willingly participating. The great questions of identity that arise through the Purim story can equally be attributed to a circumstance of situating Jews in the middle of a foreign culture and leaving them there.

But it's not the trappings of foreign ideology that are the threat. Israel isn't standing at the bottom of Mount Sinai arguing with Aaron about the benefits of Divine/human incarnation and the existential realities of Egypt. Philosophy and ideology are not what's attracting them, just as in the Purim story there's no debate of Persian gods and the benefits of idolatry at the parties.

The midrashim in which Moses blames God for the Golden Calf are quite specific about the problem. Moses is angry that God gave Israel so much wealth when they left Egypt. It's that wealth that allowed them to create the Golden Calf and put their trust in a materialistic god. Who wants an invisible Creator when we can have a gold one?

Likewise in the Purim story, we see a Jewish people surrounded by opulence, royal wealth and festivities. The challenge lies in becoming too entrenched in the heights of materialism, to the point of losing touch with the core of who you are.

The midrash likens it to a man who cares for his son, washes and anoints him and hangs a purse of money around his neck. Then the man places the son in front of a brothel and walks away.

It's not the materials themselves that are the problem. It's what we, as a generation, choose to do with them.

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Relevance of the ancient world

A parent at the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) recently asked me why their child should study ancient history. It was an obvious question in a society that is dominated by the Internet, Facebook and Twitter.

Yet for a school such as CHAT, the importance of studying the ancient world should be obvious. This world gave birth to us as a people as well as the traditions that have helped to define us.

Abraham, our patriarchal ancestor, came from the city of Ur in ancient Mesopotamia (modern Iraq). Ur was a great city at dawn of history. It belonged to the Sumerian civilization, which was almost unknown a century ago. A series of archeological digs in the early 20th century, culminating in the excavations of the Englishman Sir Leonard Wooley, at Ur, showed what a brilliant culture the Sumerians possessed.

The Yale scholar Samuel Noah Kramer, in his book titled *History Begins at Sumer*, highlighted the debt we owe to this ancient civilization. The Sumerians first invented writing, as well as our sexigesimal system of time-keeping based on the number six. They also invented the arch and, most importantly, the wheel.

Our connection with Mesopotamia would be maintained throughout our history. The Mesopotamian Empire of Assyria destroyed the northern kingdom of Israel and dispersed most of its inhabitants, giving rise to the story of the Ten Lost Tribes. Shortly thereafter, another Mesopotamian empire, that of Babylon, under the leadership of Nebuchadnezzar, would destroy Jerusalem and Solomon's Temple, sending many of its inhabitants into exile in

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Alex Gropper

Babylon, the "Big Apple" of its day. Even after the Persian king, Cyrus, defeated the Babylonians, many of our people chose to remain there.

Babylon would become the centre of Jewish culture for more than 1,000 years. The holiday of Purim celebrates our deliverance from the evil machinations of Haman, the vizier of the Persian king who also ruled Babylon at the time. We all celebrate the deeds of Mordechai and Queen Esther in helping to save our people. But what many of us do not realize is that the name Mordechai comes from the Babylonian god, Marduk, and it means "Marduk lives." Furthermore, the name Esther comes from the Babylonian goddess Astarte, or Ishtar.

In the case of ancient Egypt, the connections are even more obvious. Although Abraham came from Ur, he also travelled to Egypt. Most importantly, the Exodus from Egypt lies at the heart of our tradition. It's impossible to imagine the Ten Commandments and Passover without it.

One of the reasons that I worked so hard to get the Dead Sea Scrolls to the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto for an 2009-10 exhibit was so that people in our community could see the relevance of these ancient documents for us in the present. It was also a way of showing others our historical connection to the Land of Israel.

There can be no more fitting connection of our ancient history to the present than by having our students at CHAT involved in an archeological excavation in Israel. It would embody everything that CHAT stands for – love of Israel as well as rigorous scholarship.

Mystical power of mezuzot, Pt. 2

As you skim through the many mezuzot sites on the web, you realize that this small piece of parchment plays a major role in Jewish ethical thought and mysticism.

First, an ethical lesson. I like the way http://Chabad.org deals with the following.

Question: We have young children. Can I place the mezuzah lower so that they could reach it to kiss it?

Answer: Do not place the mezuzah lower than the mandated height. Instead, lift your children up to the mezuzah. You'll be instilling in them – and yourself – a valuable lesson: if an ideal is beyond your reach, strive upward towards it, instead of compromising the ideal just because it is beyond your reach. [**http://bit.ly/mezuz09**]

Jewish & Digital

Mark Mietkiewicz

That lesson seems to have worked for Belle Rosenbaum. When Belle was a child, her grandfather would lift her to kiss the mezuzah. Years later, she began to collect mezuzot cases from around the world. Rosenbaum went on to write her doctoral thesis about her collection. Next time you're in Jerusalem, be sure to visit Jerusalem's Great Synagogue where you'll find the Rosenbaum Mezuzah Collection. [**http://bit.ly/mezuz10**]

In addition to being a reminder that you are in a Jewish home, the mezuzah has long been viewed as having protective qualities. The Jerusalem Talmud tells the story of Persian King Artvon, who sent Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi an expensive stone and requested something of equal value. So "Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi wrote a mezuzah and sent it to him in return. When King Artvon received the mezuzah, he said, 'I sent you something of great value, and you send me a cheap piece of parchment in return.' Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi answered, 'You sent me something for which I will have to hire a watchman to protect it, whereby I sent you something that will offer you protection.'" [**http://bit.ly/mezuz11**]

Many remarkable stories have been told about people who have recovered from illnesses after a faulty mezuzah was replaced with a kosher one. In one case, someone suffering from eye problems discovered that the Hebrew words for "your eyes" – *aynaychem* – had been misspelled in his bedroom mezuzah. When the mezuzah was replaced, the medical problem reportedly disappeared. [**http://bit.ly/mezuz12**]

That concept troubled Rabbi Martin Gordon. In 1977, he wrote an article in the journal *Tradition* titled, "Mezuzah: protective amulet or religious symbol?" After a lengthy analysis, he concluded that "the only legitimate criterion by which the efficacy of mitzvah of mezuzah should be measured is the depth relationship with God that it inspired. While the technical accuracy of the inscription is important, [a disqualified mezuzah] cannot be of such ominous proportions as the protective view would have us believe." [**http://bit.ly/mezuz13**]

Regardless of who's right, I particularly like this mezuzah story – with a bit of a twist. A rabbi was approached by a neighbour who was concerned that his kids were becoming very religious. The neighbour didn't know what to do. Using some reverse logic, the rabbi responded, "Check your mezuzot. Maybe they're kosher!" [**http://bit.ly/mezuz14**]

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Simpsons have travelled to Canada, Israel

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In addition to discussing *The Simpsons*, Reiss, who grew up in a small town in Connecticut, touched on the extent of his Judaism.

"I'm Jew...ish. And by that I mean I would never eat a ham sandwich. On Yom Kippur. In a synagogue. If there was anybody watching.

"The hardest part about growing up in a small town is that I look so Jewish. I mean, I put myself through college modelling for hate literature," he joked.

Many of the show's cast and crew are also Jewish. "About half of our writing staff is Jewish, and so is the other half. The place is sort of like a kibbutz, only more Jewish."

"[Cast members] Julie Kavner, Hank Azaria and Harry Shearer [are Jewish]. The voices of Bart, Patty, Selma, Principal Skinner, Burns, Smithers, Moe and Disco Stu are all Jewish. The Reverend Lovejoy is Jewish. Super Christian Ned Flanders, Jewish. Apu the Hindu, well, he's a Jew too. One Jewish character on the show, Krusty, is played by an Italian guy. But the Italian chef on our show is played by a Jew."

The 23 writers for the show, Reiss said, are a diverse group, consisting of "some men, two women... [and] one guy who's half black," as well as three Canadians who cannot be kept apart.

"Every time we turn around we see the three of them sitting in a corner, like it's Canadian Tire on a Saturday... we'll go, 'You go to Malibu, you go to North Hollywood and you fly to New York.' And we turn around and *boom*! All three of them are in the corner again, drinking Tim Hortons coffee."

The Simpsons have done their fair share of travelling, including to Japan, Brazil and France – and the show has ended up getting banned or sued as a result, said Reiss.

"There are only two countries the Simpsons have visited that did not complain about their treatment on the show. [They were] Canada and Israel. Why? Because Canadians and Jews have a great sense of humour and no self-esteem whatsoever."

Reiss wrapped up by thanking the UJA for allowing him to address a diverse group, everyone from "lawyers to attorneys."

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Court says no to taxi driver

David Lazarus
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Cote St. Luc cab driver Arieh Perecowicz vowed last Thursday to take his case to the Supreme Court if he had to, after a municipal court judge found him guilty of having contraband articles in his car.

Judge Dominique Joly ruled there was no basis to accept Perecowicz's argument that in including religious articles among items prohibited in his taxi for not being, "necessary for the taxi to be in service," Montreal taxi code by-law 98 violated his freedom of expression and religion guarantees under the Quebec and Canadian human rights charters.

The items included a photo of the late Lubavitcher rebbe Menachem Schneerson, two mezuzot, a Canadian flag, as well as a Remembrance Day poppy and family photos.

Until his appeals are exhausted, Perecowicz promised he would continue to keep the items in his car.

He also has brought his case to the Quebec Human Rights Commission, which has not yet ruled on it.

Since 2006, Perecowicz, who has driven a taxi for 44 years, amassed eight tickets amounting to $1,400 in fines. In this trial, the court only dealt with the first four. He got the last one only a few weeks ago.

"I am confident a higher court will reverse the judgement," a clearly crestfallen Perecowicz, 66, told a throng of reporters outside the courtroom. "The decision sets back human rights guaranteed by the Quebec and Canadian charters."

Despite losing, however, Perecowicz was grateful the judge was lenient by ordering him to pay a total of $1, 300, almost half of which counted as courts costs.

In her 33-page ruling following seven days of testimony going back to September 2009, Joly said that Perecowicz failed to convince the court that his religion "requires him to display these items in his vehicle.

"In fact, he likes to have those objects in view for his personal comfort, no more," she opined.

Therefore, "there is no need to go further in the analysis. The court can only conclude that the defendant has not discharged himself of the burden of proof."

However, Perecowicz said his case is the only one where a ticket has been issued for carrying religious articles.

"Why, for the other 20,000 drivers, do they allow crosses, Madonnas, beads, [or] pictures of their children," he asked The CJN before the ruling. "Why only my children, my rebbe, my mezuzah, aren't allowed? It's discrimination."

Joly also rejected the argument of Perecowicz, who defended himself throughout, that the bylaw was too vague. She concluded it is simply phrased and presents, "no great difficulty in interpretation. It is neither vague nor imprecise."

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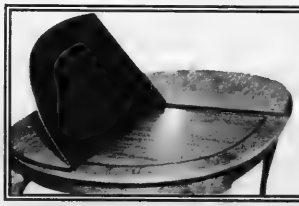

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Media start asking hard questions about Egypt

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By PAUL MICHAELS

Following the media's adrenaline rush in covering the aspirations of Egyptians for freedom, culminating in president Hosni Mubarak's being forced from office, there was a noticeable pause as many journalists asked: "What's next?"

They came to the sober realization that with the army still in control, Egypt remained under martial rule, even though the military council promised constitutional reform to be completed by the end of the month and elections (both presidential and parliamentary) within six months. Yet, as of mid-February, the emergency regulations had not been suspended as the protesters have demanded.

Increasingly, journalists started asking the difficult questions. Is genuine liberal democracy about to emerge from a country that has never known it? Will the army which has a stake in a substantial part of the economy give up the benefits and other perks to civilian government control? If economic conditions don't improve quickly for the bulk of Egypt's 80 million citizens, the vast majority of whom are extremely poor, will this result in even greater appeal for the only other highly organized body in the country, the Muslim Brotherhood? And how will the army in any event deal with the Brotherhood, which is officially recognized and likely to become part of any future government?

Right now, these are all open questions, as is the one most concerning to Israelis: will a future Egyptian government stand by the 1979 peace treaty?

Can Egypt afford not to? Let's not forget that former Egyptian president Anwar Sadat didn't sign a peace treaty with Israel as a favour to the Jews. He signed it to stop his country's economy from imploding under the enormous financial strain of sustaining a belligerent footing against Israel, and losing war after war since 1948.

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Last week saw further attention focused on the Muslim Brotherhood.

Ayatollah Khomeini

French philosopher and author Bernard Henri-Levy wrote in the Huffington Post (Feb. 15) that "there is no evidence that confirms that [the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood has] undergone the profound change described by the distinguished Islamologists who, for the past 30 years, have strung together blunders and errors of analysis, one after another."

This applies not only to "Islamologists" but also to those sympathetic to them.

The *Wall Street Journal*'s Bret Stephens reminded us (also on Feb. 15) of the mistaken outlook of one such sympathizer. In 1979, international law professor Richard Falk argued in a *New York Times* opinion piece that Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini was indeed a "moderate." Falk wrote: "The depiction of [Khomeini] as fanatical, reactionary and the bearer of crude prejudices seems certainly and happily false... What is also encouraging is that his entourage of close advisers is uniformly composed of moderate, progressive individuals."

While Khomeini spent the last part of his exile in France leading his campaign against the Shah, he never feigned the language of freedom as it's understood in the West. Yet foolishly, he was feted there as a "liberator."

But, as Stephens reminds us, memories of that period are short, and the willingness of many now to be seduced by the smooth language of Brotherhood Islamists does have an impact. "It's easy to be taken in by the Brotherhood: Eight decades as a disciplined, underground organization, outwardly involved in charitable social work, have made them experts at tailoring messages to separate audiences," he noted.

Indeed, appropriating the Enlightenment discourse of individual rights, Brotherhood spokesperson Essam El-Errian insisted (speaking Feb. 13 to Voice of America), "We are calling for a civil state, moderate state, [and] a democratic state, equality, prosperity, justice for all and freedom for all citizens. All are equal. Egypt is not Iran."

What is particularly shocking is just how far-reaching this "Brotherhood-as-moderate" seduction has become. It's even seeped into the American security establishment. Stephens also mentioned that in Congressional testimony earlier this month, James Clapper, director of national intelligence, said that the Brotherhood is a "largely secular" organization. The fact that his office quickly issued a correction to Clapper's idiocy is hardly reassuring. It fails to compensate for the ignorance and incompetence at such high levels.

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Book celebrates 60 years of Canada-Israel diplomacy

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

In 2009, Canada and Israel celebrated 60 years of formal diplomatic relations.

Late last year, the two countries jointly published a 59-page commemorative book of historic photos and facts about the decades-long relationship.

The book, *Canada-Israel Diplomatic Relations: Celebrating 60 years of successful relations*, is a trilingual ode – it's written in English, French and Hebrew – to the nations' achievements as allies and democracies.

A copy was sent to *The CJN* in December 2010 by the Canadian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT).

The book's forward states that Canadians and Israelis are now, more than ever, bound by numerous ties.

"These ties and the long-standing commitments between our governments have resulted in an abundance of bilateral agreements and co-operation," it states.

A chronological, pictorial sequence of diplomatic events follows, from Canada's participation in 1947 on the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine – then-Canadian Supreme Court justice Ivan C. Rand helped garner support on the committee for partition and the eventual creation of the State of Israel – through to current Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon's 2009 visit to Israel.

Canada officially began diplomatic relations with Israel in 1949 when it formally recognized the state.

The volume also lists and depicts numerous legal, economic and cultural milestones shared between both countries including partnerships on space research, symphony orchestra and ballet troupe exchanges and the 1997 Canada-Israel Free Trade Agreement (CIFTA). The latter has helped triple bilateral trade between the nations to $1.8 billion in 2008, up from $567 million in 1997.

Closing passages penned by the current Israeli and Canadian prime ministers, Benjamin Netanyahu and Stephen Harper, express the hope of continued friendship and co-operation between the countries.

"All of my life Israel has been a symbol – a symbol of hope and faith," Harper writes.

"Canada stands side-by-side with the State of Israel... We have stood with Israel even when it has not been popular to do so, and we will continue to stand with Israel, just as I have always said we would."

Israeli Ambassador to Canada Miriam Ziv said the book was a collaborative effort between her embassy and DFAIT which sought to "tell the story of the special relationship between Canada and Israel. It is a keepsake of the unique friendship between our two countries that members of the community can enjoy for years to come."

For those interested, there are still a number of free copies of the book available. For more information on how to obtain one, contact the Israeli Embassy in Ottawa at info@ottawa.mfa.gov.il

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Charles H. Northam Professor of History, Trinity College

Dan Michman
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Professor of Modern Jewish History at Bar-Ilan University

Professor Kassow will speak on *Who Will Write Our History: Rediscovering a Hidden Archive from the Warsaw Ghetto.* Professor Michman will speak on *The Emergence of Jewish Ghettos during the Holocaust.* Responses from Anna Hájková, Elizabeth Strauss and Sylwia Szymańska-Smolkin, audience discussion, and songs from the ghetto performed by singer Mitch Smolkin and pianist Nina Shapilsky.

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די יידישע קיך

שמאלץ און גריווז זענען שוין מער נישט קיין שבחריקע,מאכלים אויף אונדזערע קאנאדער יידישע טישן. "נישט נעזונט" זאגן די דאקטוירים און מאדערנע יידן גלויבן זיי. פרעגט זיך א פראגע – וואס האט מען געפונען אין די קיכן פון אונדזערע מחותך איידאפעישע באבעס און זיידעס? אין ענטפער צו די פראגע גיב איך אייך א ציטאט פון דער "אלגעמיינער ענציקלאפעדיע."

"די דערנערונג פון די יידישע מאסן ודערט אין אלגעמיין באשטימט דורך די זעלביקע קלימאטישע און סאציאל עקאנאמישע באדינגונגען, וחי די דערנערונג פון דער אמתקער נישט יידישער באפלעקערונג.

אין די אריענטאלישע אדער דרום-אייראפעישע לענדער דערנערט זיך דער יד וחי דער ניט־יד...מיט היינץ אדער גערשטן ברויט, מיט מעל פראדוקטן, מיט רייז, אובעס, בעבלעך, מילך-פראדוקטן, שעפסן פלייש; אין די צפון-אייראפעישע לענדער באשטימט דאס שפייז-צעטל פון דעם יידן וחי פון דעם ניט-יידן (דעם דייטש, רוס, פאלאק, ליטווינער) פון קאנאדעם שוואַרצברויט, וויצענעם וויים ברויט, מעל פראדקטן, גרויפן, קארטאפל, קרויט, אוגערקעס, מעיר, בוריקעס, הערינג, פיש, מילך, מילך-פראדוקטן און אקסן-פלייש.

דער אריענטער יד, וחי דער ניט- יד, אין ליטע, לעטלאנד, פוילן און גאליציע באנוגגט זיך אין דער וואנט מיט שוואַרצברויט, קארטאפל מיט הערינג, מיט פארשידענע מקשעס (גריקענע, נערשטענע און הירשענע, פערלגרויפן), זויערע קרויט, זויערע אונגערקעס, פלייש אדער פיש. א ריינער בעל-הבית, אלץ איינס א יד אדער ניט יד, עסט אין דע זעלביקער געגנטן מער וויינ-ברויט, פלייש, פיש, עופות, פוטער, גרינסן, אריבס.

אין ליטע, פוילן און וויסרוסלאנד מאכט מען "אסל" אדער "באשטש" פון רויטע בורעקעס, פרישע אדער נעזויערטע (וויינטער זויער), א צימעס פון מערן, א קאשע פון גריקענע גרויפן; אין בעסאראביע און רומעניע מאכט מען א קאשע פון מאיס (מאמע-ליגע).

אבער ניטש נאר די רשימה פון שפייז-פראדוקטן, אויך דער ארט פון צוגרייטונג נעמען די יידן אין אלגעמיין איבער בייַ כאראקטער פון די רוי פראדוקטן, וחאס מען באקומט אין דער נעהערריקער נעגנט, פון איין זייט, און דורך די סאציאל-עקאנאמישע מאמענטן, פון דער אנדערער זייט...

ניט נעקוט אויך דעם, איז אירפגעקומען אויך אן אייגענארטיקע קיך מיט ספעציפיש-יידישע מאכלים, וחאס האבן אן אינטערעסאציאנאלן שם און וואס אונטערשיידן זיך זייער שטארק פון די טראדיציאנעלע מאכלים בייַ דער אומיקער ניט-יידישער באפעלקערונג.

די באזונדערקייט פון דער יידישער קיך ודערט אריסגערופן דער עיקר דורך צוויי פאקטארן, וחאס טראגן בייַדע א טראדיציאנעל-רעליגיעזן כאראקטער: 1) באשטימונגען חעגן כשרות און 2) געוועזן ודעגן שבת און יום-טוב."

אזוי איז עס געווען פאר דער מערהייט פון יידן. אבער, היינט אין קאנאדע, אין אונדזער זייער פריי, קאסמאפאליטישן וועלט ארט וווּ יידן מישן זיך פריי מיט מענטשן פון דער גאנצער ועלט, ניט נאר אין דעם ארבעט פלאץ, נאר אויך אונטער דער חופה, איז דער יידישער טיש צעטל א גאנץ ברייטערער. כינעזיש, יאפאנעזיש, און אינדיאנער עסענטאגס און טעמים זיינען נאכמאל פאר היינטיקע יידן. און זיי קענען, אויב זיי חיילן, הנאה האבן פון זיי אן זיך ניט אוועקשאלן פון כשרות.

פון רעדאקציע: *אויב איר האט געדאנקען ודעגן אונדזער וויינקל לאזט וויסן, דורך פאקס אדער בליק-פאסט:*

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SINGERS VISIT ISRAEL: Renanim Youth Singers visited Israel last month as part of a concert tour. Twenty children, ranging in age from 10 to 19 went on the trip, with concerts scheduled at such diverse venues as Beth Halochem and Yad Lakashish Seniors Centre in Jerusalem, the Renanim School for Developmentally Delayed Children in Kiryat Shmonah, the Leo Baeck School in Haifa, Tzipori Bet Sefer (a predominantly Ethiopian school) in Tel Aviv, as well as an outdoor concert in the Old City of Jerusalem for three Birthright groups. The group also performed tikkun olam projects — packing gift boxes for Israeli soldiers with the children at Tzipori Bet Sefer and painting the sanctuary of an Ethiopian Community Synagogue. The children attacked these projects with the same enthusiasm they showed for their singing.

LIVING CREATURES: As part of their science unit on Living Things, all three Grade 1 classes at Netivot HaTorah had a visit from Marty Cummings and his Critters. The students learned many interesting facts about snakes, rabbits, millipedes and turtles just to name a few. They each had the opportunity to touch and feel many of the animals. The boys and girls were fascinated with their guests. Seen here, from left, are Sara and Lea and their millipedes.

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FAMILY MOMENTS

Mazel Tov

The Canadian Jewish news

Mazel tov to David & Luba Smuschkowitz on their 65th anniversary. Lots of love from all of your children and grandchildren.

Mazel tov to Willie Glaser on your 90th birthday. May you celebrate many more birthdays in good health. With love from your family.

Mazel tov to Jonathan Philip Schneider on graduating from Montreal's Bialik 2010. Love, Mom & Dad Gloria and Stephen, sister Julie Gale and Bubbie Anne David.

Mazel tov to Sunny & Nat Gimpel on their 60th wedding anniversary. With love from children Mark, Alan & Joanne and Deborah.

Marla & Neil Lipman and big sister Lauren are excited to announce the birth of Aaron Lee, born Jan. 26.

Mazel tov to Aly & Isaac on your wedding!

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Friday, Feb. 25

PRESCHOOL FAMILY SHABBAT

Beth Tzedec's **Cantor Simon Spiro** leads a musical Shabbat and dinner, including games and activities. For ages 3-6 – and siblings, parents and grandparents. 5:30 p.m. $29 adults; $18 children 6-14; $6 children 1-5. **Jennifer Turack**, 416-781-3514, ext. 231.

CARLEBACH SHABBAT

Shaar Shalom's **Cantor Ben Silverberg** leads a Carlebach Kabbalat Shabbat. 5:45 p.m., Cayne Chapel.

Saturday, Feb. 26

IDF COLONEL AT BETH TZEDEC

Col. Bentzi Gruber, gives an "Inside Look at the IDF" after services. Also Sunday after services, video and discussion on "Behind the scenes of the IDF," including film about Operation Cast Lead.

OR HADASH, NEWMARKET

Or Hadash Synagogue in Newmarket holds Torah study and Shabbat service with **Rabbi Michal Shekel**. Breakfast and study begin 9:30 a.m. info@orhadash.org.

GRAPEVINE EXPERIENCE

An evening of women united, with instructional simchah dancing, wine-tasting, light refreshments. At Thornhill Community Shul, 949 Clark Ave., 8 p.m. $4.

MIZRACHI BAYIT

Dr. Sharon Flatto of Brooklyn College gives a dvar Torah and speaks at kiddush. 296 Wilson Ave. Services begin 9 a.m.

SHAAR SHALOM SHABBAT

Special Brotherhood/Sisterhood Shabbat. Everyone invited to sing with the choir. Enhanced kiddush. Guest speaker **Lynda Fishman**, author of *Repairing Rainbows*.

Sunday, Feb. 27

WOMEN'S LEARNING

Dr. Sharon Flatto of Brooklyn College, presents "Meeting the Messiah: an ongoing Hassidic quest," part of Torah in Motion's Women's Learning Program. Ulpanat Orot, 45 Canyon Ave., 9:30-11:45 a.m. www.torahinmotion.org, 416-633-5770.

ALIYAH AND ME

"The Individual vs. the Community," a panel discussion sponsored by Yeshiva University Torah Mitzion Beit Midrash and Congregation Bnai Torah, with **Rabbi Azarya Berzon**, **Rabbi Shlomo Gemara** and **Rabbi Chaim Strauchler**, moderated by **Rabbi Aaron Greenberg**. Bnai Torah, 7:45 p.m. Suggested donation $5. Call 416-781-1777, or info@torontotorah.com.

WELLNESS/FITNESS SERIES

Pride of Israel presents **Susan Sommers** and **Theresa Dugwell**, in a workshop about simple strategies to get fit. 10:30 a.m. $12 for 4 sessions, $5 for one. 416-226-0111, ext. 10.

Monday, Feb. 28

MEDITATING MONDAYS

Temple Har Zion Meditating Mondays continues. 8:15 p.m. Beginning and experienced meditators welcome.

Tuesday, March 1

ONE FAMILY FUND

Information night for One Family Fund's Cross Israel Hike. Shaar Shalom, 7:30 p.m. 416-489-9687 or www.onefamilyfundhike.com.

TUESDAYS WITH LARRY

Film Series continues with *Walk on Water*, a 2004 film from Israel with English subtitles. 2 p.m., Beth Tikvah. $5 at the door. 416-221-3433.

Wednesday, March 2

TEMPLE EMANU-EL MOVIE

Movie Night at Temple

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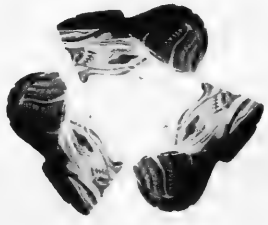

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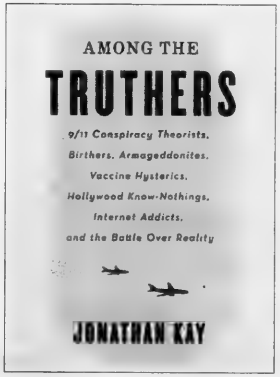

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Emanu-El presents **Heather Kassel**, film critic and York University professor, reviewing *An Education*. 6:30 p.m. $5. 416-449-3880.

JEWISH BOY IN AFGHANISTAN

Lev Zahav chapter, Hadassah-WIZO presents Canadian Armed Forces **Capt. Rob Goldstein**. "What's a Nice Jewish Boy Doing in a Place Like This? A Mid-Life Mission to Afghanistan." Holy Blossom Temple, 7:30 p.m. General admission $25, or by credit card at CHW head office 416-630-8373. Includes auction and dessert.

Other News

LIVING DOWNSTREAM

Bayview Corridor of Synagogues presents *Living Downstream*, a film following a year in the life of **Sandra Steingraber**, whose family has struggled with cancer. Sunday, March 6, Temple Emanu-El, 7:30 p.m. No charge. filmfestival@bayview corridor.org.

SOLEL SHABBAT

Solel Congregation of Mississauga holds a Tot Shabbat dinner and program, March 4, 5:45 p.m. for arts and crafts, music and a catered dairy main course. Bring a salad or dessert. $5 per person, infants free. Family service with musical instruments follows at 7 p.m. Call 905-820-5915.

NEW MEKOROT CLASSES

Mekorot Institute of Torah Study offers two new courses for men and women. **Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner** on "The Book of Micah," Tuesdays, March 1-June 14, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim. **Rabbi Michael Skobac**, "Perek Shirah: meditations on the Songs of God's Creations," Mondays, March 14-April 4, 9:45-11 a.m., Prosserman JCC. Information and registration, 416-877-2050.

TEMPLE SINAI NURSERY

Temple Sinai Nursery School presents "Ain't Misbehaving," with psychotherapist and parenting expert **Alyson Schafer**. Wednesday, March 9, Registration and boutique 7 p.m. Speaker 8 p.m. $20 in advance. $25 at the door. Call 416-487-3281 or e-mail education@templesinai.net.

RESPITE PROGRAM

Hospice Thornhill offers The Gathering Place, a day respite program for those dealing with a life-threatening illness. Therapies, snacks and a small meal provided. Call **Bettina Bros**, 905-764-0656, ext. 223.

SING AND SWING

Na'amat Toronto Club Aliza presents an evening of Swing 'n' Sing-Along with **Mickey Lewin** and **Shoshana Frank**. Borochov Centre, Saturday, March 5, 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments. $18 at the door.

AM SHALOM, BARRIE

Barrie's Jewish community gathers March 4 at Am Shalom, 767 Huronia Rd., to join 700 synagogues taking part in Shabbat Across America/Canada, organized by National Jewish Outreach Program. Service at 6 p.m., dinner following. Call 705-792-3949.

YIDDISH FILM FESTIVAL

Kehillat Shaarei Torah's Yiddish film festival concludes with *Lies My Father Told Me* (English). Saturday, March 5, 8 p.m.

HEBREW READING

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue offers a free Hebrew reading course for those who can slowly read Hebrew and want to practise reading, singing and understanding the prayers during services. Six 90-minute sessions, start March 6, 9:30 a.m. Register at 416-3838.

LIVING WITH DIABETES

How to live well with diabetes: A neurologist's perspective. **Dr. Maureen Shandling**, Jewish Diabetes chapter, Canadian Diabetes Association. Shaarei Shomayim, March 8, 8 p.m. $1. 416-363-0177, ext. 7 403.

JEWISH HEALING SERVICE

Rabbi David Seed and **Yehudit Shier Weisberg** facilitate a healing service, a program of Jewish Family & Child. At Adath Israel, Sunday, March 6, 3-4 p.m. No charge. 416-638-7800, ext. 6287, lfriedman@jfandcs.com.

WILL IT MATTER TO THEM?

Dr. Elliott Malamet discusses "The Next Generation and the Future of Judaism." Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, March 3, 7:30 p.m. Free

FOR SENIORS

MNJCC Active Seniors, 416-924-6211, ext. 155. Thursday, March 3, 1:30 p.m. Seymour Epstein, "Jewish Communities of the World: Jewish Morocco." Computer course for seniors Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m., 8 sessions.

Beth Tzedec Seniors, 416-781-3511. Haverim program, February and March, 1:30 p.m. Also, New Horizons for Havurah, $3, Feb. 28 and Mar. 21, 1:30 p.m., with **Rabbi Miriam Margles**.

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Conference held to counter Israeli Apartheid Week

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

The tensions between Zionist and anti-Israel students on North American campuses are a reflection of the larger issue of anti-Zionism and antisemitism that is rampant in mainstream society, said Boston University's Richard Cravatts, one of the speakers at a conference last week titled "When Middle East Politics Invade Campus."

The conference was moderated by Jonathan Kay, the *National Post* comment pages editor, and organized by the Advocates for Civil Liberties, a group that aims to counter unbalanced, anti-Israel messages on university campuses. It was planned as a response to the annual series of anti-Israel events on campuses worldwide, called Israeli Apartheid Week, held every March since 2005.

Afroza Mohammed
[Greg Tjepkema photos]

Cravatts, director of Boston University's publishing and digital media program, and author of *Genocidal Liberalism: The University's Jihad Against Israel*, delivered a lecture titled "The War Against Israel On Campus" to more than 300 people at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Toronto.

Cravatts borrowed an idea from Melanie Phillips, author of *The World Turned Upside Down: The Global Battle Over God, Truth, and Power*, in which she explains that "the Palestinian cause specifically has been inverted in a morally incoherent way so that the aggressive Arab states have been turned into the victims of the Zionist Jews of Israel."

Cravatts said that Israel's image has been "hijacked" by Israel's enemies "who are trying to reshape the narrative of what Israel is and represents."

He said student groups put up posters on campuses that display "carefully crafted images that help the world come to the conclusion that the Palestinians are the victims – not the victims of their own misdeeds, not the victims of the rest of the Arab world that refuses to let them ever have a state and has kept them dispossessed and homeless – it's Israel's fault."

He said anti-Israel protesters have also resorted to equating Zionism with Nazism.

"Israelis now are regularly called the new Nazis – that they are now perpetrating on the hapless Palestinians the same behaviour that was perpetrated on the Jews by the Nazis."

He said that it's challenging for students to combat anti-Israel sentiments on campus, because professors are incorporating their biases into their course syllabi.

"This is why campuses are fertile ground for anti-Israel activity and why you students have such a fight on your hands… because it is clearly departments of sociology, anthropology and humanities who are driving this discourse against Israel."

Cravatts insisted that the tensions on campus are important, because university students today are being shaped into the politicians, ambassadors and policy makers of the future.

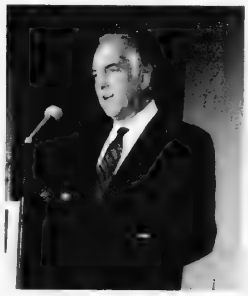
"We don't want them coming out of college thinking that Israel is the main impediment to world peace," he said.

"We have to say that if you're going to say stuff like this, we have the right to correct you. We have the right to stand up. We're going to make trouble, and I think we have a moral commitment to do that."

Sara Akrami, a second-year political science student at York University who emigrated from Iran five years ago and is an Iranian human rights activist, spoke on a panel of students about the tensions on campus between anti- and pro-Israel groups.

"I think part of the tension on campus is because some of the clubs promote violence, and it is very unfortunate that these types of clubs have been ratified by the York Federation of Students and [student] money has been used at times for these clubs," Akrami said.

"It is very disappointing that the university uses [student fees] in order to bring speakers who support terrorism," she said, referring to the lecture given at York last November by former British MP George Galloway.



Richard Cravatts

Afroza Mohammed, a fourth-year sociology student at York, also spoke on the panel about what she has witnessed on campus over the past four years from the eyes of a "neutral student" who is "not involved politically, culturally, religiously, emotionally, and has no stake in this conflict."

Despite that, the conflict on campus has affected her education at York, she said, because she and other students have been "forced to surrender our student space and have that space turned into hate space," and their "concerns for safety have been neglected during the Israeli Apartheid Week."

She said student rallies that pit one side against another "don't make me feel safe or make me feel that York is a tolerant and accepting university."

Noah Kochman, speaking as a former chair of the Canadian Federation of Jewish Students, said Jewish students need to be "smart, strategic and open-minded" when it comes to handling the tensions on campus.

"Many of our battles are long-term battles."

He said Jewish students should exert their influence by immersing themselves in student unions to play their part, and the rest of the community also needs to get involved and "step up."

In a video greeting, Israeli judge Hadassa Ben Itto, best known for her book *The Lie That Wouldn't Die: The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, warned the gathering that public opinion is forming based on the information available, which sometimes is "biased and tainted by lies."

She said that she's disappointed that some universities "are at the forefront of spreading distorted information, questioning the legitimacy of Israel, while lending a forum to a dictator guilty of incitement to genocide, promoting boycotts, presenting a one-sided biased picture, expelling by force speakers who try to set the record straight or just present a different set of facts."

She added that "holding the planned apartheid week next month at any university is outrageous," and that the organizers of the event "prove that they know nothing about Israel, nothing about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, but more than that, they know nothing about apartheid."

Policy 'undermines liberal democracy'

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Not only is multiculturalism in the Charter, it has been government policy since the 1970s. The federal government and most provinces have enacted human rights codes that prevent discrimination on the basis of race, religion and other identifiable characteristics, while in 1988 the Canadian Multiculturalism Act acknowledged the right of ethnic groups to preserve their unique cultural heritage.

Mansur believes the act is a mistake. His paper argued that "the worm inside the doctrine of multiculturalism is the lie that all cultures are worthy of equal respect and equally embracing of individual freedom and democracy. The concerted assault by the Islamists on the essential and life-affirming values based on individual rights and freedoms are proof of this lie."

Contacted in London, where he lectures at the University of Western Ontario, Mansur said multiculturalism "undermines liberal democracy," which promotes individual rights and freedoms, not group rights.

Salim Mansur

The catalyst that got people discussing the wisdom of the policy of multiculturalism was 9-11, he continued. Cameron's warnings about British society, that young Muslims were embracing extremist ideology and not adopting western values, is relevant for Canada.

"We're just 10 years behind Britain," he said.

Mansur's comments came around the time the Quebec National Assembly decided to ban Sikhs from wearing kirpans, a ceremonial dagger, in the legislature.

Objecting to the measure, Canadian Sikhs argued the Supreme Court of Canada decided in 2006 that the kirpan is an article of faith — not a weapon.

Meanwhile, in Winnipeg, school officials were being asked to reconcile immigrants' cultural and religious practices to Canadian norms. A group of 11 recently arrived Muslim families asked the city's public schools to exempt their children from music and co-ed gym classes. Reports from Winnipeg indicated officials are considering having Muslim children do a written project on music as an accommodation – suggesting the school division was bending on a core component of the curriculum.

That is precisely the wrong approach to take, believes Ezra Levant, conservative activist and former publisher of the *Western Standard* magazine. Faced with requests for accommodation, school bureaucrats "ask how can we be sensitive and avoid a human rights complaint," even if they would be empowering "gender apartheid," he said. "It's the suicide gene of the left. They're so tolerant, they're afraid to call out intolerance."

"Most of this creeping sharia [Islamic law] is where the bulk of the problems are… The greatest tragedy here is that people are bending over backwards thinking that helps Muslims, but they are harming Muslims."

Levant believes giving in to such requests only empowers the extremists in the Muslim community.

That is hardly what the official policy of multiculturalism set out to do. According to a government of Canada website, "[Multiculturalism is a] fundamental characteristic of the Canadian heritage and identity. Canadians celebrate the gift of one another's presence and work hard to respect pluralism and live in harmony."

And as to integrating newcomers into Canadian society, Citizenship and Immigration Minister Jason Kenney had this to say: "I think we have been much more successful generally than the western European countries."

Mansur, however, rejects any description of multiculturalism as a benign principle that makes everyone feel welcome in Canada. He believes "it divides and segments society. We have a fragmented society, home-grown terrorism, political correctness, so that you cannot discuss the system."

Recent immigrants are encouraged to retain their cultural baggage and as a result, "value systems are imported like polygamy, the inequality of sexes, limits to free speech and our government has bent over backwards to accommodate those groups."

A very different perspective was offered by Bernie Farber, chief executive officer of Canadian Jewish Congress. Canada, he said, is a young country that has prospered by welcoming people from around the world. They are encouraged to bring with them their unique cultures that with all the others, have "built a strong and vibrant Canada."

Prime minister Pierre Trudeau "embraced that as part of the ethos of who we are and gave resources to make it strong and ensure we are not like the United States, where people get muddled into a [melting] pot," he said.

Mansur outlines Canadian values

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Congress has long supported the principle of multiculturalism, which recognizes that as a community we are both Canadian and Jewish.

"Multiculturalism does not deny Canadianism. Quite the opposite. It allows us to be strong Canadians while allowing us to take a look at your culture and celebrate that as well," Farber said.

He said Cameron's rejection of multiculturalism was not applicable to Canada. Canada does not have the same problem of home-grown terrorism and the one case brought to light – the Toronto 18 – was condemned all-around, by Muslim-Canadians as well.

He worried that "those criticizing multiculturalism explain their concerns for the most part by targeting a small minority of immigrants and refugees with extremist religious views and use them as an example of the policy's failure. Does anyone really believe that if we were to abandon multiculturalism that these extremists would simply go away? In the United States, where the melting-pot concept is the norm, has this occurred? Generalizing the actions of a small extremist minority within immigrant communities to its entirety is a recipe for stereotyping at best and racism at worst."

Constitutional law expert and Congress president Mark Freiman said multiculturalism is included in the Charter as an interpretive tool and cannot be used to trump basic rights, such as freedom of speech and assembly, and security of the person.

"Multiculturalism does not say that whatever someone did in their country of origin is acceptable and would be welcomed in Canada. But it says the concept of many cultures is an enriching concept."

Levant, however, sees multiculturalism as encouraging groups to maintain cultural practices that contradict basic Canadian values. Hundreds of polygamist marriages have been solemnized in Canada by radical imams, contrary to Canadian law, while welfare cheques have gone out to multiple wives, signalling "a passive acceptance by the government."

Several honour killings have claimed the lives of young girls, while the most "shocking case" was in Ontario where the Court of Appeal ruled women may testify while wearing a veil and, if compelled to remove it, can ask that all men be excluded from the court while they testify, he said.

These "enables gender apartheid," he said.

Levant, who faced a human rights hearing over publishing the Mohammed cartoons, said during that incident, the Western Standard received many calls from Muslims saying they did not leave their countries of origin "to have sharia law follow me here. Many Muslims came here to get the hell away from the imams and gender apartheid," he said.

Nelson Wiseman, a professor of political science at the University of Toronto, said that every major party in Ottawa supports multiculturalism. "There is no political benefit to say no," to it, he said.

The Jewish community has historically supported it as well as intercultural dialogue. "The feeling is if all groups are secure, then Jews are as well, so anything that helps minority groups is of assistance to Jews, because Jews are a minority," he said.

"I don't think Jews think about [multiculturalism] much, and when they do, it's like when Poles, Ukrainians, Brits and a lot of the French, who when they hear 'multiculturalism' they don't think about their own group, but other groups that they're uncomfortable with," Wiseman said.

"The reality is that the face of Canada has changed and people react to that."

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The latest research finds that exercise – specifically strength training – and a healthy diet, along with prescribed medications, are essential in managing Type 2 diabetes.

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There are four types of diabetes. Type 1 occurs when the pancreas can not produce insulin. This type is mostly found in children or adolescents. Type 2 occurs when the pancreas doesn't produce enough insulin for your body. This type occurs mainly in adults, but it's being found in children in increasing numbers. Gestational diabetes is temporary and happens during pregnancy. Pre-diabetes occurs when blood glucose levels are very high but not high enough for a Type 2 diagnosis.

More than nine million people are living with diabetes or pre-diabetes in Canada today, and 90 per cent are diagnosed with Type 2. Unmanaged diabetes can lead to heart disease, kidney disease, eye disease, impotence and permanent nerve damage.

A recent Canadian study found that strength training improves insulin sensitivity in those individuals with diabetes to the same extent that aerobic exercise does. Strength training improves the body's ability to control blood sugar levels, along with taking prescribed diabetes medications. In fact, in people with diabetes, strength training in combination with aerobic exercise may be more beneficial than diet alone.

Regular exercise improves your body's use of insulin, burns excess body fat, improves muscle strength, balance and bone density, and lowers blood pressure and low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol levels. It also increases energy, reduces stress and improves quality of life.

The American Diabetes Association recently updated its exercise guidelines to at least 2.5 hours of moderate exercise per week. Check with your doctor before you start any exercise program. It's important to work with a certified fitness professional and your health-care provider to establish realistic goals and design a safe, effective program that addresses your specific needs. Remember to always check your blood-sugar levels before every workout.

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TEDDY BEAR DRIVE: Students in Daphne Helfand's grade 7A class crowd around a duffle bag bursting with stuffed bears after their recent teddy bear drive at the Toronto Heschel School. The bears were collected as part of a civics project that the students conceptualized and organized, and they'll be sent with a Heschel student to Israel for the children of Aleh, Israel's largest network of residential facilities for children with severe physical and cognitive disabilities.

My kid is so Jewish — where did I go wrong?

Orit Brenner
Special to The CJN

As parents, we do a wonderful job of instilling a sense of Jewish identity and pride in our children.

Perhaps we send them to Jewish day schools or extra-curricular Hebrew schools, or to Jewish summer camps, or on Jewish heritage trips such as Birthright Israel and the March of the Living.

We hold Pesach seders and family Chanukah parties, all in the hope of having our children absorb some of the values that we hold so near and dear to our hearts.

But what happens when our children grow up and begin to show some genuine interest in further exploring their Judaism – when they decide to step up their level of kashrut, for example, or to stop driving on Shabbat?

Many parents feel upset, even threatened or betrayed, by their child's movement toward taking Judaism more seriously.

But how can we logically blame our children for internalizing the very values that we have so dutifully and diligently striven to impart to them?

"Of course we want our children to be Jewish," many parents say, "but not *that* Jewish!"

But where do we draw that line? When does "Jewish" become "that Jewish?"

For each parent, the answer is different. Some feel that even the slightest departure from the family way borders on being blasphemous. Others allow for more leeway, but keep a watchful eye out to ensure that the situation doesn't get too out of hand.

Let's pause for a minute and ask ourselves a (or perhaps *the*) key question: what is it that we're afraid of?

Is not the ideal outcome of a proper Jewish education an individual who cares deeply and passionately about his or her Judaism, not only in theory but in practice?

Dedicated Jewish parents ought to feel pride and a sense of accomplishment when their child makes a move in this direction. They ought to view their child's passion for Judaism as an extension of, rather than a departure from, the education and tools that he or she has been given.

Instead of confusing children with mixed messages, let's demonstrate consistency in our parenting and our dedication to Jewish values. If we're able to do this, we will no doubt maintain strong relationships with our children and see them flourish into strong leaders and community members.

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In search of missing Holocaust property

Israeli government, Jewish Agency launch task force

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JERUSALEM — The Israeli government and the Jewish Agency are launching a new worldwide initiative to identify Jewish property lost or stolen during the Holocaust with the goal of obtaining restitution for survivors or their heirs.

Called Project HEART - Holocaust Era Asset Restitution Task Force, the initiative is chaired by Rafi Eitan, a former senior citizen affairs minister, and directed by the Jewish Agency's Bobby Brown, a native New Yorker who has been active in the field of Holocaust restitution for more than a decade.

"This is the first time since the Holocaust that a general comprehensive program is being launched to gather information with the eventual purpose of receiving compensation for property looted, stolen or forcibly sold during the Holocaust," Jewish Agency chairman Natan Sharansky said, according to a yet unpublished press release, a copy of which *Ha'aretz* obtained. "This will be an opportunity for many people to finally receive compensation for property that was taken from them and their families during the Holocaust era."

The project is expected to launch in early March with events in Jerusalem and Washington, D.C., and will be accompanied by a large advertising campaign to inform survivors and their families about the opportunity to make claims.

In its first stage, Project HEART, with an expected annual budget of around nine million (about $2.5 million US), will focus on identifying individuals with potential claims mainly against eastern European governments. Survivors or their heirs whose families owned private property – including real estate, movable items or intangible personal property – and have never been compensated will be asked to contact the project's staff. A website and a call centre available in 13 languages will be launched to facilitate the information gathering process.

"It is not necessary to have evidence of property ownership to be eligible. If individuals believe they owned or were beneficiaries of such property, they should fill out the questionnaire," said Anya Verkhovskaya, who is overseeing the initiative's operational aspects.

Verkhovskaya is senior executive vice-president and COO at A.B. Data, a company specializing in class action suits. Based on the Milwaukee-based company's extensive work on previous cases of Holocaust restitution claim, the Jewish Agency and the government hired the company to do the legwork, such as creating a call centre and setting up advertising campaigns.

Verkhovskaya played key roles in two major Holocaust restitution successes, including the $1.25 billion (US) settlement with Swiss banks, when she led programs that delivered notice to more than 10,000 Jewish communities in 109 countries. She also spearheaded the administration of international help and call centres that assisted more than 100,000 potential claimants.

The Jewish Agency's Jerusalem-based team meanwhile currently consists only of Brown, a retired Jewish Agency for Israel official who was rehired to lead the new project, along with his secretary and a lawyer.

"Unfortunately, Holocaust survivors are leaving this world at a very rapid rate, and even their children are now in their 60s. It is extremely important to get as accurate information as we possibly can for history's sake, for a memorial sake and for the sake of eventually coming forward in negotiations," Brown, 59, told *Ha'aretz*.

"We feel that this is a critical moment that maybe we waited much too long for, but nevertheless, if we don't do it now, we may have lost the last possibility of doing it altogether."

Project HEART, which will operate under the auspices of Deputy Minister of Senior Citizen Affairs Lea Nass, bases its hopes on a non-binding resolution passed during the 2009 Holocaust Era Assets Conference in Prague, in which the 46 participating countries agreed on their obligation to compensate Holocaust victims and their heirs for property lost on their territory.

Jewish Agency chairman Natan Sharansky

Eastern European countries shortly before or immediately after the fall of communism passed legislation allowing Jews to claim restitution for property lost or stolen during the Holocaust. But due to restrictions, these countries compensated only a small number of Jews with minor payments, according to Moshe Sanbar, who has served in senior positions in several organizations fighting for Holocaust restitution.

"With the Prague Conference, we created a new basis for new claims – it wasn't legally binding, but it was and is binding morally," Sanbar told *Ha'aretz*.

"Looted property has to be restituted. This is part of European policy. Several American presidents have said that's our policy, and it's part of Israeli policy," said Brown, who first dealt with Holocaust restitution issues as Diaspora affairs adviser during Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's first term. "Will we succeed? Time will tell. But we're sure going to try."

Project HEART sees itself as working in concert with the World Jewish Restitution Organization, Brown said. Based in Jerusalem, the Jewish Restitution Organization was founded in 1993 by 10 major Jewish bodies, including the Jewish Agency, the Center of Organizations of Holocaust Survivors in Israel and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims against Germany. "I hope that all NGOs that are now working in this field will join us in this effort," Brown told *Ha'aretz*.

The U.S.-based Claims Conference is today perhaps the best-known institution involved in fighting for restitution of property lost during the Holocaust. Founded in 1951, the group became one of the wealthiest Jewish organizations in the world after the fall of the Iron Curtain through the sale of buildings in eastern Germany that had belonged to Jews but whose heirs could not be located.

In recent years, the Claims Conference has been harshly criticized for the way it has been distributing funds. In 2006, a group of Israeli organizations, headed by the Israeli government and including the Jewish Agency, demanded that Israel be granted the right to appoint half the members of the Claims Conference's executive board to have a larger say in how its assets are distributed.

The Conference rejected the criticism, saying in response that the organization "has been outstandingly successful in negotiating for Holocaust-era compensation on behalf of Holocaust survivors worldwide in recovering property, in assisting Nazi victims and in educating future generations about the lessons of the Shoah." Earlier this year, a report by barrister Jeffrey Gruder, which was commissioned by the Board of Deputies of British Jews, criticized the Claims Conference's practice regarding returning funds received from Germany to their Jewish survivors or their heirs.

In an extensive response to the Gruder report, the Claims Conference stated that as of Dec. 31, 2009, a total of 3.5 billion shekels (about $1.5 billion US) "has been paid to or set aside for eligible original owners or heirs – all of whom would have received no property or payment were it not for the Claims Conference's intensive efforts since 1990.

"There is absolutely no basis for Mr. Gruder to presume that the Claims Conference did not and does not care about the interests of heirs. The Claims Conference has done a marvellous job, but they are limited to Germany and Austria," Brown told *Ha'aretz*.

"We are not focusing, at this point, on any one country. It is a wide net we're sending out, and hopefully we'll have established a registry for [survivors with legitimate claims], many of whom have given up hope of ever seeing any compensation. This is the last battle of the Holocaust, and it is our obligation to find a modicum of justice in this area."

Project HEART has received overwhelmingly positive responses from Israelis involved in Holocaust restitution issues.

"I support everything that will improve the conditions of Holocaust survivors. This is a good initiative that is more than welcome," said Knesset member Ze'ev Bielski. About three years ago, Bielski, who then headed the Jewish Agency, had a run-in with the Claims Conference, after he pushed for an audit of its books, and the conference reacted by temporarily stopping its funding of Jewish Agency projects, according to news reports at the time.

Sanbar, who founded the World Jewish Restitution Organization, also described Project HEART as an important initiative. Anticipating criticism by groups and individuals who might argue the new project's work will negatively impact on ongoing negotiations with relevant foreign governments, he said this scenario was unlikely.

"A.B. Data will try to help Bobby [Brown] to find all kinds of assets that belonged to Jewish people. The value of restitution is something completely different, something that is subject to negotiations."

Israel Briefs

PA presses UN vote

Backed by Arab states, the Palestinians are pressing ahead with a United Nations Security Council resolution that slams Israel for settlement building. The Palestinian delegation said last Thursday that it had the votes to bring the resolution to the UN Security Council for a vote the next day. The announcement, coming after a meeting of the 22-member "Arab group," which collectively has the clout to push a vote, signalled the Palestinian rejection of a compromise proposed this week by the United States calling settlement expansion a "serious obstacle to the peace process" in a statement to the Security Council. The U.S. statement – a nonbinding declaration that does not have the clout of a resolution – also would have condemned rocket fire from the Gaza Strip, restoring a semblance of balance to the Palestinian-drafted resolution, which singled out only Israel.

Israel closes embassies due to threats

Israel has temporarily shut down four of its diplomatic missions abroad, including the embassy in Ankara and the Israeli consulate in Istanbul, due to threats from Hezbollah, according to Turkey's *Milliyet* newspaper. Many Israeli embassies around the world were on heightened alert. The Foreign Ministry said that Israeli embassies throughout the world have received several suspected terror threats. The threat is believed to be directed at embassies in Africa, Southeast Asia and the Caucasus.

Schalit deal being discussed: report

Hamas and Israel are engaged in ongoing efforts to form a prisoner-exchange deal that would secure the release of abducted Israel Defence Forces soldier Gilad Shalit, a Hamas source told the Palestinian *Ma'an* news agency last week. In January, the London-based newspaper *Al-Hayat* reported that a delegation of Hamas strongmen reportedly discussed the latest proposal for a prisoner exchange deal with organization political chiefs in Damascus. Earlier that month, *Al-Hayat* reported that the German Shalit talks mediator, Gerhard Conrad, concluded a two-day visit to the Gaza Strip where he held talks with senior Hamas leaders. Referring to the efforts to secure Shalit's release, an informed Hamas source told *Ma'an* last week that the German mediator was still involved the negotiations.

Smugglers abuse migrants

African migrants trying to cross from Egypt into Israel have been abused and held for ransom by Bedouin smugglers in the Sinai Desert, according to a new report. The report issued by the Israeli advocacy group, Hotline for Migrant Workers, presented information gleaned from the testimony of 60 migrants, who discuss being beaten, raped and held for ransom in the northern Sinai. The organization estimates that about 1,000 migrants, mostly Eritrean, have been held in abusive conditions for months. The Bedouin smugglers contact their families for ransom money. Some 13,600 mostly economic migrants crossed into Israel from Egypt in 2010; some are refugees from Sudan.

Tunisian Jews worried

Israeli media reported that Tunisia's Jewish community is concerned for its security in the wake of anti-Jewish protests outside of the capital's main synagogue, a community leader said. The head of the Tunisian Jewish community, Roger Bismuth, met with the country's interim prime minister, Mohammed Ghanoucci, and requested better security for the country's 1,500 Jews, the French news agency AFP reported. On Feb. 11, dozens of Muslim demonstrators gathered in front of the main synagogue in the capital, Tunis, and chanted anti-Jewish epithets. Last month, amid the political upheaval and violence in the African nation that toppled President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, the Tunisian military deployed forces specifically charged with protecting the Jewish community on the southern island of Djerba and elsewhere. Among the 1,300 Jews in Tunisia, 1,100 are living in Djerba and the rest in Tunis.

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Egypt blocks Suez crossings

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JERUSALEM — Suez Canal operators have been told that plans by two Iranian naval ships to cross the waterway were cancelled, a canal official said on Thursday.

It was not immediately clear which side was behind the cancellation, but the *Al-Arabiya* daily reported that Egyptian authorities had blocked the ships from crossing.

Any naval vessels passing through the canal, a strategic international shipping route that connects the Red Sea to the Mediterranean, must first have approval from Egypt's foreign and defence ministries, officials said.

If the ships had crossed, it would have been the first time since Iran's 1979 revolution that Iranian warships had passed through the canal, officials said.

Iran's revolution poisoned ties with Egypt, which signed a peace treaty with Israel that year.

Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman last Wednesday called plans for the two Iranian warships to sail through the canal en route to Syria a "provocation." He had said the ships were expected to pass through the Suez Canal overnight on Wednesday.

Israel's Channel One television said Lieberman had spoken out of turn as the Defence Ministry "had preferred to ignore" the ships' approach.

An Egyptian canal official who declined to be named said that the Suez Canal Authority was "informed today about the cancellation of two scheduled trips of two Iranian warships," adding that "no new date was set to cross the Suez as part of the southern convoy coming from the Red Sea."

The official, who identified the ships as the Alvand and Kharg, said the vessels were near the Saudi Arabian Red Sea port of Jeddah. Shipping experts had earlier named the vessels as the Alvand frigate and Kharg supply ship.

Ahmed El Manakhly, a member of the canal's board who is responsible for shipping movement, had said the ships had not joined Thursday's early morning northbound convoy in the canal and were not on the waiting list to pass through on Friday.

The Suez Canal is a vital commercial and strategic waterway between Europe and the Middle East and Asia. It is also a major source of revenues for the Egyptian government.

'Sense of desperation' in Iran

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"The hypocrisy of the Iranian authorities' support for democracy in Egypt and the suppression of the same demands in Iran is outright unacceptable. The use of tear gas, batons and pepper spray against peaceful protesters by Iranian security forces is a gross violation of the right to free expression and assembly."

Cannon added that Canada condemns the regime's actions and the "systematic and violent suppression of peace demonstrations" and that the government will continue to call out Iran's "ongoing and unjustifiable violations of universal human rights" as a central part of Canada's foreign policy.

Cotler said he believes the increased oppression by the Ahmadinejad regime is a sign that international sanctions are working, pushing the Iranian government into a "sense of desperation" and eliciting a false "bravado" from lawmakers in the country.

He said he hopes the international community continues to strengthen those sanctions and that Canada, among other things, encourages Radio Canada International to "consider programming in Farsi" over both its worldwide shortwave service and conventional AM/FM broadcasting in the Persian Gulf region and over the Internet.

Cotler also recommended that the government take "appropriate action" to ensure that Iranian foreign offices, bureaus or media outlets in Canada are "not used by the Iranian regime as a source of threat and intimidation of the Iranian diaspora in Canada."

In Iran last week, thousands of government supporters called for the execution of opposition leaders at Friday prayers in Tehran, following anti-government demonstrations.

Hardline cleric Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati said during the prayers that the opposition leaders have lost their reputation among people and are "practically dead and executed," while worshippers chanted for their executions.

Jannati proposed more restrictions on Mir Hossein Mousavi and Mahdi Karroubi – two of the opposition leaders who remain under house arrest since the popular protests of 2009 – who managed to organize the largest opposition protest in more than a year on Feb. 14.

"Their communications with people should be completely cut. They should not be able to receive and send messages. Their phone lines and Internet should be cut. They should be prisoners in their home," Jannati said.

The head of Iran's judiciary, Ayatollah Sadeq Larijani, said last Thursday that opposition leaders would be prevented from communicating with their supporters and a possible trial was still on the agenda.

The remarks by these prominent figures, suggest there is still no concrete plan for arresting the opposition leaders, possibly to avoid giving them more public attention.

Late last Thursday, Karroubi's website, Sahamnews.net, quoted him as saying he was ready to stand trial.

The opposition demonstrations in Iran last week were meant to show solidarity with Egypt's uprising, but turned into a major opposition rally. Two people were killed in clashes with police.

Mousavi and Karroubi are leaders of a protest movement that grew out of the disputed presidential election in 2009, in which Ahmadinejad was re-elected.

Hundreds of thousands of protesters poured into the streets after the re-election of Ahmadinejad, calling it fraudulent. Opposition says scores were killed after the massive government crackdown.

With files from Ha'aretz

Reporter beaten in Egypt

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CBS News' chief foreign correspondent, Lara Logan, sustained a "brutal and sustained sexual assault and beating" as Egyptian protests were winding down, CBS reported last week .

The assault lasted between 20 and 30 minutes while her assailants shouted "Jew! Jew! Jew!"

Logan, who is not Jewish, was on assignment in Egypt for *60 Minutes* to cover the toppling of former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and became separated from her camera crew and whisked away by the crush of the mob surrounding her, CBS reported.

Logan, 39, and a mother of two, then flew back to the United States, where she was hospitalized until last Wednesday.

According to CBS, the attack on Logan took place on the evening of Feb. 11, but went unreported by the outlet until Feb. 15.

According to reports, she was eventually saved by a group of women and the Egyptian police.

A week earlier, while on assignment, Logan and her crew had been blindfolded and detained by Egyptian authorities and were accused of being Israeli spies, according to CBS.

Egyptian revolution will impact entire Mideast

Charles Bronfman
Special to The CJN

Opinion

After Egypt's wondrous revolution, the Middle East will never be the same again. Egypt is so large and so consequential that such profound political change is bound to impact everything, including the prospects for Israeli-Palestinian peace. Is it a threat to peacemaking or an opportunity?

The idea that Israel and the Palestinians have, at long last, been given an ideal opportunity to come to a peaceful resolution of their long-standing differences might sound outlandish to some and heretical to those who think that Israel should now hunker down and prepare itself for armed conflict, or use the Egyptian crisis to gain more time to do nothing!

Charles Bronfman

Despite the fact that the peaceful revolution has succeeded, Egypt will have many problems on the way to democracy. The first is its economy, which was already struggling before the protests brought it to a temporary halt. The interim government and its freely elected successor will have to provide major incentives to business to invest in equipment and create the job opportunities that the people are demanding. Those who massed in Tahrir Square and elsewhere throughout the country no doubt will lack patience. Those who have graduated from college and have been promised jobs by the former government must have access to them – not menial jobs, but the serious jobs that the educated youth expect in a sophisticated society.

As Egypt's neighbour, Israel can help. Israel's technological brilliance, her breakthroughs in so many fields, from irrigation to nanotechnology, can be of huge advantage to a new democratic Egypt that is in search of 21st-century jobs for its young people. The Palestinians are benefitting from an important increase in their standard of living, at least on the West Bank. That could be a helpful signal for both Jordanians and Egyptians that with the proper infrastructure economic advances certainly are possible.

But first, Israelis and Palestinians must end their conflict by establishing clear and recognized borders between two states living in peace. So long as they prey on each other, their ability to relate positively to the events around them will be hampered. In fact, from Israel's standpoint, the status quo will have a profound negative influence.

Israel is no longer considered the David, surrounded by the Arab Goliath. Nor has it been since 1982. Israel is now viewed in the Arab world and beyond as Goliath, protected by the United States. It is seen as an occupier denying freedom to the Palestinians as surely as Hosni Mubarak denied freedom to the Egyptian people. As long as it fails to end the occupation, Israel will be seen to be on the wrong side of history.

That is a shame, for Israel, as the first democracy in the Middle East could do so much to help Arab democracy emerge from the ice age imposed by its autocratic leaders.

Imagine a reformed, democratic Egypt; a peaceful, democratic Palestine; a Jordanian constitutional monarchy; and a democratic Israel, no longer considered a pariah by its neighbours, no longer an occupying nation, no longer the "imperialist" country of the Middle East. Imagine how co-operation between these democracies could lead and benefit the rest of the region, politically and economically.

When Shimon Peres dreamed of a "new Middle East" two decades ago, the region was not yet ready for his vision. But today the Internet and new social media have made the 21st century revolution possible in Egypt. These cheap and efficient means of connecting people defy physical borders as much as they defy governmental controls.

Imagine if Israel's tech-savvy youth connected with their Egyptian, Palestinian, and Jordanian counterparts and rose up in unison to demand that their elders put an end to their 20th-century conflicts. Would Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and President Mahmoud Abbas then respond by creating their own peaceful revolution?

Let the Egyptian people's example guide them in breaking the bonds of fear and mistrust. Let them now garner the courage to go forward and let peace no longer elude them.

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Foundation keeps Jerusalem strong for all Jews

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Sallai Meridor has dedicated his life to Israel and to Jerusalem.

He's been an adviser to two Israeli cabinet ministers – the defence minister and and the minister of foreign affairs – and he was the chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Israel and the World Zionist Organization. Then he went on to become Israel's ambassador to the United States.

For the past year, Meridor has been the international chairman of the Jerusalem Foundation, a volunteer position he assumed in 2009.

"I am proud to have the opportunity to join other [volunteers] in strengthening Jerusalem. It gives me a great sense of satisfaction," says Meridor, 55, who was born and raised in Rehavia and now lives with his wife and three daughters in Kfar Adumim.

"For me, it's a combination between a great privilege and a great responsibility. Jerusalem is the most wonderful city on earth, in my humble opinion, and I feel Jerusalemite in every bit of my soul."

Meridor, whose family came to Israel in the 1930s from Vienna, can remember a time when the city was divided. "Jerusalem was every day in our upbringing – it was every day in our hearts. My father would take us to different spots and look toward the Old City. We could not even see the Wall, but we lived with the dream of seeing the city reunited," he recalls. "We lived to see that dream come true."

Nowadays, the city faces different challenges – from maintaining positive relations between the various disparate factions of Jerusalem's population to strengthening the economic viability of the city.

Meridor says the population of tax-contributing, Zionist Jews in Jerusalem is shrinking relative to the Arab and haredi populations, a trend that doesn't bode well, either for the city's economic future or its global Jewish status.

"If the percentage of those working in the city is shrinking and those in need of social welfare is widening, in the end the economy could collapse," says Meridor. "We want to keep Jerusalem relevant and meaningful and strong, not only for its inhabitants, but for all Israelis and all Jewish people."

The biggest current issue, he says, is the negative migration from the city of young people and families. "We have to work hard to keep young families, to create conditions for those people to choose to stay in the city. It's a major challenge."

Sallai Meridor

The Jerusalem Foundation, which works in conjunction with the municipality, aims to improve Jerusalem's elementary-level education options. "We want to make the Jerusalem [grade] school experience the best in Israel so that young families, whose number 1 criteria for choosing where to settle is their children's education, will choose Jerusalem," says Meridor. "We want to create a community environment that is supportive, that people will like to join rather than leave."

The foundation is working with students at the city's academic institutions. According to Meridor, thanks to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design and other colleges, Jerusalem is home to some 40,000 students every year. The question is, how to get them to stay in Jerusalem and create a life for themselves in the city after they graduate.

"We need to create opportunities for them to stay in the city after they've completed their studies," says Meridor. "This focus on young people is extremely important. They are the future and the most important asset for us to develop."

Besides working directly with students, the foundation has its sights set on improving the city and making it more appealing to this population by encouraging the development of leisure opportunities in the city centre.

"We want to create more opportunities for enjoying leisure time in the city – museums, sports, culture – so that while people feel that Jerusalem, with all its sacred holiness must be preserved, they also feel they can live modern lives that are no different from anywhere else in Israel," says Meridor. "We want to help people enjoy life in Jerusalem in a significant way and at the same time strengthen the positioning of the city, so that it will be a cool place to live."

On this score, Meridor says the Canadian Jewish community has been instrumental. "The Canadian community has been outstanding in its support of Jerusalem's city centre," he says.

For example, it's thanks in large part to funding from the Canadian community that the city's central open market, Mahane Yehuda, is the tourist attraction it is today. "It used to be a place that people would stay away from, and now people from Tel Aviv come to stroll there," says Meridor.

Currently, the Canadian community is helping to achieve similar results in the city's Musrara neighbourhood. "We are taking a neighbourhood that has been very challenging and turning it around to become a centre, a magnet, for young people," says Meridor.

"We are very proud of the significant partnership of Jews in Canada in Jerusalem, and Jews in Canada should be very proud of their share in our Jerusalem. I mean that in the largest sense possible," says Meridor. "After 2,000 years that we could only pray for Jerusalem, now we have the opportunity to take part in building the city and making it what we were dreaming of."

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'Israeli bandage' helped save lives in Giffords shooting

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WASHINGTON — Israel changed Gabrielle Giffords' life when the budding politician first visited the country in 2001 and it drew her closer to Judaism.

After the Arizona congresswoman was shot in the head last month, an Israeli innovation invented by an American immigrant to Israel may have helped save her life.

First responders credited the emergency bandage colloquially known as "the Israeli bandage" with saving lives in the aftermath of the Jan. 8 shooting in Tucson, Ariz., that left six dead and 13 wounded.

Pima County officials later displayed the kit at a news conference in Tucson, along with other military-grade gear used in ministering to the wounded in the shooting. The county had switched to the upgraded gear last June, and the shooting was its major first field test.

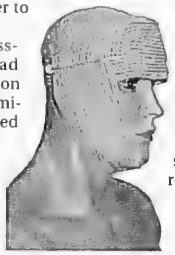
"Without this care, it would have definitely been a different situation," Dr. Katherine Hiller, who had attended the wounded at University Medical Center, told the *Los Angeles Times*.

It is not clear if the Israeli bandage was applied to Giffords – the details of the day were lost in the chaos – but the bandage is known for, among other things, its utility in stanching head wounds, one of the greatest challenges with conventional bandages. One model covers both entry and exit wounds, which Giffords is known to have sustained.

The bandage, like others, applies a sterile pad to the wound to stop the blood. What distinguishes it is that a built-in applicator applies the equivalent of up to 30 pounds of pressure over the pad by wrapping it in the opposite direction of the initial wrap.

Head wounds require multiple standard bandages to keep a pad in place. One Israeli bandage, with its elasticized cloth, is enough for a head wound, and the very act of wrapping it around the head applies pressure to the wound. That saves precious time, and the applied pressure applicator, because it is built-in, is more stable than the external pressures used with conventional bandages.

Since its 1993 invention, the Israeli bandage has become standard issue in militaries throughout the world. The U.S. military made it standard issue in 2003, in time for the Iraq War.



The Israeli bandage can be applied quickly and easily by an injured soldier or non-medical personnel for immediate hemorrhage control. *[Israel 21c photo]*

The inventor of the pad, Bernard Bar-Natan, is a self-described Brooklyn boy, a son of Holocaust survivors who immigrated to Israel in 1979 and was drafted into the military in 1983, serving an abbreviated service as an adult.

When he was going into the military, friends advised him to get a "job" or a specialty to alleviate the boredom of grunt-level service. Immigrants drafted as adults serve only a few months rather than three or more years, so they rarely serve in the military's upper reaches. One of the few specialties available at that level is medic.

As the years wore on, through month-long stints in the Israeli reserves, Bar-Natan became annoyed by an anomaly: the bandages available might have manufacture dates as early as 1942 or as late as the previous month, yet they remained essentially unchanged. Medics in the field were required to improvise pressure applicators – magazines, rocks, canteens, whatever was handy.

"The guns we used had improved, the planes flying above us had improved, but the bandages were the same," Bar-Natan told JTA.

In the early 1990s, the Israeli government was encouraging start-ups through "incubators," providing them low-interest loans. That encouraged Bar-Natan to jump in the waters with his idea for a newfangled bandage.

In 2000, he took the bandage to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, where the U.S. military trains medics. Soon his company, First Care, was selling the bandage for use by elite units, including the 75th Rangers and the 101st Airborne. Three years later, the bandage was certified for standard use.

The Giffords shooting created unexpected – and unwanted – publicity for his invention.

"The real story is about her," Bar-Natan said.

He had heard about how Giffords on an American Jewish Committee trip to Israel in 2001 – shortly after she was first elected to the Arizona state legislature – had connected with her father's faith and decided to become a practising Jew.

Bar-Natan's success is not going unnoticed.

Michael Oren, Israel's ambassador to Washington, told the conservative Daily Caller website recently that learning of the bandage's role in saving lives in Tucson has been a highlight of his stint as ambassador.

Canada, Israel to help India address water issues

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

India is facing tremendous problems with water management, pollution abatement and infrastructure renewal and it is turning to Canada and Israel for solutions.

Businessmen, academics and government officials from the three countries are gathering in Toronto this week in what is being called a landmark meeting that will lead to co-operation in tackling India's water quality problems.

The Trilateral Roundtable on Water Technologies is convening at St. Andrews Club and Conference Centre, under the auspices of International Science and Technology Partnerships Canada (ISTP-Canada). The agency, in co-operation with the Canada-Israel Industrial Research and Development Foundation (CIIRDF), will provide financial incentives to Canadian and Israeli partners who develop commercially ready solutions for specific Indian projects that can also be applied in a global market, said Henri Rothschild, president and CEO of both agencies.

"The availability of fresh water is one of the most pressing imperatives facing India and many other nations around the world," he said. "It is an urgent issue that demands focused resources, multidisciplinary expertise and collaborative solutions. Leveraging a powerful platform for trilateral R&D co-operation and the complementary strengths of three countries, we are jump-starting the development of new water technologies that help to preserve and manage this life-giving resource and enable innovators to capitalize on global market opportunity."

This week's meeting is something of a get acquainted gathering, but plans are to stage a follow up session in India within one year. Rothschild believes there is potential for hundreds of millions of dollars in business in the short term plus the creation of thousands of jobs in Canada and Israel.

Ontario is the prime Canadian player at the moment, as the province already has bilateral trade agreements with both India and Israel, managed by ISTP and CIIRDF respectively, Rothschild said.

"We're blending these programs for a landmark meeting," he added, pointing to an existing trilateral arrangement involving Canada, China and Israel as a model.

"But here, the commercial prospects are near term," he added.

Although it will be up to the participants to determine what projects are priorities, Rothschild offered a hypothetical scenario to illustrate the kind of deal that could benefit all sides. The management of an Indian waste management facility that services millions of users is facing issues of pollution runoff. They would call for solutions within a limited budget that would address water purification issues, given a specific flow.

Henri Rothschild, left, flanked by Indian official Thirumalachari Ramasami, who initially proposed a three-way partnership.

Israeli and Canadian companies would collaborate on a project to address the Indian case and would apply to ISTP and CIIRDF for grants of up to 50 per cent of the cost of the technology.

"The emerging three-way partnerships will provide Canadian innovators with a competitive advantage in the Indian market, enabling them to seize near-term commercial opportunities and increase the export of Canadian technology to India," Rothschild said.

This week's meeting is meant to assist Indian delegates in providing an overview of the country's water challenges and priorities.

Ontario's Minister of Research and Innovation Glenn Murray is keynote speaker. "As outlined in Ontario's innovation agenda, our government is committed to fostering international partnerships that maximize innovation efforts in strategic areas and deliver value to Ontario-based companies and researchers," he said in a release.

"This three-way R&D collaboration will enable our firms to demonstrate technological leadership in the critical area of water management, capitalize on new opportunities in this emerging economy and contribute to the development of new products with the potential for real global impact," he added.

"We aim to create a resilient innovation ecosystem that connects R&D, higher education and policy to foster sustainable wealth creation in India," said Dr. Rajiv Sharma, head of international co-operation in India's department of science and technology.

"This trilateral initiative will further strengthen this ecosystem by enabling us to draw on the technological know-how of Canada and Israel, and develop new expertise within India. More importantly, the emerging water technologies will help us to build a more sustainable future and preserve the well-being of our citizens," Sharma added.

The idea for the three-way partnership was first raised about a year and a half ago at a bilateral Canada-India meeting on scientific co-operation by Thirumalachari Ramasami, secretary to the government of India, department of science and technology, Rothschild said. "At that meeting he proposed that not only Canada and India be strong partners, but suggested Israel as forming a triumvirate to solve the world's water problems."

The delegates picked Israel because "it's recognized as a world leader in water management and pollution abatement," he said.

Israel recovers two-thirds of its water for re-use, while the best other countries can manage is only in the 20 per cent range, Rothschild noted.

"As a global leader in multidisciplinary R&D and water management, Israel has developed many technology-based water solutions that have enabled us to overcome fresh water shortages," said Dan Vilenski, director on the board of the Israel National Nanotechnology Initiative. "Israel-based innovations in desalination, cloud seeding, drip irrigation, 'fertigation' [applying fertilizer through an irrigation system] and wastewater re-use already provide valuable tools and techniques for countries around the world. This trilateral R&D collaboration will allow us to build on these achievements, put this expertise into greater practice, and develop novel products that address key water issues in India and other developing nations."

Tourism soars in February, approaches record

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JERUSALEM — With more than one million hotel nights, February is shaping up to be Israel's best month for tourism in a decade, approaching the record set in October 1999 on the eve of the second intifadah.

But the 350,000 tourists are maxing out the capacity of the country's hotels and placing incredible stress on service, which is suffering as a result, industry professionals say.

Hotel capacity in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv is approaching 90 per cent. Jerusalem hoteliers are begging their peers in the city to take their overflow, since they're subject to heavy fines if they book rooms for groups they later have no room for. Tour guides and drivers are being sent to sleep at their own homes, not at hotels alongside their groups.

Some tourists are even being sent to sleep in Ashkelon and Be'er Sheva, instead of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

This year, Israel will host more than 3.2 million tourists, said Tourism Minister Stas Misezhnikov at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) tourism conference in Jerusalem recently.

That's 500,000 more than the country got in 2009. Now that Israel has joined the OECD, which officially makes it a developed country, it's pulling in more tourists.

"The demand shows that we don't have enough hotel rooms and that we're at maximum capacity in peak tourist season," said Oren Drori, head of the ministry's marketing division.

Israel is seeing an increase in tourism from the United States and Russia, as well as from emerging markets such as Brazil, India and South Korea. This includes pilgrims as well as people interested in Israel's culture, he said.

The country is planning to build another 9,000 hotel rooms by 2015, Misezhnikov said.

May and October are peak tourist season in Israel.

It's not the quantity of tourists that matters, but who the tourists are, said the director general of the Israel Incoming Tour Operators Association, Ami Etgar.

October tourists rent out more hotel rooms than summer tourists, many of whom are French Jews who own or rent apartments, he said.

The country doesn't have enough infrastructure to handle the number of tourists here this month, Etgar said.

"The quality of service in October isn't good," he said. "Groups are waiting an hour and a half at Ben-Gurion International Airport, and the Old City of Jerusalem is very crowded."

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Chava Rosenfarb's life in fiction

The graves of modern Yiddish writers are scattered across the globe. In the great Jewish cemetery at the western edge of Warsaw, one can visit the elaborate marble tomb atop the burial place of I.L. Peretz. Sholem Aleichem and Joseph Opatoshu were laid to rest in the New Mount Carmel Cemetery in Queens, New York. Isaac Bashevis Singer's grave can be found further afield in New Jersey. This month, the prolific, Lodz-born writer Chava Rosenfarb, most of whose career was spent in Montreal, was buried in the Workers' Circle Cemetery in north Montreal.

Rosenfarb's death this past month marks an end point in the Canadian Yiddish tradition. With the aid of her co-translator and daughter Goldie Morgentaler, Rosenfarb maintained an active career into her ninth decade. Beginning in 2004, the University of Wisconsin Press reintroduced her major work, *The Tree of Life (Der Boim fun Lebn)*. In three volumes, it offers a detailed portrait of prewar Lodz and the Lodz Ghetto. In 1994, Toronto's Cormorant Books brought out a story collection titled *Survivors: Seven Short Stories*, which includes an array of biting portraits of postwar life in the aftermath of the Holocaust. In recent years, Rosenfarb continued to travel, giving talks on her own work and that of other Yiddish writers, while Morgentaler worked on translations of unpublished work. From a distance one felt that Yiddish literature was still being tended and created anew.

This year, in an online journal devoted to Jewish fiction, Rosenfarb contributed a story titled *April 19th*, which is of a piece with her other portraits of survivors. A ghost story of sorts, it captures the lives of survivors in postwar Montreal when most of them lived in the vicinity of "*de montn*" – the Mountain, or Mount Royal – on Esplanade and Jeanne-Mance near an early incarnation of the Montreal Jewish Public Library.

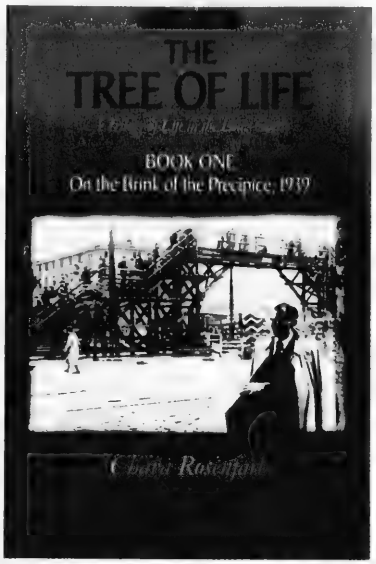
Reviewed by

Norman Ravvin

The date in the story's title reflects its setting, a Warsaw Ghetto Uprising commemoration "packed with mourners." Among other things, *April 19th* evokes an early stage in Holocaust commemoration in Canada. Survivors make up a major part of the audience, at a time when they are young and just beginning as parents themselves; the focus is on the lighting of six symbolic candles; and the focal text, sung by a choir, is by Shmerke Kaczerginski, a poet of the Vilna Ghetto and partisan. (Just as *April 19th* recalls a largely forgotten wartime lyric, the graveside gathering at Rosenfarb's burial included the singing of the once well-known anthem of the Jewish Polish Bund, *Di Shvue (The Oath)*.

In *The Tree of Life*, Rosenfarb makes intriguing use of a poet's work to evoke the losses of war. There, it is Simcha Bunim Shayevitsh, whose poem *Lekh-Lekho*, dedicated to his young daughter, helps Rosenfarb contend, in fiction, with the heartbreak of Jewish families in the ghetto.

With her major work in print and well anthologized, Rosenfarb's place in the Canadian Jewish literary canon is secure. While other major careers, such as those of Rochl Korn, Melech Ravitch and J.I. Segal fade from view, Rosenfarb remains accessible because of the wealth of her work that was translated into English. Her oeuvre operates like a time capsule. Open it and you find the millionaires' mansions of prewar Lodz, the maddening Mordecai Chaim Rumkowski of the ghetto, and intimate portraits of survivors as they remade their lives in postwar cities. *April 19th* offers an evocative portrait of the edge of Montreal's Mountain not long after the war, when the "lilacs and jasmine were just coming into bloom." One might, this coming spring, take a walk along Esplanade Avenue and see if the trees still flower there as they once did.



Norman Ravvin's new novel is **The Joyful Child,** *from Gaspereau Press. He is chair of the Concordia University Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies.*

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EYE ON ARTS

By BILL GLADSTONE

DARRAH TEITEL WINS CANADIAN JEWISH PLAYWRITING CONTEST

Darrah Teitel, a graduate of University of Toronto and the National Theatre School of Canada's playwriting program, has won the 2010 Canadian Jewish Playwriting contest for *Corpus*, a play that grapples with issues of the Holocaust.

Teitel receives a $1,000 prize, and *Corpus* will be given a professionally directed and acted staged reading in a Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre-Al Green Theatre workshop presentation.

Corpus follows Megan, a PhD candidate, and Heinrich, a squeegee kid in Berlin, as they grapple with the Nazi genocide. Other characters include Eli, a Polish prisoner in Auschwitz, and Eva, the wife of an SS officer. According to a press release from the Miles Nadal JCC, which sponsors the annual playwriting competition, *Corpus* "illuminates the ethical ambiguity that engulfs people living through devastating times and asks us to question our own relentless fascination with dark history."

Teitel has previously written radio dramas for the CBC and other networks, as well as a play for SummerWorks 2008. She is a past winner of the Calgary Peace Play Prize and In the Beginning Jewish Playwright Competition. *Corpus* has already been workshopped and presented at University of Calgary, Nightwood Theatre, Banff Centre and Harold Green Jewish Theatre.

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Theatre Notes

• Teatron Theatre presents the world première of *A Hamburger in a Pita*, a comedy by Toronto playwright **Nina Shenhav**. With **Ron Boyd**, **Barb Granek-Gutstein**, **Richard Hoffman**, and **Menachem Sifen**. Toronto Centre for the Arts, Studio Theatre, 5040 Yonge St. March 2 to 13. $19 to $37. 416-733-0545. www.teatrontheatre.com

• Shakespeare in Action stages the **Wendy Kesselman** adaptation of *The Diary of Anne Frank* with **Sascha Cole** in the title role. Central Commerce Theatre, Central Commerce Collegiate, 570 Shaw St. Previews from Feb. 23; runs March 1 to 13. $15, $12. 416-703-4881.

Francine Hailman

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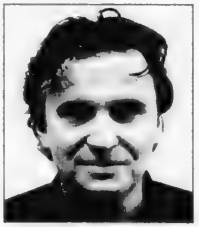
Literary Notes

• **Seymour (Epi) Epstein**, author of *From Couscous to Kasha*, a humorous memoir of 18 years of service in communities all over the world for the American Joint Distribution Committee, speaks about his adventures in Morocco, and of North Africa's rich Jewish past, as part of a series on Jewish Communities of the World. Active Seniors. Miles Nadal JCC, Thursday, March 3, 1:30 p.m. 416-924-6211, ext. 155.

• **Charles Foran**, author of the 2010 biography *Mordecai: The Life & Times* (Alfred Knopf Canada) has won the 2011 Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction. The prize is worth $25,000.



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Music Notes

• **Francine Hailman & Her Jazz Cats** perform timeless jazz standards and originals from her debut CD, *Love Is Here*. Hailman on vocals is backed by **Tom Scublics** on sax, flute and clarinet, and **Danny McErlain** on piano. Ferraro Italian Restaurant, 502 North, 1118 Centre St., Thornhill (between Bathurst and Dufferin). Thursdays, March 3, 17, 31, 8:45 to 11:45 p.m. No cover. 289-597-2131.

• **Jordan Klapman** presents Broadway's Great Jewish Composers: Sammy Cahn and Jule Styne. Live piano, refreshments. Miles Nadal JCC, Active Seniors, Thursday, Feb. 24, 1:30 p.m. 416-924-6211, ext. 155.

• **Mark Eisenman's** CD, *The Chant*, is available for download from iTunes, itunes.apple.com. His website is www.jazzpiano.ca.

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Film & TV

• TV critic **Mark Clamen** presents *"The Wire,"* a lecture with TV clips about the context, power and significance of *The Wire* television series. $12, $6. Miles Nadal JCC, Media Mondays, Feb. 28, 7 to 9 p.m. esthera@mnjcc.org, 416-924-6211, ext. 606.

• Toronto Jewish Film Society presents *Surfwise*, a powerful story of emotional abuse within the bosom of a family living on the edge. Guest speaker **Karen Shopsowitz**. $15, $10. Sunday, Feb. 27, 4 and 7:30 p.m. Miles Nadal JCC, Al Green Theatre. 416-924-6211, ext. 606.

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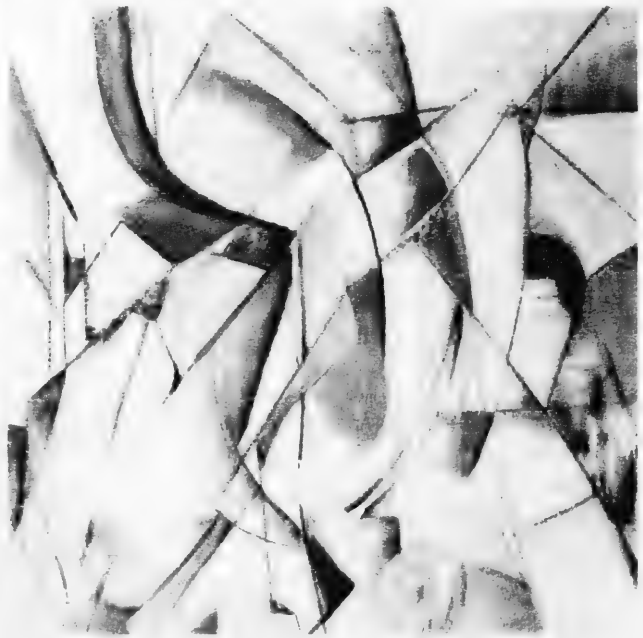
At the Galleries: Loop Gallery presents *Dark Energy*, an exhibition of ink drawings by **Gary Clement**, the brilliant political cartoonist for the *National Post*, and *Dictionary*, an exhibition of paintings related to Muslim-Jewish issues by London, Ont., artist **Thelma Rosner**. Now until March 13. A Q&A session with Clement, moderated by *Post* writer **Peter Kuitenbrouwer**, takes place March 5, 3 p.m. 1273 Dundas St. W. 416-516-2581, www.loopgallery.ca



ART MATTERS: The Diverse Palette is hosting Art Matters, an art show and sale, from March 2 to March 13, Wednesday to Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Participating artists are Sandra Duba-Shubs (artwork pictured), Bianka Guna, Vineeta Hakimi, Leah Landau, Joan Soble, Veronica Teichner and Mia Thornhill. Artist reception on March 6 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. At the Papermill Gallery, Todmorden Mills Museum, 67 Pottery Rd., Toronto. 416-396-2819.

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Israeli and Canadian Jews clash on stage

Laura Stricker
Special to The CJN

An Israeli playwright and actor is debuting her first Canadian play in Toronto this March.

A Hamburger in a Pita is written by *CJN* columnist Nina Shenhav and is being staged by Teatron Theatre. It tells the story of a Canadian Jewish family, the Liebermans, and their Israeli neighbours, the Noys. The two families don't get along and often get into arguments about parking spaces and noise.

The situation gets worse when the Canadian family's son falls in love with the Israeli family's daughter and they decide to move to Israel together.

Nina Shenhav

"It's kind of a soap opera, but on stage," said Shenhav, who came to Canada from Israel almost four years ago.

The idea for the play came from Shenhav observing the cultural differences between her Israeli and Canadian friends, as well as letters she got from people who read her *CJN* column, suggesting she turn her stories into a play.

"I personally didn't think there was a difference in mentality between Israelis and Americans or Canadians," she said. "But I saw the Israelis feel that the Jewish Canadians look down on them, and the Canadians think that Israelis are aggressive."

In *A Hamburger in a Pita*, the two families eventually get to know each other while trying to stop their kids from going to Israel, and they realize they have a lot more in common than they originally thought.

"People are people," Shenhav said. "People have the same feelings, the same fears, the same loving. That's my message – just make the effort and try to see the other guy, and you'll see they're quite alike."

Ari Weisberg, Teatron Theatre's artistic director, said "the depiction of the two households, with their differences in mentality, language and attitude, fills this play with many funny situations, while at the same time bringing thought provoking and intimate themes to the forefront."

Shenhav agreed that it's a "very difficult and complicated issue, [but] I really believe that people will leave the theatre with a big smile," she said.

A Hamburger in a Pita runs from March 2 to 13 at the Toronto Centre for the Arts, 5040 Yonge St. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.teatrontheatre.com or call 416-616-5350.

***A Hamburger in a Pita* runs from March 2 to 13.**

Sascha Cole to play Anne Frank

Kathryn Kates
Special to The CJN

The actor playing the title role in an upcoming production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*, at the theatre in Central Commerce Collegiate in Toronto, had never read the famous diary until she started rehearsals.

"Most young people read it in school, and I'm a Jewish girl, so I guess people would assume that I read it," Sascha Cole says.

"I always avoided it because I thought it was going to be depressing. I'm pretty sensitive, so I thought why would I want to make myself sad?"

To her surprise, Cole discovered that the diary is more uplifting than she thought. "Anne has a sense of humour, and her veracity towards life is very inspiring," Cole says. "That's what makes her so special because in the face of this, she has a need to survive and find some kind of hope. Anne surprises me all the time. She has such light to her."

Adapted by Wendy Kesselman and produced by Shakespeare in Action, the play tells the compelling story of Anne Frank during the dark days of the Holocaust when the teenager documented her experience.

"The play spans the 25 months that they manage to live in the attic and is told from the point of view of Anne," Cole says. "It is basically a story of a family surviving, but more importantly, it is the coming of age of a very curious, intelligent and precocious young woman."

Sascha Cole

She says the play speaks to her about what it means to survive. "If you compare Anne to her sister – when Margot goes to the attic, you get a sense that she has lost hope, but Anne has such insight. Her thoughts about the world and humanity, despite everything that is happening, is very inspiring.

"She says in the play, taken from her diary, 'I still believe in good, despite everything that has happened.' It makes me think about what it takes to survive and the survivor mentality," Cole says.

"She did die. Once she was taken to the camps, she only lasted seven months. Something about her hope and her ability to see good in people... regardless, really speaks to me. And, makes me feel so thankful for all the blessings in my life and that I live in Toronto, in Canada and not in a country that is at war with another country and I have all of my rights."

The Toronto-based actor is a graduate of the National Theatre School of Canada in Montreal and the British American Drama Academy in Oxford, England. Her credits include *The Apology for the Next Stage Festival*, Factory Theatre's *Bethune Imagined*, and CanStage's *Rock 'n' Roll*.

The Diary of Anne Frank is directed by Michael Kelly, and the cast includes Chris Karczmar and Alexis Koetting as Anne's parents, Otto and Edith. Bruce Beaton and Catherine McNally play Hermann and Auguste Van Daan.

The play runs from March 1 to 13 with school performances beginning Feb. 23 at Central Commerce Theatre, 570 Shaw St. For tickets, call 416-703-4881. For more information, visit www.shakespeareinaction.org.

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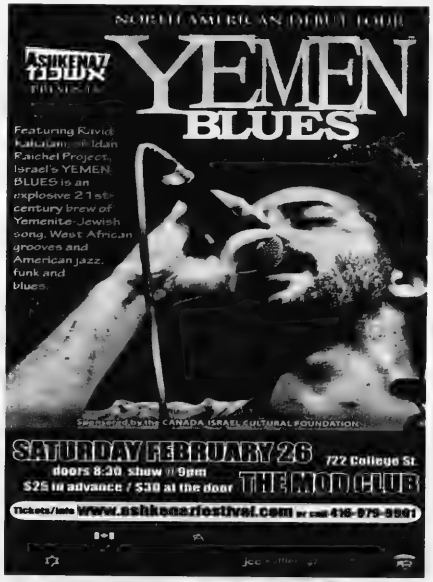
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Rena Godfrey
Special to the CJN

It's the first snowstorm of the season, but the weather doesn't seem to stop 150 people from coming out to cheer on their friends and family at Toronto's legendary Silver Dollar Room.

Music by the Eagles, Peter Frampton and Bob Seger roars through the crowd. The vibe is electric and the musicians are playing their hearts out, but clearly this isn't any ordinary gig.

The musicians are actually regular folk – marketing executives, lawyers, scientists, architects and bankers – all part of the League of Rock (LOR), an adult rock-music program.

Participants have been gearing up and rehearsing for this big night – the final showcase –since they first joined.

One of the participants, Sue George, 45, is a marketing manager and has been singing in her basement since she was a kid. She didn't know what to expect when she first joined the LOR.

"It's a bit scary for everybody at the beginning, but we quickly became friends. Making music has everything to do with working together, and a big part of the LOR is the whole collaborative effort," George said. "In the end, we became a community, and that's a very powerful thing."

George was very proud of her band, Harmony Road, and the progress they made over the weeks. At the showcase, they played *Seven Bridges Home*, a classic Eagles' song, featuring a challenging five-part harmony.

Ernie Cavallin, 61, has been playing drums for 41 years.

Founded in 2006 by Terry Moshenberg, the LOR has catered to more than 650 singers and musicians like George and offers them a place in a band, a series of workshops and the chance to record a CD.

Moshenberg started the LOR because he felt that adults, in general, often overlook their own passions and creativity. "We, as parents, foster our kids' interests, by signing them up for hockey, ballet or soccer, and tend to put our needs in a box. Everyone deserves the ability to continually explore and enrich their lives," Moshenberg said.

In addition to the Toronto location, LOR has chapters in Montreal, Ottawa, Vancouver, New York and Chicago.

Many LOR participants are return customers. Kenny McNally was hooked when he joined the LOR two years ago, so much so, that he now works with Moshenberg running the jam sessions in Toronto. He interviews participants before their first day in order to determine the different strengths and talents of the new band members, and then places four to five people in each band. For McNally, the LOR is all about the supportive people he's met, their mutual love of music and the thrill of the live performance.

Another participant, Ernie Cavallin, 61, has been playing drums for 41 years. He fondly describes each of them as a "giant love fest."

He admits that there are some struggles that members encounter, but part of the learning process is being able to work together as a team. In fact, team building for corporations and organizations is another focus of the LOR. That's landed them fifth spot in the *Globe and Mail's* top 10 list of 2011 Business Junkets. Such companies as Rogers, BlackBerry, Fido, Dell and Scotiabank have sent their people to the LOR for music-based teambuilding and corporate retreat events.

After the final showcase, many LOR participants find themselves asking, "What's next?" LOR alumni often stay in touch with their bandmates, some become good friends, others start new bands together, and there's always a good turnout of alumni at the final showcase.

For more information, visit www.leagueofrock.com

Justin Bieber has a Jewish road dad

Edmon J. Rodman
JTA

LOS ANGELES — Is *Never Say Never*, the biographical documentary and concert film that recounts the rise of Justin Bieber, also a message film of "Hear O Israel"?

The film, which opened recently, has a genuine Jewish back story due to the on-screen presence and production involvement of Bieber's Jewish manager, Scott Samuel (Scooter) Braun.

By all accounts Braun, who discovered Bieber on YouTube – a site where the teen sensation now has several songs with more than 100 million views – plays an important role in Bieber's life both on stage and off.

"On the road I take responsibility for him," Braun, 29, told JTA in a recent interview, relating that his Jewish background helps Bieber to maintain a sense of balance.

Off stage, Braun also is a presence – a kind of a Jewish road dad helping the 16-year-old Bieber face the challenges.

"The girls chase the car, they're in the lobby," Braun said. "They know where we're going before we know."

On stage, as reported by various sources, Braun, Bieber and some of the crew members say the *Shema* before beginning a concert.

"Originally, Justin and the crew just did a prayer circle before the show that ended with Jesus Christ. I wasn't into that," said Braun, who grew up in Greenwich, Conn.

With another Jewish member of the crew, "we started saying the *Shema*. About the third time, Justin chimed in," Braun recalls. "He had memorized it. Now others say it with us, too.

"When you're about to step out on stage with 10,000 girls screaming, it's good to have faith."

The fact that the *Shema*, a prayer that is said with "all your heart," has become part of Bieber's ritual in itself represents a change in heart.

In December 2009, the *New York Times* reported that on meeting Braun, Pattie Mallette, Justin's mother, said, "God, I gave him to you. You could send me a Christian man. A Christian label."

"She's a protective mother," explained Braun when asked about his first encounter with Mallette. "If someone called you up in the middle of the night and wanted to talk to you about taking your child on the road, what would you do?"

The scene with the *Shema* is in the film because Bieber's mother wanted it there, said Braun.

"Originally, it was left out, and she said that's not what we do," he said.

As noted by Rabbi Jason Miller of Michigan, who writes at blog.rabbijason.com, "Based on the number of concerts at which Justin Bieber performs, I'm guessing that he's actually said the most important statement of Jewish belief many more times in his life than the average 16-year-old Jewish youth."

On April 14, Bieber is scheduled to perform in Israel.

"No matter what, we're going," Braun answered when asked about other performers such as Elvis Costello who have cancelled performances in Israel.

"Patti and Justin are looking forward to visiting Bethlehem," he adds, "and my sister is in med school there."

The Bieber group will be there for the first night of Passover, and Braun plans on having a seder.

"Justin wants to be part of the seder," he said.

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Maccabi Toronto wins indoor soccer championship

Compiled by CJN Staff

The Maccabi Toronto men's team captured its sixth Downsview Park Adult Soccer League Championship in the last seven seasons, defeating Armour Elite 4-3 in the final at The Hangar.

In what was supposed to be a rebuilding season, the veteran Maccabi team hung on as Armour Elite mounted a last-minute push for the equalizer. Yair Rabinovich employed what is being called "the leg of God" to clear a shot and save a sure goal.

The veteran team consisting of former and current top university players, as well as many players who have represented Canada in the Maccabiah Games, utilized a counter-attacking style of game to thwart Armour's non-stop high-intensity pressure. Armour Elite was last summer's Ontario Soccer League Under 21 Cup Champions.

Tied 1-1 at halftime, Maccabi employed quick ball movement, one-touch soccer, great spacing and efficiency, and scored three goals in the first 10 minutes of the second half.

Gil Vainshtein, a former U.S. college scholarship athlete, scored two, as did Dan Sankar, a former Dartmouth scholarship grad. Both competed for Canada in the 2009 Maccabiah Games along with player/coach Jason Mausberg, Erik Waisman, Yair Rabinovich, and Dave Zbar.

Armour rallied to score two more goals to close the gap to 4-3.

With numerous fans looking on, including boys from the under-nine Maccabi Toronto team, which is leading the Toronto Futsal League, the Maccabi men held on for the victory.

With his two-goal performance, Vainshtein captured the Golden Boot award for leading the league in goals scored.

In other developments, Maccabi Toronto Academy (MTA) has been accepted to compete in the Soccer Academy Alliance Canada against the best athletes in the city of Toronto and the province of Ontario. Players from across the GTA and beyond, with no geographic restrictions, will be eligible for the team.

Games will be Sundays as a result of the league's agreeing to accommodate MTA's request not to schedule Friday and Saturday matches.

Maccabi spokesperson Martin Scott said the move to the Alliance will provide better competition for the Maccabi Academy's athletes. "The best way to get better is against better competition, and we will have that," Scott said.

The Maccabi Academy team will field youngsters born in 2003 and 2002, but if the response is great enough, it will possibly add teams for kids born in 2001 and 2000 as well.

"We are hiring new coaches, getting more and bigger facilities, but need the public's help to find the best Jewish kids that we don't know about in those target years, in particular 2001," Scott said.

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Winnipeg 'Y' snags Joe Montana as keynote speaker

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WINNIPEG — The Winnipeg "Y" has done it again.

With a reputation for recruiting "A-list" celebrities for many of its previous 38 Sports Dinners, the "Y" this year will feature former NFL great Joe Montana as its keynote speaker.

"We are excited to have Joe Montana speak at the sports dinner," event chair Ken Kronson said in a statement. "His excellence as a player is legendary."

A four-time Super Bowl winner with San Francisco, Montana is a three-time Super Bowl MVP, two-time NFL MVP and five-time all-pro who was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2000. He is the all-time NFL leader in quarterback ratings (93.4).

Previous keynote speakers have included Bobby Hull, Peyton Manning, Chris Berman, Scotty Bowman, Mickey Mantle and Cal Ripken, Jr.

The "Y" Sports Dinner is a major fundraiser for the Rady Jewish Community Centre (JCC). This year's event takes place June 21 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. Last year, more than 1,200 people attended.

Israel hosting cycling events

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Israel will play host to two international cycling competitions this spring, showcasing the unique and diverse terrain of the small Mediterranean nation.

The two tours include the Tour de Dead Sea, which begins on March 5 and takes travellers through the moon-like landscape of the lowest point on earth. The Tour de Dead Sea is expected to attract more than 1,000 cyclists from around the world to ride along the contours of the Dead Sea in support of its candidacy as a finalist in the New7Wonders of Nature competition.

Cyclists will be able to choose between 3-, 15-, 27- and 40-mile routes around the Dead Sea region.

The second event is the Tour d'Israel, a country-wide cycling trip that will provide unrivalled views of Israel's diverse landscape with two challenging bicycle courses.

Running March 7-10, the tour's 380-mile on-road race will begin at Mount Hermon in the North and pass through the Galilee region, Nazareth and the Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Be'er Sheva, the Jordan Valley, Masada and the Dead Sea with a finish line at the seaside resort town of Eilat on the shores of the Red Sea.

For the more adventurous rider, a 224-mile off-road course will begin in the northern Golan Heights and include a four-mile climb finishing at the southern tip of the Carmel Forest mountain range. The off-road race runs March 30-April 2.

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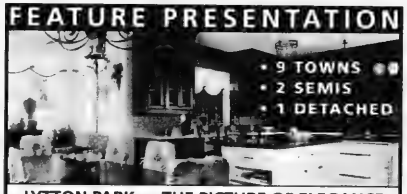

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In addition to 49 fascinating essays – mostly about people – there are146 illustrations and 210 recipes, plus French-Jewish menus, a glossary, a source guide and a bibliography.

Quiches, kugels and couscous are only a very small part of this well-researched work, which is also a personal history plus the culinary history of the Jews in France from 39 CE to today. That's what makes this such an exciting read!

Nathan's introduction tells of her trip to France in the 1950s, her junior year at the Sorbonne and her subsequent and frequent visits to her family there. In writing this cookbook, she explains that she felt "a sense of urgency in trying to recapture [the traditional recipes of the older generation which is dying out] as the people who cooked them remember them, and to explore their origins."

There are 15 appetizers ranging from a 13th-century charoset to a leek terrine from Alsace, and the history of foie gras with several chopped liver recipes.

Tempting soups of Moroccan, Tunisian and Algerian origin are part of the 18 soup recipes, including beet soup mentioned in the Talmud and the universally popular Jewish chicken soup and matzah balls with a French twist.

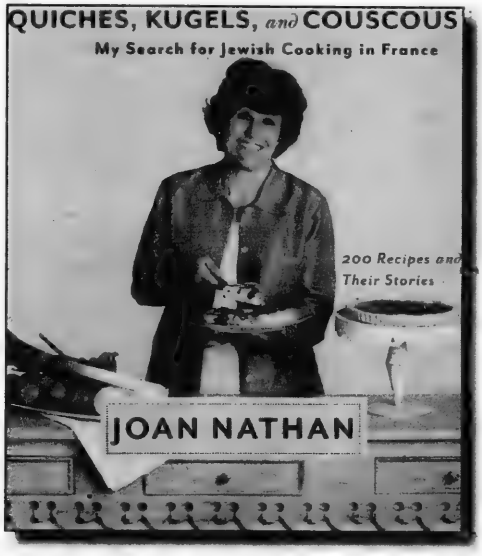
Nineteen hot and cold salads are included, as well as classics like French potato salad and those with beets, fennel, celery root and artichokes.

In the breads chapter, among the 13 recipes are a number for Shabbat, the famous Parisian pletzl (bialy) and other varied breads.

In the fish chapter, 15 fish recipes include French gefilte fish and salmon, carp, fish sauerkraut and more, plus preserved lemons and a horseradish sauce.

In the exciting chicken, duck and goose chapter, incorporated among the 15 recipes are several tagines (the Moroccan dish named after the clay pot in which it is cooked) and cassoulets (overnight Sabbath stews).

The beef, veal and lamb chapter offers several Sabbath stews among the 17 recipes.



Twelve enticing quiches, kugels, omelets, and savoury soufflés comprise a chapter; and there are 10 recipes for grains, pulses, couscous and rice.

The vegetable chapter overflows with 26 recipes including ratatouille, gratins (dishes with a crust of bread crumbs or grated cheese on top), tians (hot or cold dishes made of layered ingredients), the well-known fried artichokes, Jewish style, and potato latkes.

In the desserts chapter are 34 tantalizing recipes with cakes, gateaux (French cakes), tortes (cakes using ground nuts instead of flour), tarts, cookies, macaroons, candies and more.

This is a classic book for Jewish cookbook collectors, Jewish cooks, cooks of eclectic kosher and Jewish cooking and anyone who wants to add French-kosher recipes to his or her repertoire.

Providence, R.I.-born Joan Nathan spent three years in Israel in the 1970s working for the late mayor Teddy Kollek before moving to the United States.

And now for something completely different: HEEBONICS

IDF vet volunteers with Toronto Police Auxiliary

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Mayer Elharar laughs on the phone. He had no idea his name brings up so much information in an Internet search.

The 27-year-old has a long list of extracurricular activities that come up with a click of a Google search button: Toronto Police Auxiliary member; founder of Hillel at the Glendon campus of York University; Millennium Scholarship winner and co-founder of a non-profit that aims at getting Canadian youth involved in social change. These are just a few of the pieces of information that come up in search results.

Since arriving in Canada from Israel six years ago, Elharar has done his best to get involved in his community in some way.

He wants to give back, he says.

"That's really my main motivator," he says. "I'm very passionate about change, very passionate about making things better. When I see something that needs to be changed, I get involved."

After Elharar finished his Israel Defence Forces military service, he, like many Israelis, planned a long backpacking trip across South America. Elharar and two friends had everything worked out.

While he was planning his trip, he also applied to universities, specifically York University in Toronto.

York accepted him to study business.

Elharar decided to go to school rather than Peru.

He spent his first year at Glendon — York's campus nestled in the ravine between the posh Bridle Path neighbourhood and Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre — becoming comfortable in Canada. By second year, he was involved in campus life, founding the Glendon Entrepreneurial Club and the campus' Hillel branch, which came about after a chance meeting in the campus gym.

An older man approached Elharar in the weight room one day, asking him about the IDF T-shirt he was wearing. The man asked Elharar if he was Israeli and Jewish. Elharar answered yes. Then he asked the next question on his mind: why are you at Glendon? There are no Jews here.

"And it's true," Elharar said.

York's large Jewish population, which attracted Elharar to the school, is mostly on the school's main campus. Glendon's Jewish population is sparse.

In his third year, Elharar and a friend decided to see if anyone would come out for a local Hillel chapter. They postered the campus and ordered two pizzas for the meeting, worried that they would be the only two eating.

"I came over to the room, and I saw a room full of people. I was really astonished," Elharar said. Then he had another thought: "Do we have enough pizza?"

The chapter got involved in campus life. During Holocaust Education Week, the group brought in survivors to speak to students, Elharar said.

For his efforts, Glendon and Hillel Toronto recognized him with awards, the latter group giving him four awards for his efforts to reach Jewish students at the small bilingual campus.

Last year, Elharar graduated from York with a master's degree in economics. Today, he works as a forensic accountant for Soberman Chartered Accountants. He tends to work long hours, but that hasn't dissuaded him from getting involved in his community.

When he first arrived in Canada, Elharar considered places to volunteer. The Toronto Police Service seemed like a logical choice.

"If something's wrong, you call the police… They're the number 1 people you can call and hopefully they'll save the day," he said. "That's where I want to be if I want to help the community as a whole.

"That's one of the main things that made me want to participate in the Toronto police. It's an amazing opportunity for me to help the community where I live and make the streets safer for all of us."

At first, he couldn't find a way to volunteer with the force. Maybe it was his English, he said, but he was politely turned away at the local station. Two years ago, he decided to try again. This time, he walked into police headquarters and strode to the human resources department. Again, he asked about volunteering. This time it was suggested to him to join the auxiliary.

Elharar signed up.

It was a long process that took more than a year, Elharar said, but last year he was officially made a member of the auxiliary. The official graduation ceremony – during which he was presented with an award for finishing at the top of his class – came after his first assignment: assisting police during the G20 summit in Toronto in late June. For the most part, though, Elharar has worked crowd control at events such as the Santa Claus parade.

Mayer Elharar received a master's degree in economics from York University last year.

"It is very interesting work. Most of the things we do are community events," Elharar said. "You feel like you can really help. When you see someone at the end of the day telling you, 'Thank you, officer' – it just makes my day."

Auxiliary police officers are expected to donate 150 hours a year to the force.

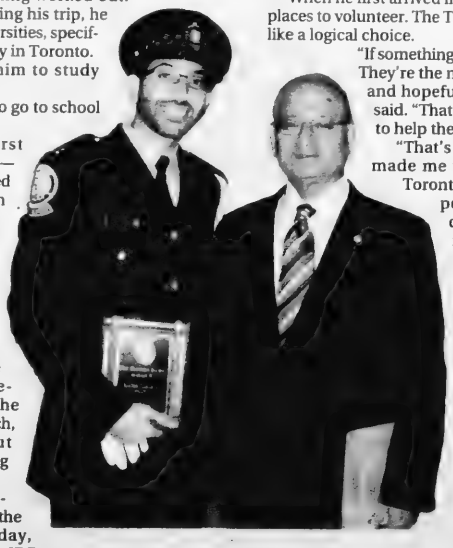
While that may keep Elharar busy after long days at the office, he said he is still looking for more to do. While the police keep him connected to the wider Toronto community, Elharar said he wants to do something that would keep him connected to the city's Jewish community, either through an existing program or through a new venture.

Elharar pauses for a moment and begins to talk about the ideas in his head. After just going through a job hunt, Elharar said he thought there must be some way to make it easier. There are a number of successful Jews who likely want to help today's youth land that first job. Maybe there's a way to connect the two, he said.

Elharar hasn't connected the dots, but it's an example of how he views the world: he sees something he feels needs to change, and then he finds a way to make his ideas a reality.

Elharar does find the time to relax, but he'd rather be busy. He'd rather get involved in activities for his community.

"That's just my personality and that's what I like."



From left are Elharar and Alok Mukherjee, Police Services Board chairman, at the graduation ceremony that made Elharar a member of the Toronto Police Auxiliary.

Is it worth it?

I come home and bump into Meir. He's all smiles, waiting for me, excited and happy. A small wave of horror overcomes me. "Not tonight" I say. "I'm tired, I have a headache, I had a rough day."

Meir looks at me nodding his head. "Not that, you icy fridge. We're meeting Victoria and Dan tomorrow night!"

The horror wave is getting bigger. Victoria and Dan are a well-off couple who adore us and invite us over from time to time. The official reason for why they dig us is that I'm an actress, and they saw a scene of my show in Israel 10 years ago, when they accidentally turned on their hotel's TV. The real reason? I don't know. Actually, I do: Victoria's in love with my Meir. Every time we come to a private dinner party, it goes like this:

Victoria (opens her flimsy arms): Meir! So good to see you (a scarecrow hug, 10 seconds long). Nina. You came as well? Hi.

Dan: Welcome, guys. So, Nina, what movie are working on, lately?

Me: Um...um...um...

Meir: Nina is considering her options.

Victoria (skeptically): Is she, now? What options? Do tell.

Meir: I tell you, something sure smells great in here!

Victoria (flattered): Oh, Meir, you are so perceptive. Yes, (humbly) I did order us dinner. Tell me, Meir (she examines him), have you been working out?

Dan: Let me show you the latest art we purchased! Do you love Gauguin, Nina?

Me: Ecstatically.

Victoria: Meir, I bet it's genetic to have such dark, luxuriant hair. Are all your siblings that young looking?

Dan: Nina, you'd appreciate this painting (we go to the home art gallery to see Gauguin among his other famous friends). Have you ever played in a movie that deals with great artists?

Me: Um...um...um...

Meir: A beautiful painting, Dan.

Victoria: Have you ever considered having your portrait taken, Meir? Bet it'd be a masterpiece. Such heroic features.

Dan: Would you like some aperitifs before dinner?

Me (happy, as we go through a journey to the living room): Sure!

Victoria: Meir! You chose the exact liquor I would have chosen! We're so much alike!

Dan: Vodka, is it, Nina?

Me: Give it to me straight, Dan.

Victoria: I ordered fresh oysters, Meir. Bet you love licking them...

Meir: You know I can't eat them, Vicki.

Me (Vicki? Vicki?): Victoria! We keep kosher.

Dan: We know. We ordered the finest salmon as well. Shall we?

And so we go to their huge dining room, and all (well, most) of my troubles go away. Love the food. It's like going to this posh, super expensive restaurant. And the desserts? Not that I'm a dessert person, yet it's all worth while. So Victoria is hugging, petting and kissing my husband, but have you ever tried such a brûlé?

As I recall all these things, I'm still standing at the door.

"Oh, well." I sigh. "We might as well. What time do they want us there?"

Meir is a bit less beaming. "Well... I invited them over here this time. Hey, it's only fair. Isn't it?"

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2 tbls baking cocoa
1/4 tsp baking powder
1/4 tsp salt
Confectioners' sugar

Yield: 4 dozen.

Over medium heat in saucepan, melt unsweetened chocolate, 1 c chocolate chips and butter stirring often; cool 10 min. In mixing bowl, beat sugar and eggs for 2 min. Beat in vanilla and chocolate mixture. Combine flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt; beat into chocolate mixture. Stir in remaining chocolate chips. Cover and chill at least 3 hrs. Remove 1 cup of dough. With lightly floured hands, roll into 1-in. balls. Place on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350° 10-12 min. or until lightly puffed and set. Cool in pan 3-4 min. before removing to wire rack to cool completely. Repeat with remaining dough. Dust with confectioners' sugar.

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Bar/bat mitzvah in Uganda: we're back

It's encouraging to discover that the bar/bat mitzvah parties are slowly beginning to change. I wrote on this topic about a year ago, but wanted to revisit it because as president of Ve'ahavta: the Canadian Jewish Humanitarian & Relief Committee, I have found more parents are interested in doing something meaningful for their child's rites of passage. More 12- and 13-year-olds are asking for a weekend of meaning, rather than prancing about the floor dressed up as a teenybopper singing idol.

Some local parents recently approached Ve'ahavta with a desire to do something meaningful and special for their son's bar mitzvah. The mother seemed so relieved at not having to order thousands of dollars in flowers, to fill out table cards for hundreds of people and to work with a caterer. Chicken or beef?

The father, a family doctor, felt similarly and appreciated our idea to co-ordinate a family trip to Uganda to work with our partners helping children with spinal deformities (http://ugandaspinemission.blogspot.com/).

The father will work with a team of physicians at the Mulago Hospital in Kampala to assist dozens of children who need surgery. The rest of the family will be assigned periphery work to help the team.

Urban Writer

Avrum Rosensweig

While the trip is costly, it will not be as nearly as expensive as a massive party. On top of the families' medical work, they will have a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Some 100 years ago, a tribal group living in Eastern Uganda was approached by a Christian who wanted to convert them. They asked what it said in the text and learned that Christianity had grown out of Judaism. Interested in converting, they figured they might as well switch over to the "original," so they converted to Judaism. Today, the group, made up of about 600 members, is called the Abayudaya.

While the family from Toronto is in Uganda, they will, together with the Jewish community of Dallas, donate a sefer Torah to the Abayudaya. What a holy journey.

We look forward to the family's departure in August, their reports back, and how their experiences will morph into possibilities for so many other families.

If you have ideas for bar/bat mitzvah celebrations, let me know at avrum@veahavta.org.

Let the community know about them, too. I believe that good ideas for a truly meaningful bar/bat mitzvah will be consumed in droves by the Toronto Jewish community. While I know that many Jews want the fancy-shmancy dinners and parties, I am also convinced that many do not.

The most exciting aspect of this paradigm shift, subtle but real, is that in many ways it is being spearheaded by the bar/bat mitzvot themselves. It reminds us how important it is to respect our young people and listen to what's on their minds. It also encourages us to address the fact that our preteens and young adults don't buy into all of our nonsense. This is enormously important in a money-city such as ours, where we often make the mistake of giving our children an enormous sense of entitlement.

Ask your children what they want for their bar/bat mitzvahs. Explain to them that of utmost importance is the meaning behind the day, the call to the Torah, and their ability to do chesed and enhance the lives of others. Let them know there is far more meaning in Africa than the dance floor of the Sheraton Centre.

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United Church to reassess Mideast policies

Leaders visit Israel accompanied by CJC

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CJN Israel Bureau

JERUSALEM — Senior leaders of the United Church of Canada spent two weeks touring Israel and the Palestinian territories late last month to reassess the church's official stance on the region and update its policy positions.

The objective of the Feb. 17 to 28 mission, participant Bruce Gregersen said, was "to listen and try to understand the reality of the situation with a central concern about what we might offer as a Canadian church to contribute toward reconciliation.

"A key part of this exploration will include the effectiveness of our past policies and actions and exploration of future policies as a contribution toward ending the occupation of Palestinian territories begun in 1967," according to Rev. Gregersen, lead staff of the church's theology and inter-church interfaith committee and former interfaith officer specializing in Jewish and Muslim relations.

The church's current policy on "Israel-Palestine," instituted at its 40th General Council meeting in Kelowna, B.C., in August 2009, weighs heavily on the pro-Palestinian side.

Policy items include: "[Support for] the full withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza…; the withdrawal of Israeli military forces to pre-1967 borders and ending all forms of violence by the Israeli government upon the Palestinian people…; recognition that east Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip constitute an integral part of the territory occupied in 1967 and Israeli settlements in the West Bank and east Jerusalem must be dismantled…; and an end to the illegal occupation of Palestinian territory."

According to mission leader Rev. David Giuliano, a past church moderator, the United Church of Canada's alignment with the Palestinian cause is attributable, at least in part, to the fact that it's natural for the church to partner with Christians abroad.

"Most of the people we've partnered with on projects have been Palestinian, by virtue of their Christianity," said Rev. Giuliano, who is from Windsor, Ont. "A lot of people feel we're critical of Israel, and sometimes we're accused of not visiting the people we should."

United Church of Canada Moderator Mardi Tindal, right, met Gilad Schalit's parents, Noam (not pictured) and Aviva, left, while in Jerusalem. Tindal stopped at the tent outside the prime minister's residence that the couple has erected as part of their campaign to obtain support for the release of their son, who has been a captive of Hamas in Gaza since June 2006. CJC CEO Bernie Farber is beside Tindal.

The mission's aim was to bring balance to the church's relations in the region, and the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) planned three days of the group's 12-day itinerary in Israel.

"Until now, [church members] have heard literally one story," said Bernie Farber, Congress CEO, who went on the mission. "Their trips were planned by Palestinian Christians. We wanted them to see Israel both through Israeli eyes and through Canadian Jewish eyes."

Congress took the mission on tours of the Supreme Court, the Knesset, the Yad Vashem Holocaust museum, Jerusalem's Old City and Maale Adumim in the West Bank. It also arranged briefings with officials at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and meetings with Likud MK Yuli Edelstein, Palestinian *Jerusalem Post* journalist Khaled Abu Toameh, McGill University history professor Gil Troy, the director of the American Jewish Committee's department for interreligious affairs, David Rosen, *Ha'aretz* editor Aluf Benn and former senior Arab Affairs adviser to the mayor of Jerusalem, Avi Melamed.

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CANADA

JNF To Fete Melnick

WINNIPEG — Manitoba Minister of Water Stewardship Christine Melnick is being honoured at this year's Negev Gala to be held May 31 in Winnipeg, the Jewish National Fund of Canada's Manitoba chapter said last week. Melnick was instrumental in creating the Manitoba-Israel Water Experts Symposium, a partnership between JNF and the province. Held in Manitoba in August 2008, it brought together water scientists to exchange information and established long-term relationships for water stewardship. A second symposium was held in Israel in January 2010.

WORLD

Demjanjuk Protests

MUNICH — Accused Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk said he'll start a hunger strike next week unless new evidence is introduced in his trial in Germany. On Feb. 22, the day slated for final arguments in his 16-month trial, Demjanjuk demanded that new material be introduced as evidence. A former Ohio autoworker, Demjanjuk, 90, is charged as an accessory to the murder of 29,700 Jews at the Sobibor death camp in Poland in 1943. His lawyer, who says Demjanjuk was forced by the Nazis to train as an SS guard, read a statement in which Demjanjuk said he's the victim of a "political show trial." A Ukrainian native, he immigrated to the United States after the war and lived in suburban Cleveland. He was later stripped of his citizenship for lying about his Nazi past. A death sentence was overturned in Israel after the Supreme Court found reasonable doubt he was a guard at the Treblinka death camp. In May 2009, he was deported to Germany, to stand trial on the Sobibor charges.

Israelis Feared Dead

WELLINGTON — Up to four Israelis who were in Christchurch, New Zealand, when an earthquake struck were missing last week and feared dead. On Feb. 23, Israel's consul to New Zealand, Teddy Poplinger, said his staff is working to contact the 150 Israelis reported to be in the quake region. Israeli backpacker Ofer Mizrahi, 23, was among 75 confirmed killed in the Feb. 22 quake, which measured 6.3 on the Richter scale and devastated Christchurch. Some 300 people were listed as missing, and many were known to be trapped in buildings. The city's Chabad centre was destroyed. Hundreds of Israelis go to New Zealand every year. Israel offered food and medicine, and Magen David Adom was assessing whether to send rescue personnel.

Merger Approved

SAN FRANCISCO — The two organizational arms of the Reconstructionist movement are set to merge. After more than a year of talks, the boards of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation voted to form one body to administer Reconstructionist Judaism in North America. Leaders say the merger will permit better use of resources and let the movement focus more effectively on its main concerns: education, movement services and social justice. The federation represents 105 congregations. The college is the movement's sole rabbinical seminary. The proposal will be voted at an April 10 meeting in Philadelphia.

Emanuel Is First Jewish Mayor of Chicago

CHICAGO —Former White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel was elected mayor of Chicago.

Rahm Emanuel

Emanuel garnered 55 per cent of the vote in a five-way race Feb. 22, becoming the city's first Jewish mayor. The election was the first time in 20 years that incumbent Richard Daley didn't appear on the ballot. Because Emanuel received more than 50 per cent of the vote, there's no need for a runoff election in April.

Emanuel, 51, resigned in October 2010 as U.S. President Barack Obama's chief of staff to run for mayor. He also worked in the Clinton White House and is a former congressman from Chicago's North Side. A Hebrew speaker, he's the son of an Israeli doctor who moved to the United States in the 1950s.

Emanuel faced a residency challenge in the campaign because he hadn't lived in Chicago for a full year before the vote. Illinois' Supreme Court upheld his candidacy.

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Israel must 'sit tight and watch'

Egyptian turmoil likely not an immediate threat, official says

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

An Egypt in turmoil is not the immediate threat to Israel that some might think, according to Raanan Gissin, who once served as former Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon's senior adviser.

"The [worry that] the Muslim Brotherhood will assume power, that there will be a radical Islamic regime that will violate the peace process and send [Egyptian military] forces into the Sinai and the next day there's a renewed war [with Israel] is not the case," he told *The CJN* while in Toronto on a recent speaking tour of North America.

There remain many internal issues for the Egyptian government and army to resolve, mainly rampant poverty and hunger, said Gissin, currently a spokesperson for the Israeli Foreign Ministry on terrorism and security issues.

"In non-democratic regimes in the Middle East, the army usually does the job of playing a responsible [social] role. And the Egyptian army, by law, is the force that protects 'democracy.' It sounds weird or paradoxical... but that's the way it works in modern Egypt," he added.

Egypt's army will likely ensure that in the transition to a new government, the country remains calm and orderly, and it would prevent radical groups such as the Muslim Brotherhood from exploiting the situation until elections in September.

"The army will have to ensure that the voting will be done by ballots and not by bullets."

Despite this, Gissin said there is a potential threat to Israel from "inadvertent escalation" of domestic chaos in Egypt.

If the transition to a new government doesn't go smoothly and protests flare up again, Egypt could come to "a screeching halt" he said.

A crippled domestic infrastructure that can't get food to market or operate ports would create havoc. And it's the army that controls these essential services when necessary.

Gissin offered a second possible scenario: a weak fledgling government takes hold in Egypt after the election and turns "a blind eye" to terrorist activity against the Jewish state in order to keep peace on the streets of Cairo.

"We saw this in Lebanon, when Hezbollah entered the government. Egypt's new government could do the same, relaxing its presence in the Sinai and along the border with Gaza," he said.

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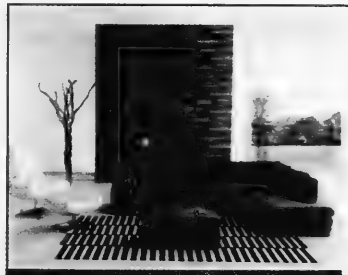
Raanan Gissin



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Sharansky's anniversary

In his column in *The CJN* last week, Gil Troy wrote about Natan Sharansky. Ever the historian, Troy used the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Sharansky's release from the Soviet gulag and his triumphant arrival in Israel to write about the diminutive giant who is now the chair of the Jewish Agency for Israel.

Troy called Sharansky "one of the Jewish world's few iconic figures." He is a "Zionist pop star," Troy wrote.

Sharansky is highly respected and celebrated even, if not especially, among university-age youngsters, none of whom had been born when Sharansky zigged and zagged his defiant way to freedom on the Glienicke Bridge to West Berlin Feb. 11, 1986.

From the editor's desk...

Indeed, Sharansky has made meeting with and speaking to university students something of a personal cause. He has visited and spoken at more than 70 university campuses in North America and Europe. He connects immediately and uniquely with his young audience.

Sharansky is a dreamer, a builder and a shaper of history. The students detect this when they meet with him. They like his modest manner and his understated, though confident sense of self.

But they would not like him for his style if they did not first like him for his substance. Sharansky delivers serious, weighty messages. And when he speaks, he speaks from the memory bank of his own vivid and very real experiences – without notes. He inspires.

The 25th anniversary of his release from Soviet prison and settling in Israel is an exceptional moment in modern general and Jewish history. It is worthy of commemoration. Much like on a stop at a reflecting pond, looking at the details of Sharansky's life we might see the shape and contours of ours more clearly.

As head of the Jewish Agency, Sharansky is trying to find ways to bridge gaps and reconcile differences among the different communities that comprise the Jewish people. He is trying to preserve our collective sense of mutual responsibility and collective belonging.

On the Perspectives page in this edition, we have published a recent interview he gave to *Ha'aretz*. It is dedicated entirely to the current difficult challenges surrounding the controversies arising from the Israeli rabbinate's policies on conversion.

The following remark from that interview poignantly illustrates Sharansky's approach to the idea of the collectivity of the Jewish people.

"It's so important that a person who undergoes conversion *according to the tradition of his community and who the community accepts as a Jew* be eligible to make aliyah under the Law of Return." (My emphasis)

As most of us know, Sharansky was arrested in March 1977 and charged with spying for the CIA. After a phoney, farcical trial some 16 months later in July 1978, he was convicted of treason and spying for the United States and sentenced to 13 years of forced labour. He spent the first16 months of his sentence in Lefortovo prison and was then sent to a Siberian labour camp.

Sharansky was set free nine years later in 1986 by then-Soviet premier Mikhail Gorbachev after unceasing, intense advocacy and clamouring in the West for his release.

Two years after his arrival in Israel, Sharansky wrote *Fear No Evil* (Random House Inc.), in which he eloquently and quite movingly recalls his horrific ordeal in the Soviet justice system.

Many books have been written about Sharansky. The most distinguished perhaps is by Sir Martin Gilbert. Sharansky himself has written two seminal works on democracy and Jewish identity and countless stirring articles. He is an exciting thinker and writer.

After the court pronounced its judgment on July 14, 1978, Sharansky delivered a final statement that is regarded by historians, scholars and human rights activists as one of the shining testaments of the human spirit's infinite ability to rise, even at the moment of low despair and degradation. It was pithy, to the point and piercing of the heart.

The following is a very brief excerpt from that statement as it appears in *Fear No Evil*.

"For 2,000 years, the Jewish People, my people, have been dispersed all over the world and seemingly deprived of any hope of returning. But still each year Jews have stubbornly and apparently without reason said to each other, *Leshanah haba'ah b'Yerushalayim* (Next year in Jerusalem). And today, when I am further than ever from my dream, from my people, and from my Avital, and when many difficult years of prisons and camps lie ahead of me, I say to my wife and to my people, *Leshanah haba'ah b'Yerushalayim*.

"And to the court, which has only to read a sentence that was prepared long ago – to you I have nothing to say."

Happy 25th anniversary Natan Sharansky. We all celebrate the day.

–MBD

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PERES GREETS MINERS

Israel's President Shimon Peres last week received 24 of the 33 Chilean coal miners rescued from their 69-day ordeal last October in the San José copper-gold mine in the Atacama Desert near Copiapó. The miners and their families were on a weeklong visit to Israel. While in Jerusalem, they visited the Kotel, the Old City, the Knesset, Yad Vashem, and several churches. They also visited the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, Masada, Nazareth, Tiberias, Tel Aviv and Jaffa.

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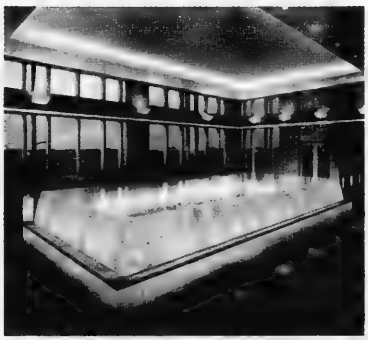

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GTA shuls raise funds for therapy program

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Members of the Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre in Thornhill are preparing to host a group of former Israeli soldiers in May as part of an Israel-based program for people who suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Linoy Hazan, a Canadian volunteer with the Peace of Mind (POM) program of the Israel Centre for the Treatment of Psychotrauma (ICPT) in Jerusalem, said she is proud to be involved with an organization that benefits both the discharged Israeli soldiers who participate in the therapeutic, week-long retreat, and the Jewish communities that host them.

Linoy Hazan

Hazan, POM's co-ordinating director here, explained that since 1989, the Israel Centre for the Treatment of Psychotrauma (ICTP) has been working to treat the estimated nine per cent of Israelis who suffer from PTSD – three times the level of that in most western countries.

Four years ago, following the Second Lebanon War, ICTP's founding director Danny Brom established a three-month workshop to treat Israel Defence Forces combat soldiers who were exposed to trauma during their army service.

"Because of the Israeli mentality that you have to be macho and strong, no one will ever tell you they need therapy, or will seek therapy," said Hazan, 30, a former Israeli. "When the soldiers come out of it, they're just thrown into normal life, when in fact, their lives are not normal anymore after what they've seen."

When Brom approached the IDF with the idea of evaluating soldiers following their three-year army service, they agreed to refer combat units to take part in the program.

"These specialized combat units undergo an intense three-month healing process, and out of those 90 days, a week of therapy is done abroad," Hazan said.

"The goal of the trips abroad is to get them away from the triggers in Israel and [have them] showered with love and admiration from the Jewish community in Diaspora."

Last October, Chabad Flamingo was the first Canadian synagogue to host a group – 15 soldiers, who still serve as IDF reservists, and two therapists. Until then, POM soldiers were hosted only by shuls in Europe.

Hazan, who works with the Israeli congregation at the Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre, is bringing a second group to Toronto in May. She hopes this is the start of an ongoing relationship between Toronto's Jewish community and POM. Several Toronto congregations have expressed interest in hosting future groups.

"The host shuls organize a Shabbaton in the group's honour, and members of the congregation provide them with a place to sleep... Schools invite them to meet with students, [and] other families might host them for dinners," Hazan said, adding that the soldiers also take field trips to Niagara Falls and Toronto tourist sites such as the CN Tower.

The last group was treated by Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment chair Larry Tanenbaum to a Toronto Maple Leafs game, and Hazan said he promised to treat the next group to a game as well.

The $55,000 it costs to bring the soldiers to Toronto covers the round-trip flights, therapy fees, local transportation, field trips and meals.

ICPT, which operates out of the Herzog Hospital Latner Institute, is not a government-funded program. Hazan said they worked to raise $37,000 from private donors to bring in the next group, leaving members of the host shul to come up with $18,000. "People just opened their hearts and pockets for this," she said.

In addition to spending time with the community and seeing the sights, the group also has to undergo 32 hours of therapy throughout the week to deal with their PTSD.

"Combat units are exposed to the most trauma... For example, the unit that was here in October, they were the engineering unit that was responsible for bombing the houses that had explosives in them, and one of their members was hurt. They also had to transport dead bodies," Hazan said.

She said a program like this is an opportunity for Diaspora Jews to show their appreciation to Israelis who sacrifice their safety and well-being to preserve a Jewish homeland.

"Because of them, we are able to live here in peace because we have a land that is protected by them," she said.

Hazan said that when the Chabad Flamingo congregation hosted the group last year, they were so hospitable and welcoming that one of the Israelis asked her, "What's the catch?"

"It literally brought me to tears because Israelis aren't used to this kind of hospitality. It's always give and take and they're always looking for an ulterior motive. We told him, 'There is no catch, just enjoy.' And he said, 'But why? It is our duty to do this.'"

To raise funds for the groups scheduled to come to Toronto later in the year, Hazan is planning a bowl-with-a-soldier event in May and is working on selling Peace of Mind ribbons at Jewish day schools.

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Ordinary Palestinians must demand talks

Many people, including Israeli President Shimon Peres, have suggested that Israel take advantage of the strange and surprising waves of mass upheaval in the Arab world to strike a deal with the Palestinians. It is a pressing moment to be seized immediately, they urge.

The suggestion is seductive and has a certain logic. However, much like the cliché, it takes two to make a deal. And the Palestinian Authority, it must be reminded, has steadfastly refused to negotiate unless and until Israel ceases all construction in the West Bank and east Jerusalem. Merely to have the PA's negotiators enter the same room with Israeli negotiators, Israel must first acquiesce to the PA's ultimatum.

The construction issue is a well-documented pretext. It became a precondition for peace talks only after Benjamin Netanyahu became prime minister of Israel, and, more to the point, after Barack Obama became president of the United States. But set that aside for the moment. Set aside as well the many interrelated legal, moral and pragmatic aspects of the issue.

How – we must ask – can Israel be expected as well to set aside the danger inherent in unilaterally surrendering to the PA ultimatum? What would the PA's next ultimatum be? And why – it must be constantly asked – should the West Bank be *Judenrein*, as the PA has demanded? Why should Jews not be allowed to live there? Why should Israel agree to this brazenly bigoted, racist demand?

The United Nations Security Council resolution two weeks ago condemning Israeli settlements in the West Bank was orchestrated by the PA. It was the latest evidence that the PA has no intention of negotiating a peace treaty with Israel. Its leaders are intent on exploiting every tactic of diverting attention away from direct negotiations with Israel.

That the United States vetoed the resolution served only to raise the value of PA currency in the eyes of the "Arab street." After all, PA President Mahmoud Abbas withstood the personal pleading by both Obama and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to forgo the resolution. He scoffed at the Americans and went out of his way to make sure everyone knew. The "streets" in Ramallah, Jenin and Jericho were surely pleased. He had proved his tough mettle. Or so it is assumed. But, as we are seeing every day, the Arab streets are proving somewhat less predictable and less manipulatable than they once were. The "streets" are demanding a measure of accountability from their despotic rulers that they never have before.

Ordinary Palestinians must demand that their leaders talk face to face with Israel. They are sufficiently familiar with their Israeli neigbours to know that without direct negotiations, there will be never be an independent state of Palestine.

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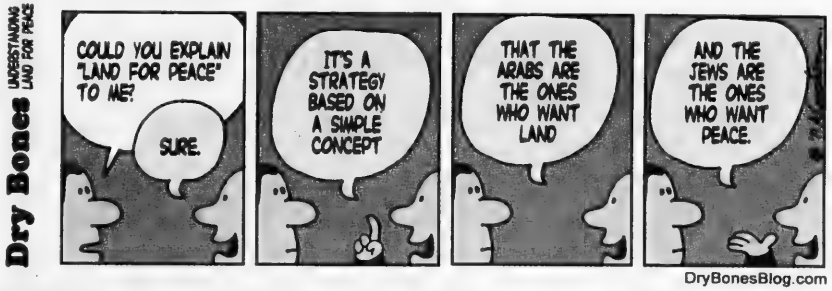
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Column widens chasm between Jews

In her column "We shouldn't be smug when looking south" (Feb. 10), Jean M. Gerber laments the vitriolic language that plagues U.S. politics and goes on to say that "Judaism teaches that when we give words to thoughts that are destructive of another, we are destroying that person's life as sure as if we pulled a gun." How then can we explain Gerber's attack on Israel's haredi community, including the former Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef?

Not content to label Israel's haredi rabbis as ignorant – suggesting they "demonstrate... [their]... ignorance of a tradition they profess to protect," Gerber invokes the word Nazism to describe "these people." To her minimal credit, Gerber does write that she's "not saying that this way of thinking is similar to Nazism," but then she doesn't exactly define how it is dissimilar. If it is not akin to Nazism, why make the comparison in the first place? How is this different from the "poisonous" language of U.S. politics that Gerber bemoans? Have we not learned from the lessons of our past, when anti-Rabin activists portrayed that former prime minister as a Nazi?

I challenge *CJN* writers to rise above petty clanism that all too often characterizes the various sects of Judaism and create a forum for enlightened, intelligent dialogue. Columns like Gerber's will do nothing to narrow the chasm that exists between the members of klal Yisrael.

Jeffrey Wald
Toronto

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Article misses the real issues

The article "CJC seeks 'shalom bayit' between rabbi, Kulanu" (Feb. 24) indicates that Canadian Jewish Congress CEO Bernie Farber claims to be working to bring peace between myself and Kulanu, a group representing gay and lesbian Jews. That's most surprising as I've yet to hear anything from him in this regard. Furthermore, Justine Apple, Kulanu's executive director, is on record as saying that Farber has been "very supportive" of her attack on me. York Regional Police officials have also acknowledged that both Farber and CJC Ontario regional director, Len Rudner, were "involved." If he now intends to become a "peacemaker," perhaps he should have contacted me before announcing it in *The CJN*.

Moreover, the article misses the real issues. Should Jewish organizations orchestrate police investigations against rabbis? Should Jewish organizations divide the community by attempting to use government coercion to squelch freedom of expression and religion? How will these organizations build broad-based communal coalitions to face critical challenges when they are stifling the freedoms of a major segment of the community? Will rabbis now have to fear speaking out on crucial communal issues?

Rabbi Mendel Kaplan
Thornhill, Ont.

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Hate speech alone rarely kills

Columnist Jean M. Gerber compares the hate-filled rhetoric that led up to the recent Tucson massacre with the equally hate-filled utterances that emanate from the lips of right-wing Jewish extremists like Rabbi Ovadia Yosef ("We shouldn't be smug when looking south," Feb. 10). But hate speech alone rarely kills, unless it is linked to fearsome firepower. Indeed, the disproportionate arming of many Israeli settlers, many of whom are from the United States and Russia, may also make it impossible for the Israeli army to carry out the evacuation of diehards once a peace deal does arrive.

Ron Charach
Toronto

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We can't let conversion crisis alienate Diaspora Jews

Natan Sharansky, the chair of the Jewish Agency, is a key player in attempts to forge a compromise regarding conversions in Israel and recognizing the Judaism of people around the world who seek to live here under the Law of Return.

In a recent interview with Jonathan Lis of Ha'aretz, *Sharansky said he wants the Jewish Agency to serve as an alternative to the rabbis elsewhere in the world who help the Chief Rabbinate decide if someone is entitled to immigrate under the Law of Return.*

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Lis: *Do Jews in different parts of the world feel that the arguments in Israel over conversions are alienating – an alienation to their Judaism caused by the state?*

Sharansky: There are so many different aspects to the subject of conversion, and I've been dealing with them for many years. This means that I'm involved in many discussions with communities abroad. Our challenge today is, on the one hand, to provide a single criterion to Israeli society that defines a person who is joining the Jewish faith, in a way that will be acceptable to all parts of the Jewish people. On the other hand, the State of Israel has to give every Jew in the world the feeling that Israel is a Jewish state that belongs to him – that it doesn't reject him or consider him second class.

This mission is in no way simple, and because of it there have been a great number of clashes and arguments in recent years. I still think that the proposal by the Neeman Committee on conversions in Israel was the best.

Unfortunately, even though we got the proposal passed in the Knesset and an institute for conversions was established in 1998, the Chief Rabbinate, on one side, and others were not enthusiastic and didn't support it with all their might.

Lis: *And what about the Law of Return? Are the arguments about accepting conversions done in the rest of the world making it hard for Jews who wish to immigrate to Israel under this law?*

Sharansky: I want to separate the argument about conversion from the recognition of Judaism for the sake of citizenship – eligibility under the Law of Return. It's so important that a person who undergoes conversion according to the tradition of his community and who the community accepts as a Jew be eligible to make aliyah under the Law of Return. From time to time problems have come up on this subject, especially in cases of Reform or Conservative conversions.

Now, problems have also started cropping up in cases of Orthodox conversions. It turned out that in cases of Orthodox conversion, the Interior Ministry would contact the Chief Rabbinate and turn to various Orthodox bodies to consider the person's Judaism. It turned out that sometimes these bodies would be influenced by political considerations, for example, if the community's rabbi was accepted or not. And the answers were given on that basis, even though the information was in no way connected with eligibility to make aliyah.

Lis: *How can the Jewish Agency fit in regarding aid to Jews in the various communities? Is it possible to make things easier for people who wish to immigrate under the Law of Return?*

Sharansky: The question of whether a person is Jewish or not is a question that has to be asked of the rabbinate and the government. But the question of whether a person is eligible to make aliyah – that's our job. We can help everyone who hasn't gotten permission yet, for irrelevant reasons, if we can confirm that the conversion is acceptable to the community where he lives.

Lis: *What do you plan to do to get things moving in that direction?*

Sharansky: We'll advise the government to instruct the Interior Ministry to turn to us instead of the Chief Rabbinate to check a person's Judaism with this or that rabbi abroad. As it is, our emissaries make contact with Jewish communities in different parts of the world and open files for people who want to make aliyah. That means that we can inform the Interior Ministry that the community in which the conversion took place is indeed a normative community. We're talking about matters of aliyah and not about the question of who is a Jew.

Natan Sharansky *[Flash90 photo]*

Lis: *What chance is there that an initiative of this kind will be accepted?*

Sharansky: I plan to appeal to the prime minister and the Interior Ministry about this. [Sharansky was to speak with the prime minister last week.] In general, we've been able to co-operate well over the years with the Interior Ministry about the eligibility of immigrants to come and live in Israel.

The problems with Orthodox conversions have appeared now for the first time. We're talking about four cases at this stage, but the precedent here is important because this problem is likely to spread. I hope we won't have political arguments… It's no secret that there are many differences of opinion in the Orthodox world between organizations and people. In no way must we allow this subject to harm the various communities.

Lis: *In your opinion, is it possible to reach a compromise on conversions in Israel?*

Sharansky: The conversion bill proposed by Yisrael Beiteinu MK David Rotem that simplifies the process and allows city rabbis who are considered moderate to carry out the process was frozen for six months. And you were part of the initiative that made it possible to freeze it.

At the moment there is an understanding that the status quo on conversions will continue. The ceasefire will continue for another half year. During this period it was agreed that there will be no attempts to change the existing situation through legislation in the Knesset by MKs or an appeal by the various organizations to the High Court of Justice.

During this time, the government and the Jewish Agency will hold a roundtable conference where the various claims on the subject will be raised. For the first time, we'll bring requests and complaints from the Reform movement to a joint discussion. I hope we'll be able to improve the atmosphere in anticipation of reviving the Rotem bill so it will be phrased in language that is acceptable to everyone. Rotem's idea about the rabbis in the cities was good. But the amendments that were introduced by the various political parties made it problematic.

'We are in danger,' Sharansky says

This is an excerpt from the acceptance speech Natan Sharansky made in Jerusalem on June 25, 2009, when he became chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Israel.

Many years ago in Moscow, when we were ordinary loyal Soviet Jews… deprived of our freedom and our identity, powerless and helpless… we discovered there is the State of Israel, which fights for its right to exist and also for our dignity, a state which is waiting for us.

Then we discovered that there is a great history, which started with Exodus of the Jews from Egypt… Then we discovered that we are a part of great people whose solidarity, whose struggle will be always with us…

I was in solitary confinement, and near me in the other cell was another prisoner of Zion, Yosef Mendelevitz, also in solitary confinement. We couldn't talk to one another, but we could signal in Morse code.

On what we believed was Independence Day in Israel… we stood still together and looked in the direction of Jerusalem… We knew that the whole Jewish world was united in the struggle [for our freedom]…

Today we are in a different world with different challenges. We are in, what I call, the world of post-identity. Today, for many people in the free world, any connection to their religion, to their people, their roots or their history seems like something which goes against the principles of freedom. In this world of post identity, we Jews are especially in danger because of assimilation and the weakening of the connection to our roots and to our tradition.

Now let's go back to that moment in Soviet prison…

I stood silent in honour of Israel's Independence Day, I felt such a close connection with all the Jews of the world. I have to say that I remember that moment, often nowadays, especially when I travel to campuses… a place where our youth is under constant pressure to be ashamed of and distanced from their people and their country.

The first question I was asked by a young, talented Jewish student on the very first campus I visited – a question repeated again and again – was: "Explain to me why we need Israel. Tikkun olam means justice for everybody. So let us work for justice for everybody."

I told him: "Ask your parents how the world looked when there was no Israel."

We [in the Soviet Union] went back to our roots, back to our identity to fight for our freedom. And in this way we helped fight for freedom all over the world.

The most important challenge for all of us is to make sure that this student at Columbia University or that student at [University of California] Berkeley or a young couple in Sderot or Jews of Venezuela or Kiev, all feel empowered by this connection to the Land of Israel, to the State of Israel, by connection to Jerusalem, by pride for our history and for our tradition.

In this post-identity world, if there are strong, vibrant Jewish families united around Jerusalem and the State of Israel, then our lives will be meaningful and we will be able to fulfil the mission for which we are chosen as a people: to do tikkun olam, to make our world a better place.

Chief-of-staff fiasco badly tarnishes Barak

Ehud Barak, Israel's defence minister, can't seem to get anything right lately.

That wouldn't be terribly distressing if the former Israel Defence Forces chief of staff and Labor Party prime minister was only affecting political matters, but his actions influence Israel's security.

With Barak at its helm, Labor, a party central to so much of Israel's history, is on the verge of disappearing. According to recent polls, if elections were held today, the party would win only six of the Knesset's 120 seats. Compare that to Yitzhak Rabin's 1992 success, when he and Labor won 44 seats.

Party supporters, therefore, breathed a sigh of relief when Barak and four other MKs bolted Labor in mid-January. In a secret ploy orchestrated by Barak and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, reminding some of their bygone days together in Sayeret Matkal, the IDF's elite special operations unit, Barak established a new faction, euphemistically named Atzmaut (Independence).

While this manoeuvre may give Netanyahu some coalition quiet and prolong his government's term, it's been portrayed cynically as Barak's lifeline, providing him independence from Labor and its incessant internal strife. It's also afforded Barak's detractors plenty of *schadenfreude*. Polls suggest Barak and Atzmaut won't reach the threshold number of votes required to win a seat in the Knesset.

Of more concern is Barak's performance as defence minister.

Two adjacent 15-storey towers in Tel Aviv house the Defence Ministry and IDF headquarters. Only the 14th floors of each,

Yair Lootsteen in Jerusalem

respectively housing the minister's and chief of staff's offices, are connected.

The defence minister oversees many facets of Israel's immense security apparatus – most significantly the IDF. Among other things, he chooses the chief of staff, approves all high-ranking IDF appointments, fights for the military's share of the national budget and gives prior consent to the most sensitive military operations.

This requires co-operation and coordination between the minister and chief of staff. Hence the literal and figurative 14th-floor bridge between their two offices, ensuring decisions relating to the most sensitive military matters are made by elected politicians and not generals.

Barak and outgoing chief of staff Lieut.-Gen Gabi Ashkenazi didn't work well together. Ashkenazi was brought back from retirement to become chief-of-staff four years ago, in the wake of his predecessor's early departure due to criticism of his handling of the Second Lebanon War. Ashkenazi increased training schedules for ground forces, preparing them for battle in all possible theatres, and oversaw many operations, both clandestine and publicly known, the most noteworthy being operation Cast Lead, in Gaza, in 2009. He's highly respected both inside and outside the military.

Barak was less favourably impressed with Ashkenazi. Last summer, when it was suggested the latter's tenure be extended to a fifth year, Barak nixed the idea. It soon became clear the two weren't on speaking terms. If the matter wasn't serious and Israel was in more amenable surroundings during less turbulent times, what ensued might have actually been entertaining – a real soap opera.

In a nutshell, Barak wanted Yoav Galant, head of the Southern Command, as chief of staff. Ashkenazi didn't and secretly held a document, later found to be forged by someone considered close to him, purporting Galant was using a PR firm to promote his own candidacy.

Barak pushed Galant's appointment and had it approved by the government. Later, when evidence surfaced suggesting Galant had lied in an affidavit signed during legal proceedings between him and some neighbors, his appointment was challenged in court.

Just 10 days before Ashkenazi was to leave office, it became clear Galant's selection wouldn't hold water. Barak refused to swallow his pride and lengthen Ashkenazi's term for a few months until a replacement could be properly appointed. Instead, he publicly insinuated Ashkenazi was not ethically, normatively and professionally worthy, and hastily selected Benny Gantz, a former deputy chief of staff, who took on the hefty assignment Feb. 14.

This saga has raised concerns about Barak's leadership and judgment. If Ashkenazi was as bad as Barak said he was, wasn't it irresponsible of Barak to allow him to keep his highly influential job for as long as he did.

Barak has become a political liability, and his previously solid defence persona has been damaged. If nothing unforeseen happens – like his joining Likud – his political career should end with the present Knesset's dissolution.

Good luck Lieut-Gen. Gantz!

Power and gravity in post-Mubarak Egypt

In the realm of politics, the role of power can be compared to the law of gravity in physics, and ignoring the power struggle in Egypt is like defying gravity while standing on the ledge of a skyscraper.

Therefore, while demonstrators in Cairo's Tahrir (Liberation) Square chanted in support of freedom, they're unlikely to take power and turn Egypt into a democracy. One can imagine an open society with leaders focused on ending the extreme poverty, but imagination and hope are rarely transformed into political reality. In the Middle East, as demonstrated by Iran, power still comes out of the barrel of a gun and through mob violence in the streets.

Egypt is not Iran, and the differences are important. Since 1952, Egypt has been ruled by a wealthy and corrupt military dictatorship, backed by very powerful secret police. The volcanic explosion that we saw in the centre of Cairo was the much-delayed reaction to 60 years of this mis-rule, and it was triggered by a similar situation and response in Tunisia.

For now, after pacifying the demonstrators by evicting president Hosni Mubarak, the military elite remains in control of Egypt and is attempting to reassert its power. But their rule has been shaken and will continue to be challenged, particularly by the Muslim Brotherhood, which is the only organized opposition force in Egypt. If the Iranian precedent is repeated, this fundamentalist Islamist organization (Sunni rather than Shia) will emerge as the dominant force.

This scenario, which is the opposite of the enticing democratic dream, would be a major danger for the world, the Middle East and for Israel. The Muslim Brotherhood provided the foundation for the creation of Hamas, and if they take power in Egypt, increased terror is likely to follow.

But the military regime is unlikely to disappear quickly – they have a much wider base than was the case in Iran, with at least three million people in powerful positions, all of whom have too much to lose in a real revolution.

Instead, look for a coalition involving the post-Mubarak military leadership and the Islamists, possibly led by Amr Moussa. An intense nationalist, Moussa headed the regime's hard-core Nasserist faction and exercised power as Mubarak's foreign minister for many years. When Moussa's anti-Israel ideology created too much friction, the Bush administration in Washington pressed for his removal, and he became head of the Arab League. From there, he has accelerated the "soft power" war against Israel and taken the "cold peace" into the deep freeze. The Arab League funded the notorious Goldstone report, which, in alliance with Human Rights Watch and similar groups, produced the false accusations of Israeli war

Gerald Steinberg in Jerusalem

crimes in the Gaza war.

A coalition between secular nationalists and Islamists would focus on rebuilding Egypt's strength in the region, and hostility toward Israel would be the least common denominator between them. To consolidate his leadership and turn public attention away from continued corruption and economic failure, Moussa's confrontational approach can be expected to grow. And the billions of dollars worth of modern American weapons (instead of much-needed economic development) would become a major source of instability. This was president Gamal Nasser's strategy, and Moussa sees himself as the heir apparent.

A more nationalist and assertive Egyptian leadership does not inevitably mean renewed violence. Nasser lost every war with Israel, and Moussa remembers this history. Egypt's current military rulers also have no interest in seeing their eastern border in Sinai with Gaza taken over by Hamas and used as a base for Al Qaeda attacks. But the Muslim Brotherhood has close links with Hamas, and in response, Israel may have to increase the emphasis on its deterrence capability and visibility with respect to Egypt.

Perhaps this is an overly pessimistic scenario, and we can continue to imagine an Egypt where democracy and freedom gain a serious foothold. But it would also be foolish to ignore the rules that govern political power, particularly in the Middle East.

A tropical haven in the Caribbean

The north coast of the Dominican Republic is a beguiling melange of sandy beaches, rugged cliffs and forested mountains. Its natural beauty attracts Canadian and European tourists. Sosua is a prime destination in that lush region, but few holidaymakers realize that it was the site of a Jewish agricultural colony founded by German and Austrian refugees fleeing Nazi tyranny.

I stumbled upon Sosua in 1983 while gathering material for travel stories about the Dominican Republic, which shares the Caribbean island of Hispaniola with the republic of Haiti. Amid palm trees and bougainvillea, I talked to oldtimers, finding their stories of oppression and renewal intriguing.

Sosua emerged as a haven in the wake of the Evian conference, which took place in France in the summer of 1938. Evian was convened by the president of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, to deflect criticism of his restrictive immigration policies.

Thirty two nations attended the conference, but only one agreed to admit Jews. Evian was thus an abject failure. The situation would have been considerably worse had the Domican Republic's dictatorial strongman, Rafael Trujillo, not promised to accept 100,000 Jewish refugees.

Far fewer Jews were ultimately admitted, but who could quibble?

Sosua's role in the resettlement of European Jews is the subject of Allen Wells' first-rate book, *Tropical Zion: General Trujillo, FDR, and the Jews of Sosua* (Duke University Press). Wells, a historian at Bowdoin College, is not a disinterested observer. His father was one of the 700-plus Jews who settled in Sosua.

As Wells observes, the Roosevelt administration encouraged the Dominican Republic to follow through on its offer. Trujillo really needed no nudging. He was eager to mollify the United States after his army slaughtered 15,000 unarmed Haitians in the 1930s. Obsessed with stemming the tide of Haitian migration into his mixed race country, Trujillo wanted to "whiten" the Dominican population by importing "desirable racial elements to our soil."

It was presumably lost on Trujillo that the Jews he sought were ironically themselves the victims of racial discrimination. Trujillo hoped that the Jewish newcomers would intermarry with Dominicans. In practice, however, only nine Jews wed Dominicans. As a result, Sosua never fulfilled its raison d'etre.

Nonetheless, Trujillo had no regrets. In exchange for his grand gesture and subsequent decision to sever diplomatic relations with Germany, the United States granted the Dominican Republic economic concessions and aid and turned a blind eye to his generally brutal regime.

Interestingly enough, Trujillo also welcomed several thousand Spaniards living in France who had been driven into exile after the Spanish Civil War. As well,

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

he seriously considered inviting 40,000 German farmers. The outbreak of World War II dashed his plan to populate his island nation with farmers from Germany.

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, through its Dominican Republic Settlement Association (DORSA), took the lead in facilitating the establishment of the Sosua outpost.

The 26,000 hectare property that DORSA chose at the end of 1939 was coincidentally owned by Trujillo, who had purchased it from the United Fruit Company a year earlier. Trujillo, in turn, donated the plot to DORSA.

The Sosua project was not universally supported by American Jewish organizations. Rabbi Stephen Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, blasted it as a mirage. Zionists compared it to Birobidzhan, the Soviet Jewish colony in Siberia.

The Zionists had a point.

Due to its poor soil, rocky terrain and lack of water, Sosua was in less than an ideal location. DORSA, therefore, regarded Sosua as a transitory training and orientation ground that would eventually be abandoned.

The new settlers arrived in the Dominican Republic via the United States, marvelling at Sosua's sheer beauty. But as they discovered, only 2,160 hectares were suitable for farming.

There was already a small Jewish community in the Dominican Republic – formed by a nucleus of early 19th century Sephardi merchants from the Dutch West Indies who married local women and joined the ruling elite – when they reached Sosua in 1940.

The new Jewish refugees established friendly relations with the locals, yet often looked upon them condescendingly, says Wells. "Words like 'primitive' and 'backward' crop up frequently in memoirs and interviews," he writes.

Beyond the culture shock, the immigrants had to cope with an unfamiliar steamy climate and constant rainfall, an excellent breeding ground for malaria.

Much of the first year was spent clearing the land and building roads. The first homesteads were occupied in December 1940. Since only 13 of the first batch of 350 newcomers had been farmers in Europe, cultivation was handled largely by native workers.

In mid-1941, a dairy cooperative was set up. It produced first-rate cheese, butter and milk. It proved to be the colony's lifeline, says Wells. By 1945, the factory churned out 100,000 pounds of butter, a million pounds of cheese and 1.5 million gallons of milk per year, all of which were distributed throughout the Dominican Republic.

Entrepreneurial-minded colonists opened up shops, businesses and industries, with seed capital coming from U.S. philanthropic sources and a settler credit union.

Later, in the interest of efficiency, the plots were sub-divided into clusters of 30 hectare homesteads. DORSA supplied water and electricity and managed the elementary school and hospital.

Curiously enough, Trujillo never visited Sosua, though he was pleased by its progresss. Since he was perceived as their patron, the colonists never criticized his regime.

After World War II, 12 Jewish families from Shanghai, itself a haven for Jewish refugees after the rise of Nazism, were persuaded to leave China and settle in Sosua. The fresh infusion ushered in Sosua's golden age, 15 years of steady growth.

Taming the land in Sosua

When a *New York Times* correspondent visited Sosua in 1953, he wrote that it was "virtually self-supporting, with assets of about one million dollars and no liabilities to speak of."

Despite its prosperity, more than half of its inhabitants had left Sosua by 1950, bound for the United States.

With Trujillo's assassination in 1961, a five year period of political instability ensued as 14 different governments attempted to bring a measure of order to the country.

Landless peasants squatted on the colonists' land, but the police declined to evict them.

By the mid-1960s, the aging and static colony had waned to 35 families, with many of its young people having departed to pursue educational and economic opportunities abroad, especially the United States.

As tourism blossomed, the beach front community was no longer regarded a foreign enclave. Wealthy Dominicans purchased luxurious homes in the hills overlooking the bay and new hotels were built, fueling a red hot real estate boom.

Today, with only 10 Jewish families remaining, Sosua has been transformed into an international resort with billboards and signs in English, French and German.

Quoting a local resident, Wells believes that Sosua's Jewish community will die out within 10 to 15 years, thus bringing to an end a curious footnote in the annals of modern Jewish history.

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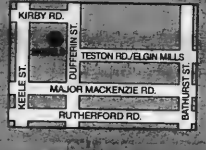


Copts appeal to Jewish community

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Coptic Christians can empathize with a Jewish hardship: the yoke of Egyptian oppression.

Jews have long since sloughed off the slavery imposed by the pyramid-mad Pharaohs. But over the last 50 years, Copts, as they're known, have faced, and face yet again, a potential time of renewed hardship in Egypt. And Jews worldwide could help lend some much-needed moral support, according to one Toronto Copt.

Mike Hanna, one of the Toronto Coptic community's more outspoken advocates of political secularization in Egypt, told *The CJN* his community needs all the friends it can get to help thwart the kidnapping of the Egyptian democratic revolution by the Muslim Brotherhood.

Hanna, now a pharmacist, immigrated to Canada in 1996 with his family and said that the Copt community has "been completely marginalized" in Egypt since that country's 1952 revolution.

He said estimates peg Egypt's Coptic Christian population at anywhere from 12 to 15 million people out of a total population of nearly 80 million.

Now that the current revolution has toppled former dictator Hosni Mubarak, Hanna said the Copts just want to "restore our ownership in the country. We want to be part of the new government."

The problem now, in the country's transition phase from power vacuum to a new government, is that the Coptic community is still being kept from the drafting table when it comes to a new constitution for Egypt, Hanna said.

He added there is a seven-member committee now in place tasked with drawing up a new constitution, but not one of the members is a Copt.

"We hope Egypt will be a secular country, and not a [*sharia* law] Muslim country," Hanna said. He cautioned that there is a real threat that the Muslim Brotherhood could consolidate power unless its aims and tactics are exposed by Copts and the West soon.

"With the brotherhood in power, there will be no democracy, no freedom for Egyptians. We need to act now to show that Egypt is not against Islam, but against Islamization."

According to Hanna's sources, the Muslim Brotherhood is beginning to use the cover of democratic reform to push its Islamist agenda.

"The students are now in the background," he said.

Hanna asked to speak with the paper to implore Jews to show solidarity with Copts in Canada and across the world.

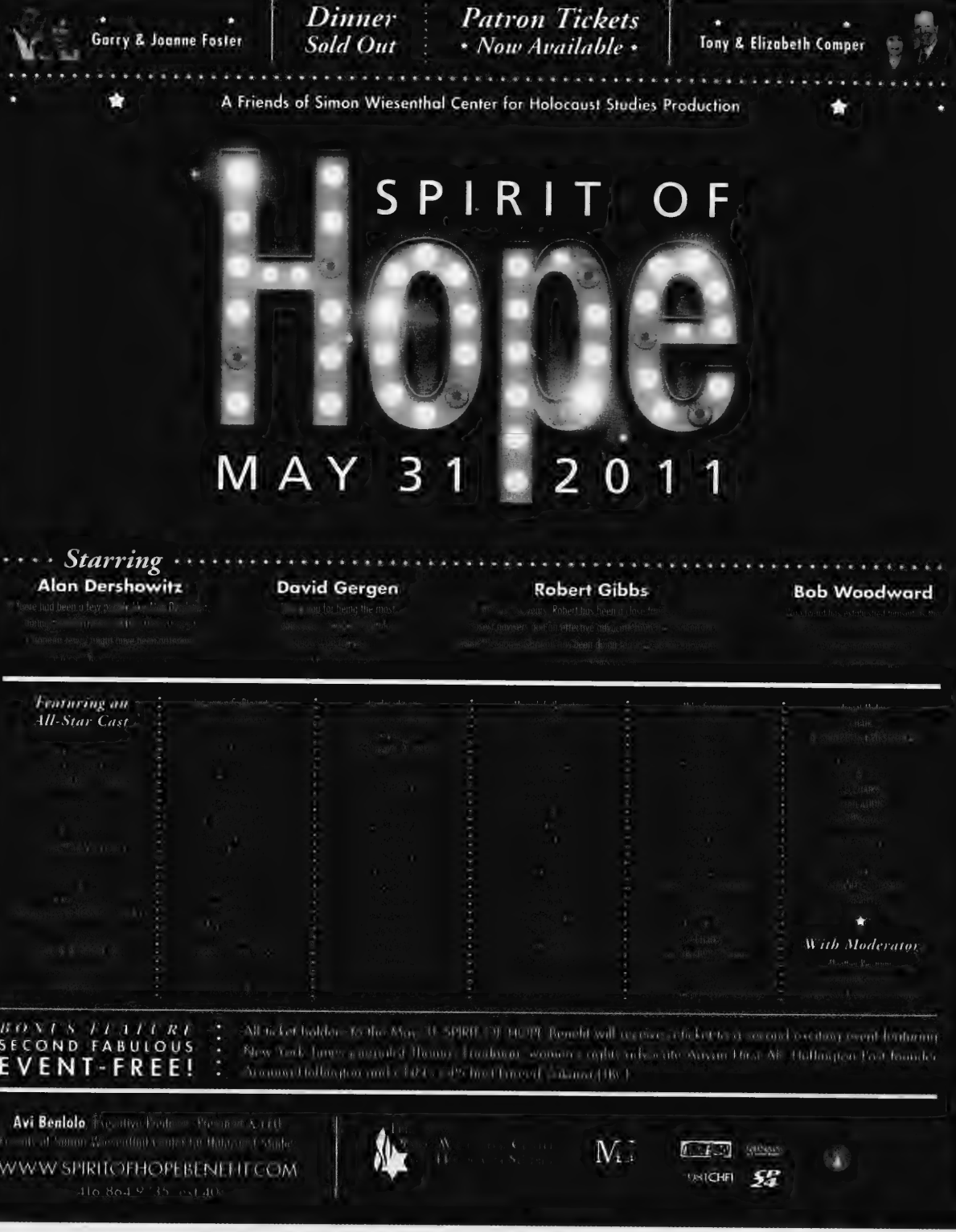
"We need to see a Jewish presence in our churches and have an Egyptian Copt presence in synagogues," he said. "We share the same views on democracy... we believe in the same God. We want peace with Israel. I believe in Israel and its policies.

"I believe, if it were not for Israel's [presence and influence in the region] Egypt would have been ruined years ago," he said.

Hanna said he is on the social action committee at the Church of Virgin Mary and St. Athanasius in Mississauga, Ont., and was charged by the church's Father Angelos Saad to speak to the Jewish community about his community's plight.

Hanna, who speaks fluent Hebrew after years of interacting with Jewish clientele at 3M Drug Mart in Thornhill, Ont., is eager to ignite cross-cultural discussion with the Jewish community.

To that end, he said his church has also created a Facebook page that is "open to everyone" to encourage Egyptians back home to carry on with their calls for democratic reform.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Remembering a great Polish illustrator

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Artur Szyk, the great Polish illustrator and caricaturist, was the subject of a recent retrospective.

Szyk, a Polish Jew who was born in 1894 and died in 1951, is a somewhat forgotten figure in spite of his awesome body of work and reputation.

But at a Feb. 15 forum at the Miles Nadal JCC sponsored by the Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation of Canada in association with the consulate of Poland, Szyk was remembered and honoured as one of Poland's finest artists of the 20th century.

Among his works were *Statute of Kalisz*, *Haggadah* and *Washington and His Times*.

Szyk's career was reconstructed in a documentary by Piotr Zarebski titled *Illuminator*.

With *Statute of Kalisz* in mind, Piotr Wrobel, a University of Toronto historian, followed the film with a lecture on the origins of the 13th-century statute, which granted Jews in Poland an unprecedented degree of self-government.

A small exhibition of Szyk's prints rounded off the event.

Born in Lodz when Poland was still bound to the Russian empire, Szyk displayed a natural aptitude for art. At the age of six, he was already turning out sketches and portraits from his imagination.

His father, a textile factory manager, sent him to Paris to study. Although he was exposed to the latest trends in painting, he was drawn to the medieval technique of illuminated manuscripts, a style he perfected as he matured as an illustrator.

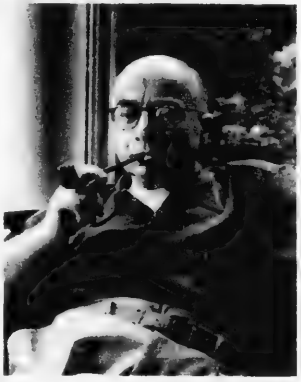
A Zionist, he visited Palestine in 1914 when it was an Ottoman province. During his trip, he met Jewish settlers.

Szyk and his family moved to Paris in 1921, three years after Poland regained its independence.

During this period, he completed *Statute of Kalisz*, which was published in book form in Germany in 1932, only a year before Adolf Hitler's accession to power.

Sometimes known as Poland's Magna Carta, the Statute of Kalisz was issued by Boleslaus the Pious, the duke of greater Poland, on Sept. 8, 1264. Apart from giving Jews autonomy, the statute extended a variety of liberties to Jews and was ratified by Boleslaus' successors.

Szyk, a proud Jew and Pole, spent two years on his magnum opus. He dedicated it to Josef Pilsudki, the ruler of Poland from 1926 to 1935 and a friend of its Jewish community.



Artur Szyk

Statute of Kalisz was exhibited in more than a dozen towns in Poland. In recognition of his achievement, the Polish government decorated Szyk with one of its highest awards, the Gold Cross of Merit.

In 1935, Poland bought *Washington and His Times*, a series of watercolours portraying the American revolutionary war. Poland's president presented it to U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt while on a visit to the United States.

Szyk finished *Haggadah* just before the outbreak of World War II, giving modern meaning to the Passover story at a time when Nazi Germany was persecuting Jews.

He dedicated *Haggadah*, published in Britain, to King George VI, despite his opposition to Britain's 1939 White paper limiting Jewish immigration to Palestine.

In 1940, Szyk went to live in the United States, where he turned his talents to producing anti-Nazi and anti-Axis caricatures. These drawings appeared in mass-circulation magazines such as *Time*, *Collier's* and *Esquire*.

Granted U.S. citizenship in 1948, he continued to churn out works of extraordinary craftsmanship, including a Hebrew text of Israel's Declaration of Independence.

After his death, he sank into obscurity. But of late, there have been Szyk exhibits in Poland and Germany, and books on his life have been published.

Wrobel, who holds the Konstanty Reynert Chair of Polish History at the University of Toronto, gave a talk on the *Statute of Kalisz*.

Thanks to the statute, the Jews of Poland enjoyed rights that existed nowhere else in the Diaspora, said Wrobel, whose research focuses on Poland's national minorities, particularly Jews. "It was quite unusual."

Is freedom and tolerance really spoken here?

Chaim Strauchler
Special to The CJN

Guest Voice

We see the slogan "Freedom and tolerance spoken here" printed under the Israeli flag on signs all over Toronto these days.

As a community, we take great pride in the freedom and tolerance available to citizens of the State of Israel. We also believe that the values of freedom and tolerance animate our Toronto Jewish community, a community represented by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, the organization that printed these signs. However, in light of recent revelations regarding our Jewish community, we must ask: is this is an empty slogan, or does it have real meaning?

A recent JTA article that was picked up by Jewish newspapers across North America reported that York Regional Police has rejected claims that Rabbi Mendel Kaplan, spiritual leader of Chabad @ Flamingo in Thornhill, made homophobic remarks and announced that he would remain its Jewish chaplain.

After a five-month probe, the force said Rabbi Kaplan remains a chaplain "in good standing."

The investigation was prompted by a complaint last August by Kulanu Toronto, a group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) Jews, alleging that Rabbi Kaplan wrote a "homophobic" e-mail to Toronto rabbis.

The controversy arose in the wake of last summer's Gay Pride Parade in Toronto, in which Canadian Jewish Congress urged community-wide support for gay Jews to counter the anti-Israel group, Queers Against Israeli Apartheid, which had planned to march in the parade.

Kulanu also cited a "vile" sermon allegedly offered by Rabbi Kaplan "in which he attacked the LGBTQ community in a more than hateful and disgusting manner." The group asked for a review of his status as a police chaplain.

In a Jan. 11 response to Kulanu, York Region Police said that after speaking with "experts," it has determined that Rabbi Kaplan's statements were a "technically correct interpretation of scripture through his role as a rabbi" and "were not viewed as hateful."

Now that Rabbi Kaplan's name has been cleared, it behooves us as a community to reflect on what happened in this case.

Kulanu Toronto is a Jewish LGBTQ social, educational, and cultural group affiliated with Hillel of Greater Toronto. Hillel receives funding from UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

An organization that is funded by our united Jewish communal fund submitted a spurious claim against a rabbi in our community for criticizing community leaders from Congress, federation and the Canada-Israel Committee after they placed a full-page advertisement in the Toronto Star describing Tel Aviv as the gay capital of the Middle East. A Jewish organization submitted a complaint to a local police force because a rabbi publicly criticized how charitable funds were used in advocating for the gay Jewish community.

This is not an issue about homosexuality, but a question of how important issues in our community are handled. When legitimate questions are raised about the use of charitable money, the people who raise them should not be investigated by police departments. The appropriate places to challenge Rabbi Kaplan are in personal conversations and public forums, this newspaper being one of them.

A grave injustice has taken place in our community, and we cannot be silent.

As a rabbi, I am personally invested in this issue. I wonder if my comments from the pulpit – or in this very article – will be met with retaliation by those who would harm me professionally. Jews have a great and sometimes tragic history of *machloket* – dissent. We champion the *machloket leshem shomayim* – the dispute for the sake of heaven. Yet, our great prophet Jeremiah was imprisoned for his critique of the king of Judah.

I fear that our preoccupation with presenting a united Jewish community has closed off the avenues for energetic public debate on issues that matter to us. If we believe that honest debate is no longer possible, we may be led to attack the very right of our opponents to voice their views. We may try to silence one another. This is a tragedy.

As a broad Jewish community, we must continue to invite the diversity of Jewish life under our umbrella organizations. Groups such as Kulanu are welcome in our community. Yet, they, too, must abide by our communal standards of tolerance and freedom.

I have not lost my faith in our community's ability to conduct an open debate on important issues. I submit the following questions in this public forum to investigation and debate: should organizations that are part of our Jewish community be required to abide by certain rules (such as derech eretz – common decency – and tolerance of dissent)? How should groups that represent the entire Jewish community integrate the deeply held beliefs of traditional and socially conservative members of the Jewish community when addressing the important issues of the day?

When we have openly discussed these questions as a community without fear, I believe that we can once again declare, "Freedom and tolerance spoken here."

Chaim Strauchler is the spiritual leader of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation in Toronto.

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Finding our name

Rabbi Mark Fishman

Exodus (Shmot, literally "names") comes to a close this week. It's a roller-coaster that never seems to disappoint. The drama, the twists and turns – there's even a love story thrown in. We read about a Hebrew-born, Egyptian-raised and then Midianite-loving shepherd who becomes hero, statesman, redeemer and ultimately law-giver. And that's just in the first few sections!

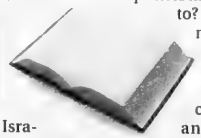
As we conclude the second book of the Torah for this year, we are changed and challenged. We have read about the ideals of freedom, about loving the stranger because you yourselves were strangers in the land of Egypt (a line that will appear 36 times in the Torah) and about the responsibilities of peoplehood.

Yet, I find myself asking why the rabbis chose the title Shmot/Names for this book. Surely they could have come up with something more provocative!

Upon deeper reflection, I realize that all those in this book seem to be struggling with their names. After being introduced to the clear, unambiguous names of the 12 tribes at the start, we hear: "A man of the house of Levi went and married a daughter of Levi." Not the most helpful verse. But then what about the Hebrew midwives "whose names were Shifra and Puah"? It turns out, according to most commentators, that these were not their real names. Just pseudonyms to mask their identities.

This is followed by perhaps the most fascinating scene of the whole Torah. Moses (an Egyptian name actually, not his real one) meets God at the burning bush. Imagine, given the chance to actually meet God! You could ask any question you like. But Moses inquires: "God, what

Rabbinic Reflections



do people call you? If the Israelites should ask who sent me, what shall I tell them?"

Talk about anticlimactic. This is the moment we have been waiting for and – er – what's your name, again? It seems that even God is reduced to that awkward moment at a dinner party where you bump into someone you know you have met before, but you can't remember who he is. Worse still is God's response: "My name is 'I will be who I will be.'" Ouch! Even God doesn't get a proper name it seems. So what's really going on?

I would suggest that at the heart of this book is the central theme of freedom – leaving behind an old identity for the deeper, more complicated future of becoming a responsible human being. And although in Nelson Mandela's words, it's "a long walk to freedom," it actually begins with the first step. That first step is to know who we are. What are my dreams? What responsibilities am I being called to? Ultimately, what is my name? And if we can answer this question and know who we are, then we are capable of answering any other question (or task) put to us.

In this perspective, we are learning that until we can know ourselves, there remains a part of God that is unknowable. Yet by the same token, if we can learn who we really are, our real names, then we can begin to understand God Himself.

Rabbi Mark Fishman is the assistant rabbi of Congregation Beth Tikvah in Montreal.

What do Jews believe?

The Talmud tells of a heretic sage, Elisha ben Abuyah, who was violently renounced by his colleagues. Elisha had come to deny God and reject religion.

One day he saw a father send his son up into a tree to perform a mitzvah: before one gathers eggs from a nest, one should shoo away the mother bird. The performance of this deed, according to the Bible, brings long life. The child performed the mitzvah, then fell from the tree and died. Elisha cried out, "There is no justice and there is no judge."

Bookmarks

Bernard Baskin

We, in our time, far more than Elisha, have reason to question and doubt the existence of God and the efficacy of prayer. We have seen the eclipse of the light of goodness and mercy in a world convulsed in violence, suffering and desolation. We have seen loved ones stricken with crippling and life-threatening illnesses, young people die in the vernal hour of life and so many capriciously and arbitrarily wounded by life.

And we ask, "Where is God?"; "Where was God in Auschwitz and Hiroshima?"; "Where is the eternal when the natural catastrophes spell death and destruction for thousands?"; "Where is the loving God in our world in which millions die of malnutrition and starvation and other millions are nameless faces in computerized cultures?"

Is it any wonder that many Jews no longer believe in a personal God who is aware of their existence, responds to prayer and is a force in history. This much is certain: if there was a widespread belief in a personal God, our synagogues would be overflowing with fervent worshippers.

Yet many doubting Jews want to remain within the fold. They consider themselves as part of the Jewish People. Many are involved in Jewish culture, support Israel and a variety of worthy causes.

Judaism was never a monolithic religion. There were true and false prophets, honest priests and cultist, loyal Jews and backsliders. Long before the era of emancipation opened the gates of the ghettos and introduced the many forms of modern Jewish life, there were many profound differences in the community.

A few years ago, Abigail Pogrebin conducted interviews with 62 prominent American Jews, as recorded in her book *Stars of David.* She asked them how they felt about being Jewish.

They responded favourably about their Jewish heritage: their admiration for the achievements of the State of Israel and their pride in Jewish history. What was shockingly disturbing, however, was their lack of religious faith and lack of involvement in the Jewish community.

Interviewee Harvard law professor Allan Dershowitz proposed his "candle theory of Judaism": the closer you get to the flame of Judaism, "the less likely you are to be a productive, successful creative person. The most successful are those who have moved away from the flame." He adds, however, that the further you remove yourself from the flame, the less likely you are to have Jewish children or grandchildren.

More than anything else our attitude toward disaffected Jews should be ahavat Yisrael, our affection for Jews as fellow members of an ancient and unique people. I know some questing honest skeptics. We need them. They should be warmly welcomed into our increasingly inclusive Jewish community.

IAW: a legacy of inaction

University campuses across Canada and around the world are gearing up for what has become entrenched as an annual ritual of Israel-bashing. Now into its seventh year, the March hate-fest that flies under the banner of "Israeli apartheid week" (IAW) is again triggering unease, if not outright dread, among Jewish students and faculty who are the deliberate targets of its chilling headwinds.

What began as a trial balloon to goad the Jewish community at the University of Toronto in 2005 has morphed into a behemoth that, by last year, had infiltrated more than 50 campuses. Precise numbers for this year are difficult to confirm, since many centres don't declare themselves until the last minute. However, a recent listing identifies 37 committed sites, 15 of which are in Canada or the United States. Compared with previous years, when only one week was designated for programming, guidelines for 2011 are less circumscribed, with a two-week window (March 7-20) as the recommended time frame for IAW activities in Europe and North America. It remains to be seen whether this expanded format brings more centres on board.

But increasing the numbers of locations year by year, though an apparent barometer of "success" for IAW organizers, should not be seen as the criterion of greatest importance when gauging the true impact of this pox on our campus landscape. In effect, what we see repeatedly is the slur of "Israeli apartheid" as a launch point in the abuse of podium that pervades the campus discourse not only during IAW, but year round. Portraying Israel as an apartheid state – with all of its connotations of demonization, delegitimization, criminal-

My View

Lawrence Hart

ization and dehumanization – has been adopted as the weapon of choice for Israel-baiters and Jew-haters.

While university administrations, through their inaction, bear considerable blame for facilitating the violations of free speech that fly under the deception of the Israel-apartheid linkage, our Jewish community leadership, both nationally and internationally, needs also to accept responsibility for its inability and, not infrequently, its unwillingness, to exert the sorts of pressures that may have prevented the growth of IAW from a one-trick pony into an international movement, with a reach that goes way beyond its seven days of infamy each winter.

Sadly, a reluctance to act when it was necessary to do so has evolved into a sense of acceptance that IAW is now a fixture on the academic calendar that needs to be tolerated rather than countered. We were told last year that IAW was on the wane and that, if ignored, it would eventually cease to exist.

Even if this assessment were correct – although there's not a shred of measurable evidence to support it – the damage has already been done. The canard of Israel as an apartheid state has become embedded in the lexicon of the academy, and, with each passing year, its imprint will become more indelible.

There may still be time for action – for a concerted strategy by our Jewish leadership – if not to comprehensively mitigate the racist bias that IAW has already fostered, then at least to stand up against the flagrant exploitation of academic freedoms that gave legs to this abomination in the first place.

The mezuzah, Part 3

Today we wrap up our look at the mezuzah.

The laws applying to mezuzot can get quite complicated. For example, what do you do with an irregularly shaped door or archway? What happens if you are entering a tiny room? What if you're afraid that your outdoor mezuzah will be stolen? The Halacha-Yomi archives offer a detailed look at the laws of mezuzah based on an English translation of the definitive Kitzur *Shulchan Aruch* **[http://bit.ly/mezuz22]**, while Chabad's Mezuzah Handbook answers many practical questions. **[http://bit.ly/mezuz18]**

Jewish & Digital

Mark Mietkiewicz

You can read up on why Ashkenazi homes have the tradition to mount their mezuzot on an angle – basically a compromise between one view that called for vertical placement and another that leans toward horizontal. Ohr Somayach's Ask the Rabbi says we can learn a deeper lesson. "The mezuzah is placed on the door of the house – the house being the abode of husband and wife. The slanting mezuzah 'teaches' every couple how to create shalom bayit – tranquillity in the home. Each one should be prepared to compromise and 'bend toward the other' in helping to lead a harmonious family life." **[http://bit.ly/mezuz19]**

It's not often that a mezuzah makes the news. But one did in 2005 when Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon affixed a mezuzah to the doorway of Blok 27 in the Auschwitz death camp. Next to it lay the inscription, "That a future generation might know – children yet to be born – and in turn tell their children." (Psalms 78.6) **[http://bit.ly/mezuz20]**

Sharon's action incensed Michael Handelzalts. He wrote in *Ha'aretz*, "Places unfit for human presence should not carry a mezuzah... When the prime minister affixes a mezuzah to a doorpost in Auschwitz, he bluntly highlights the meaninglessness of this religious and cultural Jewish symbol." Handelzalts' comments provoked a wide-ranging debate dealing with everything from God's existence during the Shoah, the use of the Holocaust to further a political agenda, and the laws of mezuzot. **[http://bit.ly/mezuz21]**

The essence of the commandment is the parchment that goes inside the box and not the casing itself. However, the Esek website points out that the decorative container is also important because it endears God's commandments to us. "We live in human forms that react to esthetics. If something is attractive, we are more likely to give it honour or care." **[http://bit.ly/mezuz07]**

And that brings us to this final story. A wealthy Jewish man buys a fabulous home and brings in a worker to decorate the place. The homeowner buys 50 beautiful mezuzahs and asks the decorator to mount them on the right-hand side of each door except bathrooms and closets. When the owner comes back a few hours later, he sees that the job has been carried out to his total satisfaction. As the decorator is leaving, he says, "Glad you're happy with the job. By the way, I took all the warranties out of the little boxes and left them on the table for you!" **[http://bit.ly/mezuz08]**

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Jewish Agency offers solution to conversion issue

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Natan Sharansky believes he has found an "elegant" solution to a problem that is currently vexing the Jewish world: let the Jewish Agency determine which communities, congregations and rabbinical authorities are legitimate – at least when it comes to performing conversions for the purposes of Israeli immigration laws.

Haviv Gur, the Jewish Agency's communications director, said the organization is perfectly positioned to satisfy the criteria outlined by the Supreme Court of Israel, which requires the Interior Ministry to recognize for purposes of the Law of Return people converted by "recognized" Jewish communities abroad.

The Jewish Agency has 700 shlichim (emissaries) around the world and they are well connected to local Jewish communities, Gur said. "We speak every language the Jewish world speaks. We're saying we have a way to get around this... We'll determine if they're a community that recognizes whether a person is a convert."

The question of Jewish conversions was raised recently in Israel when a number of potential olim – including Thomas Dohlan, a Canadian armed forces veteran – were told their conversions were not recognized and were not eligible to immigrate under the Law of Return.

Under that legislation, converts may immigrate to Israel. The country's highest court has ruled that all converts, whether Orthodox, Conservative or Reform, are eligible. However, the decision to reject Dohlan's Canadian conversion, along with four or five others, came after the ministry consulted with the country's Chief Rabbinate, which dismissed the validity of Dohlan's conversion.

Natan Sharansky

Gur said therein lies the problem. While the ultimate decision on immigration lies with the government ministry, in practical terms the Chief Rabbinate makes the call on Orthodox conversions. The ministry's "bureaucrats and clerks" are not in a position to determine which foreign conversions are legitimate, so they have been asking the Chief Rabbinate for advice.

The Chief Rabbinate is dominated by haredi rabbis, who only accept conversions by about 20 rabbinical courts affiliated with the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America. Dohlan was converted by a rabbinical court that's not on the approved list after studying with Orthodox Rabbi Daniel Elkin of Congregation Beth Israel in Kingston, Ont.

When it comes to conversions by Conservative and Reform rabbis, the ministry consults with the centralized Conservative and Reform movements in Israel. As a result, Conservative and Reform converts proceed with aliyah while unapproved Orthodox ones are placed in immigration limbo.

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Rabbi Farber calls situation 'outrageous'

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The ministry turned down Dohlan's immigration application, although he was allowed to enter Israel on a visitor's visa, along with his Israeli-born wife.

Rabbi Seth Farber

Rabbi Seth Farber, director of ITIM – The Jewish Life Information Center, said the ministry's decision to reject the conversions of Dohlan and the others prompted a strongly worded petition from close to 100 Orthodox rabbis, mostly from North America. Delivered to the Interior Ministry, the petition states, "We are concerned that conversions performed under our auspices are being questioned vis-a-vis aliyah eligibility. We find this unacceptable and turn to you in an effort to insure that those individuals whom we convert will automatically be eligible for aliyah as they have been in the past."

"We represent established communities, synagogues and Hillels around North America. We are certain that whatever criteria are adopted for accepting converts under the Law of Return – particularly given the Israeli Supreme court decision of 1988 – are applicable to those who enter the Jewish people under our direction. Recent reports that the Interior Ministry is consulting with the Israeli Chief Rabbinate are disturbing. As rabbis and as Zionists, we call upon you to clarify the situation and rectify the injustice being done to our converts, ourselves and the Jewish people."

Rabbi Farber called the current situation "outrageous... The Orthodox community is wider than the Chief Rabbinate's view."

Ironically, one of the five converts rejected by the Chief Rabbinate was converted by an approved Orthodox rabbinical court, he said.

Seven people have been rejected in the first three weeks of the policy's application, Rabbi Farber said.

Last week, representatives of several organizations, including the Jewish Agency, Nefesh B'Nefesh, ITIM, the Jewish Federations of North America, Israel's Interior Ministry and the Chief Rabbinate met in Jerusalem. Afterward, Eli Yishai, head of the Interior Ministry and chair of the Sephardi Orthodox Shas Party, reportedly did not agree to retract the policy of consulting the Chief Rabbinate. He did agree to continue the discussion.

Rabbi Farber believes "individuals who meet the normative standards of the community should be recognized."

In comments to *Ha'aretz*, Sharansky said "I want to separate the argument about conversion from the recognition of Judaism for the sake of citizenship eligibility under the Law of Return. It's so important that a person who undergoes conversion according to the tradition of his community and who the community accepts as a Jew be eligible to make aliyah under the Law of Return."

If the controversy is resolved as suggested by the Jewish Agency, that won't solve all the olim's potential problems. Matters of personal status, such as divorce and burial, are governed by the Chief Rabbinate. But "those are battles for another day," Rabbi Farber said.

UJA, CJC respond to Winchevsky after severing ties

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) were planning to respond to a request for a meeting by representatives of the Winchevsky Centre as *The CJN* went to press Monday morning.

The two organizations disassociated themselves from the secular Zionist institution after a Feb. 1 event featuring an anti-Zionist speaker.

An e-mail was to be sent out Monday morning, said Howard English, the federation's vice-president of corporate communications. He declined to disclose its contents, saying he wanted the recipients to receive it first.

Maxine Hermolin, executive director of the centre, had requested the meeting in early February, after she was informed of the organization's decision by e-mail Feb. 3. The e-mail invited her to contact English or Len Rudner of CJC if she wished to discuss the matter.

The reason for the delay in answering Hermolin was that "the whole thing has been under discussion. There's been a lot of discussion here," English said.

The event, titled "Never Again for Anyone," featured Auschwitz survivor Hajo Meyer, a member of the International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network (IJAN), which co-sponsored the evening with American Muslims for Palestine and the Middle East Children's Alliance.

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Toronto philanthropists Elisa and Gil Palter have donated a founding grant of $1 million (US) to the Jerusalem-based Shalem Center for its Great Texts Project.

The project aims to translate books that have been most influential in shaping western culture from their original languages to modern Hebrew.

The centre plans to open Israel's first liberal arts college, a.k.a. Shalem College, by the fall of 2012.

"There are an amazing number of holes [in the modern Hebrew canon]," said Yael Hazony, director of Shalem Press, which will translate the texts, among them works by Machiavelli, Hegel, Milton and Hume.

"It's not really surprising [that there are so many holes] when you consider that modern Hebrew is only about 100 years old. We're a young country with a new language, and [classic texts appeal to] a very small market," she said.

Gil Palter said he and Rabbi Daniel Gordis – Shalem Center's senior vice-president – have been friends since the early 1990s when he was based in Toronto as part of the Wexner Heritage Program for young North American Jewish volunteer leaders. Rabbi Gordis was Palter's instructor, and they've stayed in touch since.

Rabbi Gordis is one of the main supporters of the translation project, and the Palters were more than happy to contribute the "lead donation" to it, they said.

"There aren't funds available to Israeli publishers to [translate] classic texts. So our gift gave the initiative a good shot in the arm," Elisa Palter said.

Around the time modern Hebrew developed, in the late 1800s,there was a flowering of classic text translations, Hazony said. Even Hebrew poet Shaul Tchernichovsky translated Homer to Hebrew. But since then, the translation of classics has been reduced to a trickle.

Hazony said Israelis are missing out on a lot of philosophical thought that most Westerners take for granted. "We don't have access in our native language to basic texts that deal with a variety of issues," she said.

Take, for instance, Israel's ongoing debate on whether it needs a constitution. Until Shalem Press published *The Federalist Papers*, essays advocating the ratification of the U.S. constitution, Israelis debated the issue in an environment unfamiliar with American constitutional history.

Gil and Elisa Palter

"You can really tell that the discourse on this issue has changed since this work was published," Hazony said.

Likewise, she asked, how could Israeli discussion about civil disobedience go on in the absence of information about Mahatma Gandi, leader of India during its independence movement, and American civil rights leader Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and how could economic discourse take place without knowledge of philosopher Adam Smith's *The Wealth of Nations*?

The Great Texts Project will give Israelis access to thus-far inaccessible cultural assets of the western world.

"We can be in discourse with the rest of the world, with knowledge and strength, if we have the same intellectual building blocks," Hazony said. "This is a long-term investment in the intellectual property of the Jewish people."

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$1 million donated to Shalem Center

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That's why the Palters donated to the project. They've adopted the view that it is imperative the future "thought leaders" of Israel be weaned on these texts to help Israelis "integrate better with the rest of the world," Gil Palter said.

The Palters said Shalem College's core curriculum, which will include studying the influence Judaism and western civilization have had on each other, will enable future graduates help bring Israelis into better relations with the rest of world, because they will understand that world better.

"The Great Texts Project will not only benefit students at Shalem who will be able to study these important books in their first language, but more importantly, will make this great body of knowledge available to all Israelis," said Gil Palter.

The Palter grant will be put toward the translation of some 35 texts, to be determined by scholars at the Shalem Center. Experts in philosophy, political theory, Jewish and Zionist history, Bible and Talmud, Middle East studies, archeology, economics and strategic studies will decide which works are most relevant to the Israeli intellectual context. The first funded work, Machiavelli's *Discorsi*, was released a few weeks ago.

Each translation, requiring both a native in the work's source language, an individual with academic background on the work's subject matter, and a scientific editor to review each and every line, takes on average twice the time of a regular book translation and up to thousands of dollars. "Translating Plato is not like translating a modern novel," said Hazony, whose press has already translated and published some 40 classic works of philosophy over the last 10 years.

Until now, the press had to scrimp to do the translations. "We are hoping to do more and greater things now that we have direct support for the project," she said. "This grant is really going to propel us forward."

The aim is to have all of the "Palter translations" completed in time for the opening of the Shalem College, the first ever American-style liberal arts college in Israel.

While many of Israel's universities offer undergraduate arts programs, all require students to choose a major focus of study, as opposed to a U.S.-style liberal arts program, based on a well-rounded general education in the arts, and aimed at teaching critical thinking and promoting civil discourse.

In classical antiquity, "liberal arts" referred to the education of a free person, said Dan Polisar, president of the Shalem Center. "It was the education necessary to free citizens in a free country. We think it's critical for citizens of Israel to know Plato and basic economics... to promote civil discourse, and create engaged scholars who are active in the State of Israel."

Rabbi Gordis said that Gil and Elisa Palter "understand that reading and discussing our most important books is the best possible way to teach critical thinking and promote civil discourse.

"They, like we, care deeply about the future of Israel, and about the cultivating of a new generation of thoughtful, worldly and Jewishly committed Israeli leadership."

With files from Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf

Correction

In the story "104-year-old still prepares family's meals" (*CJN*, Feb. 24), the correct spelling for two of the names should have been Mark Beil and Dolly Beil. We apologize for the error.

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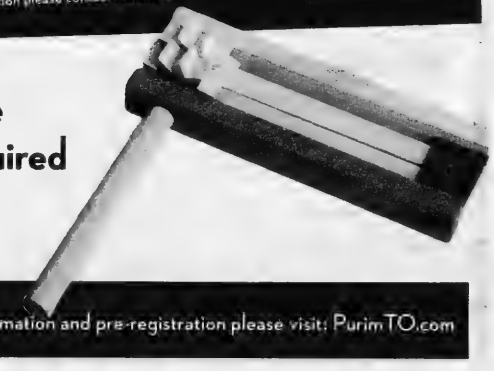

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Situation could create 'active' southern border

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"Suddenly, gradually, [Israelis] may awake one morning and find that it's not only the 64 kilometres of Gaza that you have to deal with... but you have a 200-kilometre border with Egypt" to monitor more vigilantly.

This could create an "active" southern border for Israel, he added.

Still, the Egyptian army's traditional role in society and its respected and historic social role precludes it from becoming the next Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps, Gissin said.

Meanwhile, it's the rest of the Arab world that troubles him.

With countries such as Yemen, Tunisia, Libya, Bahrain and Algeria, among others, all experiencing some form of popular uprising, the danger of Iran using these countries as "trojan horses" to spread its malevolent influence is very real, he said.

Israel must "sit tight and watch" as the situation in the Middle East unfolds, Gissin said. "No one knows what's going to happen. The ripple effect is still in progress. But it seems like its a kind of Survivor reality TV show in the region now. Which regimes will fall? There will be a lot of bloodshed. We're in for a very long period of instability in the Middle East with weak governments," and where strong governments emerge, they will likely take the form of fundamentalist Islamic ones.

Raanan Gissin

"The most amazing thing in this whole process that is being overlooked is that the masses are no longer afraid" of their governments, Gissin said.

According to Gissin, the vast majority of protesters in these countries aren't concerned with Israel or the Palestinians. Rather, they want stability in their lives and more freedom.

"In the Arab world now, we're seeing a willingness for [protesters] to run against the bullets. They're saying, 'Leave us alone with all your excuses, your Israel politicking. You have to take care of us first.' This is a [regional] social revolution that has been multiplied by the effect of the Internet."

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FEEDING THE HUNGRY: Children at the Miles Nadal JCC Nursery School collected 240 food items to be donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Pictured, rear from left, are Raphael Bialystok-Joly, Soldano Rapp-Perrone, Aster Slawner, Lily Scott, Billie Damelin, Brandon Adler, Sarah Alam and Lilian Edney. Seated in front is Matthew Kalman.

PROJECT GIVEBACK: Leo Baeck Day School south campus student Jennifer Ballon, left, welcomes a special guest for her Project Giveback presentation, Lilah Petersiel, in whose name more than $500,000 has been raised for research into neuroblastoma at the Hospital for Sick Children.

ROPE JUMPING: Coby, a Grade 2 student at Netivot HaTorah Day School, tries to reach new heights in this year's Jump Rope for Heart event. The school's annual fundraiser has raised $5,255.50 so far this year. Pictured, from left, are Maytal, Ilana, Coby and Nomi, while parent volunteer Shana Cohen looks on. *[Rebecca Ansel photo]*

FAMILY MOMENTS

Mazel Tov

The Canadian Jewish news

Jack & Betty Winston wish to announce their 60th anniversary on April 1.

Kevin Zaldin & Sherri Schwartz and children Aidan and Gracie Zaldin announce the birth of Kayla Arielle Zaldin, born Oct. 27.

Marnina & Grant Sernick, Koby and Gilad, announce the birth of Mataya. Grandparents, Ricki & Hart Sernick, Bonnie & Hank Webber. Great-grandparents, Sydney Blinick, Helen Ziderman, Shoshanah Katz.

Happy 90th birthday, Helen Novak-Ostroff on Feb. 28. Love, Eileen & David, Beverly & Murray, Jodi & Stephen, Jamie & Brianna, Jon & Jess, Evan & Brandon.

Maury Hutkins is 95! We love you to the moon and back. Hugs and kisses, Freda, Andrea, Barry, Michael, Samara, Marvin, Jessica and Jonathan.

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Thursday, March 3

WHERE JUDAISM?

Elliott Malamet asks "Will It Matter to Them: The Next Generation and the Future of Judaism." Beth David Bnai Israel Beth Am, 7:30 p.m. No charge, includes refreshments. 416-633-5500, www.bethdavid.com.

MODERN JEWISH RESPONSA

Part 2 of **Rabbi Cory Weiss'** program, Looking at Some Modern Jewish Responsa. Topics could include abortion, selling human blood for medical purposes. Temple Har Zion, 7:30 p.m., members $3, non-members $5. 905-889-2252.

Friday, March 4

KUDDLE UP SHABBAT

Mississauga's Solel Congregation holds its next Kuddle Up Shabbat (formerly Tot Shabbat) dinner and program. 5:45, arts and crafts, music, catered dairy main course. Bring a salad or dessert. Whole family welcome. $5/person, infants free. Family service with musical instruments at 7 p.m. 905-820-5915.

Saturday, March 5

SWING 'N' SING-ALONG

Na'amat Toronto Club Aliza invites you to an evening with **Mickey Lewin** and **Shoshana Frank**. Borochov Centre, 7:30 p.m. Israeli songs and folk dancing. Light refreshments. $18. marymsr18@gmail.com.

Sunday, March 6

ZOOMERS KEEP FIT

Guest speaker **Alan Atkins** presents "Fitness and Wellness for Zoomers." Shaar Shalom, 7:30 p.m. Call **David,** 416-224-9494.

CELEBRATE ROSH CHODESH

Pride of Israel Synagogue invites women and girls to a Rosh Chodesh celebration featuring the Kol Rina Choir. 7 p.m. Admission a donation of $10 or more for the Kosher Food Bank for Passover. Girls under 18 free. 416-226-0111, ext. 10.

LIVING DOWNSTREAM

Living Downstream is a film with cancer survivor **Sandra Steingraber**, who teaches about cancer and its environmental links. Speaker and refreshments follow. Presented by Bayview Corridor of Synagogues. Temple Emanu-El, 7:30 p.m. Free. filmfestival@bayviewcorridor.org.

JEWISH HEALING PROGRAM

Rabbi David Seed and **Yehudit Shier Weisberg** facilitate a healing service, Adath Israel, 3-4 p.m. Sponsored by Jewish Family & Child. Call 416-638-7800, ext. 6287.

HEBREW READING COURSE

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda runs a free course for those who want to practise reading, singing and understanding prayers used during daily and Shabbat services. First of six 90-minute sessions. 9:30 a.m. Register 416-633-3838.

GAMES JEWISH SINGLES PLAY

Beth Torah Synagogue, 7:30 p.m. For ages 21-39 and 40-69. 7:30 p.m. $8 includes refreshments and prizes. Call **Mollie**, 416-733-3634. or mollie_rothman@yahoo.ca.

READ LOCAL, THINK GLOBAL

Explore adult and children's versions of the book *Three Cups of Tea*, by **Greg Mortenson** and **David Oliver Relin** at Temple Sinai. Lunch at noon. Discussion begins at 12:30 p.m. Later work on an advocacy project. Lunch $10, program free. Register for lunch by March 4, 416-487-3281 or education@templesinai.net.

Monday, March 7

RESCUED FROM DEATH CAMPS

Lecturer and historian **Diana Mingail** discusses how the deportation of Bulgaria's Jews to death camps were averted. Beth Tzedec, 1:30 p.m. No charge.

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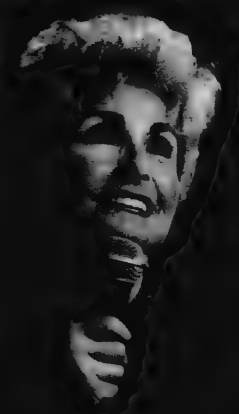

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Tuesday, March 8

ISRAEL PHILATELISTS

Monthly meeting. Society of Israel Philatelists. Antibes Community Centre, 140 Antibes Dr., 7 p.m. Slide presentation "Gems of Holy Land Philately 1709-1971." Call **Philip Elias**, 416-226-2050, or p.elias@rogers.com.

TUESDAYS WITH LARRY

Beth Tikvah Tuesdays with Larry movie series. 2 p.m. Documentary *I Have Never Forgotten You*, the life and legacy of **Simon Wiesenthal.** $5 at the door.

LIVE WELL WITH DIABETES

Dr. Maureen Shandling presents "How to Live Well with Diabetes: A Neurologist's Perspective" Jewish Diabetes Chapter, Canadian Diabetes Association. Shaarei Shomayim, 8 p.m. $1. Contact 416-363-0177, ext. 7403, or www.diabetes.ca.

Wednesday, March 9

CONSPIRACY THEORIES

Journalist and *National Post* managing editor **Jonathan Kay** examines the ancient antisemitic roots of post-9/11 conspiracy theories. Beth Tzedec, 7:30 p.m. Free. Call 416-781-3511.

AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'

Temple Sinai Nursery School presents psychotherapist and parenting expert **Alyson Schafer** discussing dealing with challenging kid behaviours. Registration and boutique, 7 p.m. Speaker 8 p.m. $20 in advance, $25 at the door. Call 416-487-3281 or education@templesinai.net.

Other News

CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Chai Lifeline Canada presents Sing for the Children, a concert of contemporary classics performed by composer **Marvin Hamlisch** and a 45-piece orchestra. Monday, April 4, Roy Thomson Hall. Also appearing, cantors **Alex Stein, Yaakov Motzen, Moshe Schulhof** and **Zevi Muller**. 647-430-5933, www.chaiconcert.com.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NIGHT

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MEKOROT CLASSES

Mekorot Institute of Torah Study offers 2 classes: **Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner** on "The Book of Micah," Tuesdays until June 1, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim; and **Rabbi Michael Skobac**, "Perek Shirah: Meditations on the Songs of God's Creations." Mondays, March 14-April 4, Prosserman JCC, 9:45-11 a.m. To register or for information, 416-877-2050.

PIZZA AND BOWLING

Join Temple Har Zion March 27. Pizza and refreshments, 6 p.m. at the temple, bowling afterward at World Bowl, 9 Wilmot St., Richmond Hill. $15. 905-889-2252, adriennecoleman54@gmail.com.

PURIM CARNIVAL

Temple Har Zion Purim Carnival, March 20, 10 a.m.-noon. Games, crafts, photos and videos. Magician **Scott Dietrich** performs at 11 a.m. $3 per child or $2 with a non-perishable food donation. Snacks and drinks, $1-$2. Call 905-889-2252.

FOR SENIORS

Bernard Betel Centre, 416-225-2112. Lecture: "Yiddish Highlights: Culture, Language and Theatre," March 8, 10-11:30 a.m. Members $3, non-members $6. Wellness lecture with **Riva Waldman**: "Style on a Budget," March 10, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free.

MNJCC Active Seniors. 416-924-6211. **Seymour (Epi) Epstein**, on "Jewish Communities of the World: Jewish Morocco," March 3, 1:30 p.m., ext. 155. Seniors choir, Tuesdays, 1-2:30 p.m., until June. No experience necessary. $50 for 16 weeks. music@mnjcc.org or **Harriet,** ext. 133.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. Call **Valerie,** 416-395-7881. Casino Rama, March 16, departs 10 a.m. Lunch and Laughter, March 23, noon. Tuesdays, drop-in art classes, 10 a.m. Thursdays, line dancing, 10 a.m. Thursdays, social bridge, 12:30 p.m. Seniors woodworking, skilled craftsmen, repairs. Call 416-630-6487.

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday social afternoons. Bridge, mah-jong, Rummikub. Refreshments $2. Call **Pearl,** 416-635-6317, or **Sheila,** 416-665-3333.

Beth Tzedec Seniors. 416-781-3511. Haverim program continues through March, 1:30 p.m. New Horizons for Havurah, with **Rabbi Miriam Margles.** March 21, 1:30 p.m., $3.

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Registration for spring family programs begins March 13. Classes for ages birth-12 years include Sports with Jay, preschool dance, Sing along with Deborah, Baby and Me sign class, Yoga for Kids. Call **Monique Shapiro.**

Committee for the Centre for Dynamic Learning (formerly PRO) March 10, 1:30-3 p.m. Rm. 211. RSVP ext. 4259.

Lunch 'n' Learn, with **Rabbi Meir Rosenberg,** March 4, noon-1 p.m. No charge, free coffee,tea, Bring lunch.

Film Music: The Neglected Art. Musical scores and their impact on films, led by **Kevin Courrier.** Wednesdays, March 23-April 14, 1-3 p.m.

Mindfulness-based stress reduction for teens to seniors with psychologist **Zindel Segal,** March 31, 7-9:30 p.m. Lipa Green Centre, Tamari Hall. Ext. 4235.

Passover with **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein** and **Bonnie Stern.** March 23, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Ext. 4235 to register.

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Angelina Ballerina: The Musical! presented by Vital Theatre. Hip hop, modern dance, Irish jig, ballet. Al Green Theatre. Ongoing to March 19. March break, March 14 and 15, 1 p.m. Fridays, 4:30 p.m, selected Saturdays and Sundays 1 p.m. $29.50. www.vitaltheatre.ca. Tickets, 416-642-8973.

A Night without a Moon, Jewish Women's Cabaret. Saturday, March 5, 8 p.m.-midnight. Featuring **Annie Gilbert, The Marni Levitt Trio, Marcia Beck, Rabbi Miriam Margles.**$10. Tickets, ext 0. Info, sharonis@mnjcc.org. or ext. 154.

Purim carnival, March 6, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Magician **Mike D'Urzo.** Magic workshops, carnival booths, dance class, costume parade, face painting. $10/family. Info, ext. 277, sarahbn@mnjcc.org.

Beginning Playwrights Festival Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company accepting submissions Deadline is March 15, 5 p.m. In the Beginning: a Jewish Playwrights Festival, four plays by four Jewish playwrights presented on four nights, June 13-16, MNJCC. inthebeginning@hgjewishtheatre.com.

Koffler Centre of the Arts 4588 Bathurst St., www.kofflerarts.org.

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Mining Koffler workshop, ages 8-15, March 16 and/or 17, 1-4 p.m. $75.

Pottery for Kids, ages 6 and up March 15 and/or 17. 10 a.m.-noon. $40/$75, clay included.

Alexandra, ext. 4269, or akocsis@kofflerarts.org.

What's New is now online. You can find it at cjnews.com

MARRIED 60 YEARS! **Sam and Zena Wise celebrated their 60th anniversary on Feb. 20, at a gala breakfast following services at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue. Their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren underwrote the cost of a restored Torah, which was presented to the congregation, and inscribed a new Torah mantle to mark the couple's anniversary.** ***[Millie Rothman photo]***

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Service at the **Beth Isaiah Synagogue**, Surrey & Dublin Streets Guelph, Ontario on Friday, February 18 at 11:00 a.m. Interment Woodlawn Memorial Park. Shiva was held at the family home in Guelph. Donations may be made to the Beth Isaiah Synagogue or to the Foundation of Guelph General Hospital.

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The hidden treasures of mishloach manot

Randy Fingrut
Special to The CJN

As service chair for Yachad branch of National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto section, I look forward to the task of co-ordinating our annual Purim party for the tenants at the Bathurst-Prince Charles Building. This is an integrated, fully accessible housing project with affordable housing for seniors and independent accommodation for the disabled.

Our guests look forward to the event. Each year they line up impatiently in the hallway until we're ready to open the door to the building's small community room. They enter, young and old, eager with anticipation. Many have walkers or canes, and most are now familiar faces, more endearing each year. They come ready to listen to our entertaining version of the Megillah, to tell us their stories, then to sing and dance. And dance they do, walkers and all, along with the music provided by the versatile and talented Mickey Lewin.

Yachad members contribute an assortment of traditional sweets and fruit for our Purim sweet table. Everyone may feast at the party and take mishloach manot parcels back to their apartments and to other tenants who are unable to attend. Our ambitious bakers provide not only customary hamantaschen, but also an array of delicious cookies and squares, along with some sugar-free treats and fruit. Our sweet table is clearly the highlight of the party.

Near the conclusion of the gathering, the animated room grows silent while everyone enjoys dessert, letting the Yachad members know that once again the occasion has been a great success.

Hamantaschen are not the only traditional sweets found at Purim. Other traditional Purim baked goods often contain something hidden inside. This custom is comparable to the wearing of Purim costumes, where someone's identity is concealed. In the preparation of Purim pastries, fruit, cheese, chocolate, nuts or seeds may be found deliciously "hidden" within the sweets.

BURIED TREASURE BROWNIES

Orange filling
1 egg
1 cup light cream cheese
1/2 cup icing sugar
6 tbsp. frozen orange concentrate, thawed
1 tbsp. orange zest

Brownie batter
2/3 cup butter or margarine
5 oz. unsweetened chocolate, chopped into small pieces
1 3/4 cups sugar
1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
3 eggs
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
pinch of salt

Prepare a 9x9-inch baking dish with canola spray and line with parchment paper. In food processor, mix ingredients for orange filling until smooth. Remove to a bowl.

Put chocolate and butter together in a covered microwave-safe bowl, heat on high power for about one minute (not much longer or it will burn). Stir until all the chocolate melts and combines with the butter. In original processor bowl, process sugar, vanilla and eggs until light. Add chocolate mixture and pulse until combined. Add flour, salt and baking powder, pulse just until blended.

Pour 1/2 of chocolate batter into pan, cover with orange filling and then pour remainder of batter on top. Use a knife to push down to bottom of pan while making designs throughout the batter. This will create the buried treasure pattern. Bake at 350 for 40 to 45 minutes. Brownies are baked when cake tester comes out clean. Cool completely on rack before cutting into squares. Store in refrigerator until ready to serve.

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Pro-Israel students harassed at Carleton

Uproar ensues following defeat of anti-Israel motion

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Pro-Israel students at Carleton University say they were harassed and intimidated by Students Against Israeli Apartheid (SAIA) members after the group's anti-Israel motion was shelved at a student council meeting last month.

Emile Scheffel

"People were banging on the doors, screaming, calling us names... We had to wait until campus [security] sent more officers to make sure students could get safely from the council room out to the elevators," said Emile Scheffel, 21, a fourth-year political science student who isn't Jewish but is involved in the Israel Awareness Committee (IAC) at Carleton.

Scheffel said the incident began when the IAC learned the Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA) council would be considering a motion put forward by SAIA that would endorse the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel.

"The content of the motion called for socially responsible investment by the university's pension fund... But the section that led in to the motion, the preamble, essentially condemned Israel for various crimes against humanity, for war crimes, and completely unfounded allegations," Scheffel said.

"This was a motion we felt would be unacceptable for [CUSA] to pass, so we exerted pressure to prevent it from happening," he said, explaining that IAC members and others wrote e-mails to councillors before the meeting urging them not to pass the measure, and they urged pro-Israel students to come out to show their opposition to it.

About an hour before the Feb. 17 meeting, held in a boardroom in Carleton's Dunton Tower, about 100 SAIA members began to gather outside to show their support for the motion.

Ryan Flannagan, Carleton's director of student affairs, said that when he made his way up to the boardroom that evening and saw how many people had gathered in the lobby, he decided to allow 20 SAIA members and 20 students who opposed the motion into the room, leaving the rest of the crowd out in the lobby.

"The paramount issue for me was physical safety. At that point, fire capacity issues had been broken and more people were coming onto the floor with every passing minute," he said. "There just wasn't enough space for everybody."

He said SAIA members were very upset with his decision, and when they began to yell and insist that they all be allowed into the boardroom, he called two campus security officers to the meeting.

Scheffel said that while the numbers were even inside the boardroom, in the lobby "our people were outnumbered probably three to one."

When the meeting finally began, Scheffel said, the CUSA executive put forward a compromise motion that endorsed the socially responsible investment policy without singling out a particular state.

"That was something we were very much prepared to support," he said.

"It was passed, and then as a result of that passing, the person who chairs CUSA council... ruled that... the SAIA motion that singled out Israel would not be considered because it was redundant... It would essentially have the same effect, without having singled out Israel."

Scheffel said the decision caused SAIA members outside the boardroom to erupt in anger. "They started banging on the walls and doors, screaming and basically demanding that council reverse the decision. The SAIA members who were inside the room basically went up to individual councillors and began harassing them, berating them and demanding that they reverse their votes."

Outside the boardroom, they chanted slogans including "Shame," "This is not democracy," and "Free, free Palestine."

Scheffel said students who opposed the SAIA motion, especially the Jewish students, didn't feel safe enough to leave the room without being escorted by security officers.

Hashem Hamdy, a 21-year-old fourth-year political science student and the faculty of public affairs councillor, opposed the anti-Israel motion.

He explained that as an Arab who was raised in the west, "the values which I hold closest to me are those of democracy, minority rights, rule of law, rationality, and I see those in Israel, and I see the exact opposite in everyone who opposes Israel."

Hamdy said that SAIA members tried to pass off their behaviour as being "excited and electrified," but he added, "These people were angry. And it was a very hostile environment."

In a statement he released after the meeting, Hamdy went a step further and said, "I truly feel that the university is no longer a safe place for those who support Israel. My personal safety was threatened repeatedly last night, and I am extremely apprehensive about coming onto campus now. I feel like a marked man, like many other students on campus."

Flannagan, who was on the scene, said that while the situation was tense, he didn't feel intimidated. "But I am a university official who has the authority of the university behind me, and I had two university campus safety officers flanking me, so that was helpful," he said.

He was careful not to say that the situation got out of control, but he did say he felt the need to call additional security officers to escort students from the boardroom to the elevators.

"At the end of the day... that's what had to be done," he said. "When you're a person going into a room where people are being quite loud with you and they've got megaphones and it is very intense, it can be intimidating."

Hamdy said the incident proved "how dangerous it is to be an Israel advocate on campuses today, and that something needs to change."

Scheffel said he and Hamdy, who both sit on the university senate, raised the issue at a senate meeting the next day.

"The president of the university did indicate that this is something they are taking very seriously. They made it very clear they are not going to tolerate borderline violence or harassment of this kind on campus," Scheffel said, adding that he's been encouraging students who felt threatened to lodge complaints with Carleton's safety and equity services.

"It's kind of an echo of things that have happened in the past, and it's scary when things get as close to violence as this," Scheffel said, referring to the 2009 incident at York University when Jewish and pro-Israel students were barricaded in the Hillel office by anti-Israel students.

Flannagan said Carleton is committed to giving students a safe place to take part in respectful dialogue and debate.

"Certainly moving forward, we're going to work with all parties to make sure that happens," Flannagan said.

In a statement the day after the meeting, SAIA made scant mention of the confrontational atmosphere. Instead, it framed the compromise motion as a victory.

"This is an important first step" said Reem Bushaisi, a Carleton student and member of SAIA. "Now, we will be taking a motion to the board of governors in March with a clear message: we don't want our money supporting military occupation."

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York profs recognized by Polish university

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

York University professors Michael Brown, second from left, and Mark Webber, second from right, received medals of honour from Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland, for their work with the Mark and Gail Appel Holocaust and Antiracism Education program. The medals were presented in October by AMU professor Jacek Witkos, left, and AMU rector Bronislaw Marciniak, right.

Two York University professors were recognized last October with a Medal of Honour from Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland, for their work in educating aspiring teachers about the lessons of the Holocaust.

Mark Webber, a German Studies professor who taught at York for 38 years before retiring last July, and York Jewish studies professor Michael Brown were recognized by AMU for co-founding the Mark and Gail Appel Program in Holocaust and Antiracism Education – Learning from the Past, Teaching for the Future.

"The idea is to work with people who are studying to be educators, classroom teachers, professors, adult education providers, journalists, who will then have, we hope, a lifetime ahead of them to work with other people to teach them, not only the facts, but how to deal with difficult issues, specifically racism and antisemitism, which are too clearly recorded in the record of the Holocaust," Webber said.

"So the Holocaust is a kind of study in itself, but it is also a case study in the horrible things that racism can lead to."

The program, an initiative of York's Centre for Jewish Studies and the Canadian Centre for German and European Studies, has been bringing Canadian, German, and Polish university students together since 2001.

Each cycle of the program requires students to spend about a month in the summer in Germany and Poland taking part in workshops, meeting with experts, and visiting memorial sites, as well as members of various ethnic communities.

The second phase of the program brings the participants to Toronto for a 10-day symposium the following February, and it includes a public lecture series.

Brown said the students, many of whom are not Jewish, are "remarkably receptive" to the program.

"They say in many ways that this is a life-changing experience. Very few of them are Jewish, very few of them had deep knowledge of the Holocaust before. The program is an eye-opener," Brown said.

"We try to look not only at the past and death and destruction, but also at the living Jewish communities to get a sense of what they are today and what they might have been without the Holocaust. We look at other groups, too, to see if the lessons of the Holocaust have been learned or not."

Webber said the Polish university, which he feels turned out to be "a magnificent partner," wanted to honour him and Brown because of the experience that the program has afforded their students over the past 10 years.

"They were very pleased that by working with York, and with this program, they and their students got the opportunity to do interesting and important things that they otherwise would not have been able to do," Webber said.

Brown and Webber were presented with the award during a ceremony attended by the university's top administrators. "They gathered together to express their appreciation and interest in the program, how good it's been for them and how happy they are to participate," Brown said.

This summer, AMU will once again host some of the program's alumni for a special "retrospective-prospective symposium." The participants will take part in conference presentations, workshops, and field trips in the city of Poznan, Poland, and in Berlin. The summer program will end with a week-long study visit to Israel, where they will partner with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Webber said the fact that AMU agreed to host the group for the summer program reflects their view that "they consider this to be a high-quality program and a very important opportunity to participate in it. It's worth their while."

Brown said that while they have yet to be given an award by a Canadian institution for their work on this project, "we've had recognition in Canada in the sense that we've had people who were willing to support the program, individuals who very generously supported the program, like Gail and Mark Appel, for whom the program is named."

Webber said a program such as this is important because it gives new generations of students the tools to educate others about the effects of racism.

"There are young people out there who are willing and able to combat stereotypes and to create new networks of teaching and learning who change their lives in ways they consider really important and meaningful," he said.

Brown added that some in the Jewish community tend to "focus on the negative, and tend to think that everyone is against us, and yet, here is a group of really wonderful people who are very sensitive to the evils of the past and want to make the world in the future a much better one and are doing something about it."

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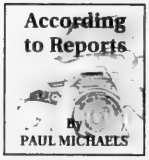
Only real Arab democracy will safeguard peace

While considering what might transpire in Egypt now that president Hosni Mubarak has been forced from office, Michael Petrou (*Maclean's*, Feb. 21) cited the enthusiasm in some quarters that a pan-Arab democratic revolution is underway.

Nonetheless, Petrou noted that "[t]here are reasons to temper this optimism with caution. It may be premature to talk about the spread of democracy when it is not yet established in Egypt."



Petrou continued: "Yet there are those who claim Egypt isn't 'ready' for democracy, that it lacks a democratic history, and that political freedom will inevitably lead to chaos or, worse, an Islamist state" led by the Muslim Brotherhood.

Turning to Israel, Petrou maintained that not only is this view common there, it's also "widely believed that stable friendly neighbours are better than free ones."

This is grossly unfair to Israel. Israelis have undeniably valid concerns about what Egyptian chaos and the emergence of the Brotherhood could hold in store for the Egypt-Israel peace treaty, for greater belligerence from Hamas, and for the possibility of renewed regional hostilities.

Petrou's take on Israel's concerns is all too common in western media circles, where the term "stability" has become synonymous with "dictatorship." But it's simply wrong to assume that Israel wants to assuage its concerns on the backs of Egyptians. As many Israeli leaders have stated, security for Israelis does not equate with more dictatorship for the Egyptian people, who want to be free of oppression.

If anything, the emergence of a genuine liberal democracy, not only in Egypt but in other Arab countries, would be the best safeguard of long-term development and security for the entire region.

Speaking in the Spanish parliament on Feb. 22, Israeli president Shimon Peres was direct: "We believe the biggest guarantee of peace is having democratic neighbors."

The question whether Egypt (and other Arab countries) can achieve real democracy beyond the mere electoral process is critical – and it's by no means demeaning to Arabs, many of whom have long been raising the issue themselves. For instance, about a decade ago, Mubarak imprisoned well-known human rights activist Saad Ibrahim. In response, Palestinian journalist Rami Khouri wrote in the *Globe and Mail* (Aug. 12, 2002) on the "battle that pits the forces of enlightened nationalism and democratic activism against the power of governments that behave in an increasingly autocratic manner."

He argued that "the heart of this battle to define the political character of the contemporary world is visible in the issues that Dr. Ibrahim tackled, and that the government clearly did not want him to address. These include the fairness and independent monitoring of elections, the status of minorities in the Arab world, and the freedom of independent civil society organizations to operate without being hindered by the government."

Moving forward to today's upheaval, Khouri wrote in the *Toronto Star* (Feb. 1) about what he believes to be a revolutionary rejection of autocracy and its replacement by an admittedly slow, time-consuming process of "self-determination" that will allow for the rights, freedom and dignity of Egyptian citizens.

Again in the *Star* (Feb. 14), while insisting that a process to "a more democratic, humanistic, Arab world" has begun in Egypt and Tunisia, Khouri outlined a number of preconditions that enable real democracy to take hold. On this very point, he wrote: "The must-have anchor for constitutionalism, citizenship and democracy is the rule of law, which has largely vanished in the past three generations in favour of the whims of Arab autocrats and the thuggery of old men with guns."

Khouri blamed foreign powers in both *Star* pieces, including Ottoman and European colonialism, for the failure of the Arabs to achieve freedom. But there was no looking inward to what might be at issue within the Arab world itself to explain the democratic deficit – a necessary introspection if the region is to move forward.

Paul Michaels is communications director for the Canada-Israel Committee.

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Taxi driver to appeal

David Lazarus
Staff Reporter

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Perecowicz, 66, is sure he has a case under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

A Montreal law firm was expected to decide this week whether to take it on. As of *The CJN*'s deadline, Perecowicz did not want to name the firm before it had made a decision.

After seven days of trial spread over several months, Perecowicz was recently found guilty in Municipal Court of breaking bylaw 98 of the municipal taxi code, for having things in his cab that have nothing to do with driving a taxi.

In his case, they were a picture of his daughter, a Canadian flag, a Remembrance Day poppy, as well as a photograph of the late Lubavitcher Rebbe, Menachem Schneerson, and two mezuzot attached to the inside pillars of his cab. He believes his Charter case, if it ever comes to trial, is relatively simple: that his religious rights were abridged.

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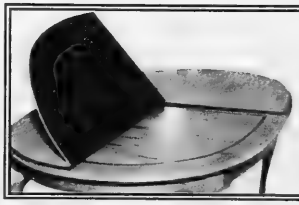

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Vancouver families visit Jews in Uganda

Lauren Kramer
Pacific Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Unless you're going on safari, Uganda is not the first country on most families' travel wish lists.

But when the Rosengarten and Friedland families disembarked at Entebbe in December 2010, vacation was the furthest thing from their mind. The eight Vancouverites had come to build a playground for the Hadassah Primary School in Nabugoye Hill, not far from Uganda's second-largest city, Mbali.

The two families had learned about the Abayudaya – a Luganda word for the People of Judah – through their kids' high school in Vancouver. Students at King David High School (KDHS) had raised $10,000 for the Abayudaya in May 2010, and Gershom Sizumu, the Abayudaya rabbi, had flown to Vancouver to receive the money.

"We realized there was a Conservative Jewish community living in the middle of Uganda," said Natalie Rosengarten. "After that, our friend, Phillipa Friedland, suggested we go to visit them."

The Abayudaya are devout Jews who number approximately 1,100 and observe kashrut and the Sabbath. The sect began circa 1919 with Semei Kakungulu, a military leader who adopted Judaism nine years before his death from tetanus. By then he had a group of followers, but after his passing, they split in two. One group became Christians, and the other, the Abayudaya, became practising Jews.

Their practice of Judaism was by no means easy. Idi Amin, the president of Uganda from 1971 to 1979, outlawed Jewish rituals and destroyed synagogues. By the time his persecutions were over, only about 300 members of the group were left. The rest had converted to Christianity or Islam.

Those members remained strong in their beliefs, however, and began establishing contacts with Jews in Israel and the Diaspora. Today, Uganda has five synagogues and Jewish schools attended by Jewish, Christian and Muslim students.

Back at KDHS in Vancouver, Rabbi Sizumu's visit had a profound impact on David Rosengarten, 17, his sister Gabi, 13, Aaron Friedland, 18, and his sister Elli, 11. "Gabi and her friends had raised $2,000 for the Abayudaya in May, and she was very fired up about the idea of going to Uganda," their mother said.

It didn't seem enough just to visit, though, so the families brainstormed about how they could help, what they could bring and leave behind that would have an important impact on the community.

They decided to partner with a playground contractor to create a playground for the children of Hadassah Primary School. The two families would split the $5,000 cost of the playground and help install it on their visit. At the last minute, Vancouver Talmud Torah contributed $1,800.

In preparation, everyone received inoculations and ensured their malaria tablets were packed and ready to go. Both families are originally from South Africa, and they stopped there first before flying into Entebbe and driving six hours to Mbali.

They stayed in a guest house in Nabugoye Hill in conditions that were more luxurious than those of the locals. The guest house had cold, running water and some electricity, but no stove or refrigerator. A Muslim woman cooked their meals on a coal stove, and for two days the families worked in 32-degree-Celsius weather preparing a site for playground equipment.

They saw the community from the perspective of outsiders, noticing the mud huts, the absence of electricity and running water, the number of AIDS orphans at the school and the dearth of lighting, chalkboards and other educational instruments.

Everything changed, though, as Shabbat approached.

"On Friday afternoon, we noticed a buzz of activity as people were cleaning their vegetables, making challah in coal ovens and getting their children clean and tidy for the Sabbath," Rosengarten said.

"As we walked to shul, we heard a traditional African beat and the words of *Lecha Dodi* being sung. All of a sudden, these people who had seemed so foreign to us were singing songs we knew, with the same tunes!"

On Saturday morning, David and Aaron carried the Torah, and later the families gathered with other Jews outside the synagogue for a shiur and a havdallah service.

"Shabbat with the Abayudaya was a highlight for us," Rosengarten said. "Until that time, we were doing work in what could have been any community. But on Shabbat, we truly witnessed something spectacular."

Back in Vancouver, she said the trip to Uganda is like a gift that keeps on giving back to them.

"My kids keep talking about what they saw and how privileged they are," she reflected. "They noticed how happy the Uganda children are, despite how little they have."

The trip itself was a fleeting idea first discussed in the hot tub at their vacation home. It could easily have been dismissed, she said.

"The fact that we made it happen is the whole story. What I learned is that if you want to do something, it's not that complicated," she said. "And it felt good to leave something tangible behind, because there is so much need there."

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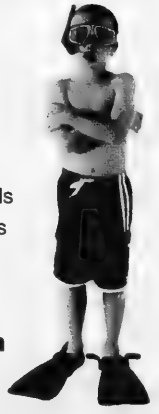

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Montreal city hall slams shoe store boycott

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL —Montreal city council adopted a motion Feb. 22 "deploring" the boycott campaign against a St. Denis Street store that sells footwear made in Israel.

But it was not unanimous. The vote was 38 to 16.

The motion was proposed by Mayor Gérald Tremblay and supported by his Union Montréal party, which holds a majority of the seats. It was opposed by opposition leader Louise Harel and members of her Vision Montréal, while the third party, Projet Montréal, was split. Its leader Richard Bergeron left the chamber when the vote was taken.

Mayor Gérald Tremblay

The store, Boutique Le Marcheur, is located in the Plateau Mont-Royal borough, which is represented by Projet Montréal. Since October, the group Palestinian and Jewish Unity (PAJU) has been staging small demonstrations outside the store on most Saturday afternoons to protest its sale of Israeli-made BeautiFeel merchandise.

PAJU supports the international boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel for its alleged violations of international law and Palestinian human rights. The group accuses the Israeli government of pursuing a policy of apartheid against non-Jews.

The council motion states that, "by virtue of the principles of free enterprise and the free market, the municipal council supports the owner of this business, Monsieur [Yves] Archambault, who has been established on this street for 25 years."

The council also declared its support for the understanding on co-operation between the governments of Quebec and Israel, which was signed in 1997 and renewed in 2007.

Tremblay introduced the motion by saying that the months-long demonstrations outside the store are contrary to the spirit of the city's Charter of Rights and Responsibilities, which upholds "tolerance, peace and inclusiveness." That document stipulates that "every citizen has the duty to refrain from behaviour that would infringe on the full exercise by others of their rights, thereby undermining the dignity and quality of life of all."

While citizens have the right to protest in the exercise of their freedom of speech, he continued, such action can cross the line into harassment when carried on for so long against a single merchant. He noted that only two per cent of Le Marcheur's merchandise comes from Israel.

"Never in Montreal have we prevented demonstrations... But there are abuses of protest, there are abuses of rights," he said. The mayor also said that the demonstrations are "harming Montreal on the international scene."

The motion sparked a heated debate of nearly an hour's duration.

Harel countered that the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms supersedes the municipal charter, guaranteeing the freedom of expression, including demonstrations. She also said this wasn't an issue for a city council.

Harel, a former Parti Québécois cabinet minister, recalled that she had participated in many boycott campaigns, including the selling of South African wines in Quebec. (She has in the past been a critic of Israel as well.)

Projet Montréal councillor François Limoges argued that it's not the role of a municipal council to "interfere and tell citizens 'you are committing an offence of opinion.'"

On Feb. 9, a similar motion was tabled in the Quebec National Assembly, supported by members of the three major parties, but it wasn't debated because sole Québec solidaire member Amir Khadir refused to give his assent. He said his party's position is that the Quebec-Israel agreement should be suspended until Israel ends its "discriminatory" policies against the Palestinians.

On Feb. 12, PAJU extended its demonstrations to the Naot store across the street from Le Marcheur, in what it calls "phase II" of its goal of making St. Denis an "Israeli apartheid free zone."

Abbas delays visit to Canada

David Lazarus
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Plans for Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas to visit Canada in the near future to meet with Canadian Jewish leaders are still on, even though the visit has been put on hold because of upheaval in the Arab world.

"For now, nothing has changed" regarding the plans, Liberal MP Irwin Cotler told *The CJN* last week. He and Abbas privately arranged for the visit when they met in Ramallah last December.

In Canada, the meeting is slated to be hosted by the bipartisan joint House-Senate Committee on the Middle East Peace and Reconciliation that includes fellow Liberal MP Bob Rae and Tory senators Linda Frum and Hugh Segal.

A cross-section of the Jewish community is supposed to meet with Abbas.

Cotler told *The CJN* in late January that Abbas' visit would take place "within the next six months." Soon after, he said in off-the-record remarks (which have since been reported in another publication) that the original date for the visit was February, but was rescheduled to April due to the unexpected turmoil in the Arab world – timing that still fell within the "six months."

Unless the trip is delayed again or cancelled, however, the six-month time frame – which would lapse during the summer – remains in effect, he said.

Cotler, contrary to a report in the other publication, did confirm that Canada-Israel Committee head Shimon Fogel, as *The CJN* reported Feb. 10, was the first Canadian Jewish leader to be made aware of Abbas' planned visit, even though other Jewish community figures were subsequently notified.

However, Cotler said that one quote in the Feb. 10 report – attributed to Abbas, suggesting that Israel was responsible for "incitement" against the Palestinians – was erroneous.

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RECALLING THE WAR

Historians of World War II were at the Terraces of Baycrest on Feb. 22 and 28 to interview residents and centre members who are veterans. The project is an initiative of the Historica-Dominion Institute and is made possible by funding from Canadian Heritage. Terraces resident Lawrence Rosenfield, who served with the Royal Canadian Air Force as a wireless operator from 1943 to 1945 in Canada, holds a photo of himself in uniform. With him is Stephanie Markowitz, a researcher with the Memory Project. Veterans' stories are available to read at www.thememoryproject.com

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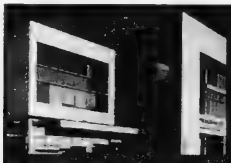

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Israeli rocket scientist shares passion in Barrie

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

When asking a bona fide rocket scientist what inspired him to pursue a career in aerospace engineering, one might expect a response more sophisticated than "I like to burn things."

But Victor Chernov, a 33-year-old graduate of the Technion Institute of Technology, who obtained his PhD last year in aerospace engineering and is currently the Leon Sachs Post-Doctoral Fellow at the University of Toronto, is very straight-forward about what he knows and loves.

His lecture, titled "It Doesn't Take a Rocket Scientist... Well, actually, it does," was organized by the Canadian Technion Society and held at Jackson's Toyota dealership in Barrie, Ont., late last month.

Members of Barrie's Jewish community heard about his work at the Technion with gel-fuelled rockets, which he explained are safer than rockets powered by standard hydrocarbon fuels because the chance of spills and leakages are minimized.

Dr. Victor Chernov

Speaking with a thick Russian accent, Chernov, who has toured Western Canada speaking to crowds in Regina, Calgary and Vancouver, and has plans for an Eastern Canadian tour in May, spoke to *The CJN* about his journey from the former Soviet Union to Israel when he was a child, his passion for engineering and the work that brought him to Toronto last year.

Following the collapse of communism and the rise of antisemitism in the former Soviet Union, Chernov's parents – both of whom were engineers – decided to move to Israel to pursue an opportunity for a better life.

Chernov said he "liked playing with [model] airplanes since I can practically remember myself," but his love of engineering was reinforced in Israel.

His childhood obsession propelled him forward to pursue an education in the field and after completing his PhD with the Technion in August, Chernov said he's happy to be immersed in challenging work at U of T.

Chernov, a recipient of the Ilan Ramon scholarship for space-related research from the Israeli Ministry of Education, said he chose to accept the offer to be the Leon Sachs Post-Doctoral Fellow because of U of T's reputation as a good university.

"U of T has a good name in good standing, and the fellowship that Leon Sachs offers for this... is a very generous one," he said.

"It's a combination of this being a good university, it's a combination of this being a generous fellowship, and it's a combination of this being a big city with a big Jewish community, which is also important."

Chernov said his work now consists of investigating soot behaviour in combustion.

"Soot consists of really small particles on a nanoscale. In most cases, it is undesirable stuff. When you burn something – usually when you burn hydrocarbon fuels, which you have in cars, airplanes and many other things – you usually get it," Chernov explained.

"You have some amount of soot coming out of the combustion system. The idea is that this is something that can be prevented, theoretically. The idea is to understand how the soot is created and how it behaves."

He added that the goal is to understand how it works and how it's produced so that researchers can determine how to prevent its production because "it's not good for your health, it's not good for the environment and it's not good for the engines."

Despite the cold weather, Chernov said he's enjoying his time in Toronto thanks in part to the Canadian Technion Society.

"They've made my life easier here and they are very supportive," he said, adding that the lecture tours they organize have enabled him to experience more of Canada than most Canadians.

With the Leon Sacks program ending in July 2012, Chernov said he plans to return to Israel in the hope of landing a job with the Technion.

"I'd love to become a part of the Technion, but of course, only if they want me and if I'm good enough. But that is Plan A."

Reena

Reena in the News

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Success in the Workplace

The journey around Lorne's employment at UJA Federation is one worth sharing. It involves the collaboration of Reena, UJA Federation, and Jewish Vocational Services working in partnership towards a common goal.

Lorne's Story

Lorne is a wonderful, happy, independent man whose smile has the ability to make the sun shine. Lorne has autism, communicates in a variety of ways, and is very resourceful when trying to make himself understood. With some support from Reena, Lorne has lived in his own apartment for many years. Prior to working at UJA Federation, Lorne worked at Rogers Cable Television in the business office for seventeen years. When the business office moved to Brampton in 2006, Lorne spent an hour and a half on several buses getting to the new location. His mother was very nervous, but knew that Lorne had transferable skills, if only someone would give him a chance to use them. She was very aware that it would be hard for people to see beyond the fact that Lorne was non verbal.

With the support of Reena, she approached UJA Federation. They were open to meeting Lorne to discuss possibilities for employment. The interview went very well, and she was pleased that the individuals were so respectful and engaging of Lorne. Thus began his employment at UJA. To ensure a smooth transition to his new job, Lorne was supported by a job coach from Jewish Vocational Services.

It is now three and a half years that Lorne has been working at UJA Federation. He has worked for many people, has had a number of different offices, and has carried out several diverse tasks. He has truly embraced these changes, and has managed very well. He has not needed a job coach for quite some time, and is currently part of a team of men who appreciate his hard work, and respect his uniqueness. They value him as a contributing team member. Lorne's mother says "I can only hope that as much as Lorne has learned, he has also been a good teacher, and has taught people to have an appreciation of diversity."

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Canada 'goes beyond' UN sanctions on Libya

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Not only has Canada implemented new UN-adopted sanctions against Libyan President Moammar Gadhafi, it has added some of its own.

On Saturday, the UN Security Council passed resolution 1970, calling for an arms embargo that requires all states to prevent the sale or supply of arms to or the export of arms from Libya; the inspection of cargo going into Libya; a travel ban on Gadhafi and 15 individuals closely associated with him, and an asset freeze against him and members of his family.

Canada implemented the sanctions and imposed additional ones on Sunday.

"Canada has decided to go beyond the Security Council sanctions. Our government will impose an asset freeze on, and a prohibition of financial transactions with the government of Libya, its institutions and agencies, including the Libyan Central Bank," Prime Minister Stephen Harper said in a statement Sunday night.

"These actions will help restrict the movement of, and access to money and weapons for, those responsible for violence against the Libyan people."

The UN also referred the Libyan government's "ongoing violent repression of civilian demonstrators" to the International Criminal Court.

On Sunday, Gadhafi dismissed the UN sanctions against him and said a small group of rebels protesting his rule were surrounded and would be defeated.

In a telephone interview with Serbia's Pink television station, he said Saturday's United Nations Security Council vote imposing travel and asset sanctions on him and close aides was null and void.

"The UN is not allowed to meddle in the internal affairs of other countries, unless a country is attacking another state," Gadhafi told the Belgrade-based station. It said he had been speaking from his office in the Libyan capital of Tripoli.

Gadhafi accused the world body of "making decisions on the basis of news reports" and said a UN commission should investigate the situation in Libya.

"The people of Libya support me. Small groups of rebels are surrounded and will be dealt with," he said.

The Libyan leader repeated that he would not quit his country: "I am here. I am not leaving," he said.

On Sunday, rebels in eastern Libya said they had formed a national council that would help free areas still under Gadhafi's rule.

On Feb. 14, Gadhafi tried to use the Israeli-Palestinian conflict to deflect attention away from his country's uprising, calling all Arab states that maintain relations with Israel "cowardly regimes" and urging Palestinians to mass on Israel's borders until their demands are met.

Israel allowed 300 Palestinians from Libya to enter the West Bank on Feb. 23.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made the decision based on "humanitarian reasons," acceding to a request by Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas to allow them to flee the unrest in the North African country for the West Bank.

Protests against Gadhafi's regime have continued since Feb. 15. During that time, reports of civilian deaths range between 600 to 2,000 people killed in clashes with pro-government forces.

"A government's first and most fundamental responsibility is to protect the safety and security of its citizens. Mr. Gadhafi has blatantly violated this most basic trust. Far from protecting the Libyan people against peril, he is the root cause of the dangers they face. It is clear that the only acceptable course of action for him is to halt the bloodshed and to immediately vacate his position and authority," Harper said.

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Don't boycott Mideast's only democracy

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Opinion

Since it's necessary to spell things out, let's do so. I have never, directly or indirectly, pressured anyone to cancel a meeting in support of the partisans of the boycott of Israel.

This would have been absurd because, by nature and by conviction, I believe in the power of ideas and even more, in that of the truth. In such circumstances, I am always in favour of debate, the clash of opinions, even the confrontation of convictions – hence, not of censure.

And the fact is that in the matter of the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaign, I am more than happy to be able to present facts and evidence that seems to have escaped the organizers: namely, that we are faced here with a skilfully orchestrated but calumnious, bellicose, anti-democratic and, in a word, despicable campaign.

Why?

First, because one boycotts totalitarian regimes, not democracies. One can boycott Sudan, guilty of the extermination of part of the population of Darfur. One can boycott China, guilty of massive violations of human rights in Tibet and elsewhere. One can and should boycott the Iran that is oppressing Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani, who was condemned to death by stoning for adultery and complicity in the murder of her husband, and the imprisoned filmmaker Jafar Panahi. Iran is a country whose leaders have become deaf to the language of common sense and compromise.

Bernard-Henri Lévy

One can even imagine – as we once did with regard to the fascist generals of Argentina or of Brezhnev's Soviet Union – boycotting those Arab regimes whose citizens' freedom of expression is forbidden and where those who disobey are punished by death.

One does not boycott the only society in the Middle East where Arabs read a free press, demonstrate when they wish to do so, send representatives to parliament and enjoy their rights as citizens. Regardless of what one thinks of the policies of its government, one does not boycott the only country in the region – and beyond the region – where voters have the power to sanction, modify and reverse the position of said government.

Stephane Hessel's indignation with the workings of democracy in his recent bestselling book, *Indignez- Vous!* – that democracy is by definition imperfect but perfectible – is at best, profoundly stupid and at worst, disgraceful. Yet he has nothing to say about the millions of victims of Africa's forgotten wars, about the persecution of Christians in the Middle East or about the massacre of Bosnia's Muslims.

The boycott campaign is indifferent to the particular stance of Mr. X or Mrs. Y. toward their own government. It is unaware of, nor does it care to know, what Israeli citizens themselves think, for example, of the resumption of settlement construction in the West Bank. It doesn't give a hoot about demands, parameters, actual conditions of peace between Israelis and their Palestinian neighbours.

Of the latter, it doesn't give a tinker's damn and never says anything, either about their aspirations, their interests, their hopes and the way the Hamas regime has smashed those hopes in Gaza.

No. Regardless of what the BDS promoters and its useful idiots say, the only real goal of this boycott campaign is to delegitimize Israel as such. That is what the comparison with the South Africa of apartheid implicitly expresses. That is what the anti-Zionist rhetoric that serves as the common denominator of all the groups comprising the BDS movement explicitly says, what signifies their intent to undermine the very idea that binds the Israeli nation.

And that is why this campaign, in fact, contravenes the customs, rules and laws of international, French or American national law.

Lastly, there are those at the heart of this campaign whose inspiration is not that of de Gaulle's Free French organization nor of those who penned the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, nor of those in favour of a just peace between the Israeli and Palestinian peoples.

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Umberto Eco bashes boycott

Maya Sela
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JERUSALEM — Celebrated Italian novelist Umberto Eco challenged those who advocate cultural boycotts and said that censuring artists because of actions committed by their governments was akin to racism.

Eco spoke during a press conference last week at the 25th annual Jerusalem International Book Fair.

Ian McEwan, whose 11 novels include *Atonement* and *Amsterdam*, accepted the prestigious Jerusalem Prize at the opening ceremony of the book fair. His acceptance speech was peppered with tough criticism of Israeli policy toward Palestinians in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

British writers had called on McEwan to reject the Israeli literary prize in protest at Israel's treatment of the Palestinians.

Eco told reporters that unlike McEwan, he faced no pressure from colleagues to stay away from the Israeli book fair and that he opposes boycotts. "I consider it absolutely crazy and fundamentally racist to identify a scholar, a private citizen, with the politics of his government," Eco said.

Asked about his opinion of the Israeli government, Eco would only comment that he has too much to say against the Italian government to speak about the Israeli government.

Eco, 79, the author of *The Name of the Rose* and *Foucault's Pendulum*, is one of Italy's most popular novelists. His most recent historical novel, *The Cemetery of Prague*, has attracted criticism from both the Vatican and the chief rabbi of Rome, for what some argued was an overly convincing presentation of the arguments of modern antisemitism – though the author clearly had the opposite intention.

At the press conference, Eco said he had a very talmudic mind and once even suspected he was of Jewish heritage, since his grandfather was adopted, although his grandmother was Christian, which by Jewish religious law makes him a Christian. He said his fascination with Jewish culture is evident in his books, and when asked to name his favourite Israeli authors, he said he particularly enjoys reading A.B. Yehoshua.

Even before becoming acquainted with Israeli literature, he had ties to the country, Eco said. In this connection, he mentioned his relationship with Moshe Idel, a professor of Jewish thought at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, whom Eco described as "my personal kabbalist."

Knesset visit proved revealing

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"We challenged their notions and gave them another way to look at the [Israeli-Palestinian] narrative," Farber said. "And in the end, I think we succeeded in getting them to understand that not one narrative necessarily rules. This is not a country of black and white. It's full of grey, and I think they got that. We're thankful to have had the opportunity to show them a side that I believe they would not have been able to see if we didn't provide it."

Farber said the church's policies are reflective of the information its members have received. "I believe that these are honest folks who want to do the right thing, but really require information. This is exactly the kind of work we [at the CJC] should be doing... making a difference where it matters most."

The CJC's efforts seemed to have had an impact. "The opportunity to hear more specifically from the Israeli perspective has been a good one," Rev. Giuliano said. "The CJC has done a tremendous job getting us access to the [right] people and to the perspective that Israelis want us to hear. At times I feel they think we didn't get that, and so we are grateful to them for assisting with that."

This new information stands to play a role in the adjustment of the church's policies, the assignment that was given the mission at the General Council meeting last August.

"We were asked to prepare a new policy paper on the [church's] relationship with this area and how we might shift the direction of that," Rev. Giuliano said.

He pointed to a few different areas where the mission may recommend policy adjustments.

The first is settlements: "We are quite concerned about issues related to the occupation and settlements, and what a barrier that is to peace in the region, but after visiting Maale Adumim, we see what a challenge [the dismantling of settlements] would present for the return to pre-'67 borders."

The visit to the Knesset also proved revealing, he said. "We met someone from the Palestinian government and someone from the Knesset, and it's just amazing to us how radically the narratives differ. It's hard to believe they're talking about the same place and events."

Seeing the Supreme Court brought another revision in their thinking, Farber said. "I think seeing how the Israeli justice system works is quite impressive to people. Any citizen of Israel can petition the Supreme Court, and I think that's a real eye-opener."

After seeing Yad Vashem, Rev. Giuliano said he realized that "it is profoundly important for Israel to have security and a sense of safety. That's a dominant theme we have experienced with our Israeli hosts and friends."

Established in 1925 through the union of Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian churches, the United Church is the largest Protestant congregation in Canada, claiming almost 600,000 official members among three million who identified themselves on the 2001 Canadian census as affiliated with the church.

The church is involved in social justice projects throughout the world, from supporting international peace movements to combating poverty and hunger. Their support of the Palestinians is one such project.

"We have an interest in what little we can do to support the peace process and human rights issues that are arising in Israel and Palestine," Rev. Giuliano said. "We feel compelled to be a part of it. Our faith is lived in real time in the real world, and this is a part of that."

Farber said he admires the church's global involvement. He added that CJC played an instrumental role in convincing the church to vote down the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) bill against Israel at the General Council meeting in 2009.

Rev. Giuliano noted, however, that the church's decision on a boycott of Israel may not be final. "We have not arrived at any final conclusions about that. We need to give it some thought," he said. "There are groups, both here and in Canada, that are pushing the United Church to support that work."

The church's task force's recommendation on this and other issues of church policy pertaining to Israel and the Palestinians will appear in a report to be released in September, ahead of the United Church's 41st General Council meeting in August 2012, in Ottawa. The report will be available online at the church's website.

Until then, the church hasn't drawn any final conclusions. "We have a number of [Palestinian] partners in this part of the world who we've been supporting and working with for a long time. It's not like we will suddenly stop doing that," Rev. Giuliano said. "At this point, we're in the information-gathering stage, so I can't say a lot about where this might lead us. In general, we're hoping for the best for this region. We believe there can't be peace for anyone until there's peace for everyone."

Moral and intellectual confusion in the West

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I submit that Omar Barghouti, one of the founders of the Palestinian BDS campaign, affirms that his goal is not two states, but two Palestines. Ali Abunimah, a co-founder of electronic intifadah who is also opposed to the two-state solution, does not hesitate to compare Israel to Nazi Germany. The leaders of Sabeel, the Palestinian Christian group firmly implanted in North America, who are anxious to lend a "theological" basis to the idea of "responsible investment," do not hesitate to reactivate the stereotype of the Christ-killing Jew or resort to rather shady initiatives whose purpose is to mark Jewish – sorry, Israeli – merchandise with derogatory stickers intended for the attention of the vigilant French consumer.

All that is deplorable and, once again, indisputable. Presenting the promoters of this discourse of hatred as victims speaks volumes of the current state of confusion – intellectual and moral – of a western world one would have hoped had been cured of its worst criminal past.

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Israel Briefs

PM warns Palestinians

Following a Feb. 24 rocket attack on Be'er Sheva from Gaza, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel won't tolerate the bombing of its citizens. "This is something that no country in the world would agree to and we will act accordingly," Netanyahu said. Two long-range Grad rockets struck Be'er Sheva, one hitting an apartment building. No one was injured in the attack, the first to strike the southern Israeli city since the Gaza war in 2009. The Israel Defence Forces responded, striking several targets during what it termed an extensive operation in Gaza. Six mortar shells fired from Gaza also landed in southern Israel on the afternoon of Feb. 24, the IDF reported. In the past two months, more than a dozen explosive devices have been detonated along the security fence, the IDF said.

Iranian warships in Syria

Two Iranian warships that passed through the Suez Canal docked in Syria. The ships, a frigate and a supply ship, arrived at Syria's main port at Latakia on the night of Feb. 24 after becoming the first Iranian naval ships to pass through the canal since the 1979 revolution. The Egyptian defence ministry allowed the ships to pass through the canal. They're expected to return to Iran early this month. Iran's sending ships to Syria as uprisings take place across the Middle East was a show of power, Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak told CNN. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said at the beginning of the week that his government took a "grave view" of Iran's plan to send the ships. According to international rules no vessel can be denied passage unless it is at war with Egypt.

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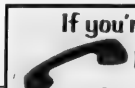
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When life throws you a curve

Life Coach Corner

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Sometimes life or someone in your life throws you a curve that is simply unfair. We don't deserve it, we say to ourselves. We haven't asked for it, we don't want it, and we spend a lot of time wondering why sometimes in life bad things happen to good people.

Life is not always fair, and when we haven't been treated properly, often our reaction is to feel hurt and angry, and to take it out on the last person we should take it out on – ourselves. In the film *Black Swan*, rather than express her hurt feelings to the individuals who are inflicting hurt upon her, Natalie Portman's character inflicts it upon herself, in some very troubling and disturbing scenes. We always want to treat others with kindness, but we have to remember to be kind to ourselves as well.

So how we can take difficult circumstances and turn them into opportunities for growth and learning, or simply put, make lemonade out of the lemons in our lives? Well, first of all, you have to know when to withdraw. Sometimes we fight so hard to right a wrong, yet there comes a time when you have to move on.

Or ask yourself: what kind of opportunity am I being given? Ask that question and take the difficulty and turn it around. This doesn't mean necessarily getting out of the game. Just take the curveball and find new ways to deal with it. Even if you strike out, you may have only lost an inning, not the game; or the game, but not the series.

Also be happy and content with what is good in your life. Always be happy with what you have, because even when you're in a difficult situation, the minute you thank your lucky stars and are grateful for the silver lining, things inevitably start to turn around.

I'll never forget when my son was learning to play baseball. The team needed a coach, and I had no idea how to play ball and knew that I had to learn a little more about the game (such as how to throw the ball!). So I went to a sports store and asked if there was a kid who could teach me how to play baseball, so I could teach my son and help out the team. Now I'm not going to profess to being an expert, but I did learn a couple of baseball tips that I'd love to share with you, that have become some great tips for living well.

One: keep your eye on the ball. Stay focused on what you are doing and you will be ahead of the game.

Two: be a good sport, no matter what happens. Everything always works out in the end.

Three: when someone throws you a curveball, throw it back. Don't give up. What is the opportunity? Even if you lose a game, there are many more games to come. Keep playing.

And finally, at baseball games I used to go up to each batter and whisper in his ear, "You are going to have your best hit and game ever," and that is often what would happen.

So the next time someone throws you a curveball, keep your head high and know that with a positive attitude and a good heart, you are already a winner, and who knows, your next hit could actually be a home run!

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Physician spreads word about colon cancer screening

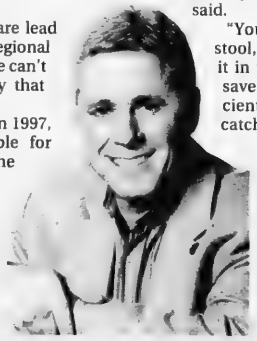
Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

With March being national Colorectal Cancer Month, Dr. Sandy Buchman is taking the opportunity to spread the word about preventative screening.

A family physician and primary care lead with Cancer Care Ontario's Toronto regional cancer program, Buchman, 56, said he can't put it any more simply than to say that "screening saves lives."

Cancer Care Ontario, established in 1997, is the provincial agency responsible for improving cancer services and is the government's cancer adviser.

Among other services, it directs close to $700 million in public dollars to hospitals and other cancer care providers. It also implements provincial cancer prevention and screening programs, plans cancer services to meet current and future needs, and works with local health care providers to improve cancer care.



Dr. Sandy Buchman

Buchman admits that screening rates for colon cancer are poor. "Rates in Toronto are only 24 per cent of those who should be screened. All colon cancer comes from polyps, and they take a long time to develop. If they're caught early, there is a 90 per cent chance of cure."

By 2020, he said, if 50 per cent of the eligible population gets screened, "they'll be able to save 1,500 lives. By 2030, 5,500 lives will be saved."

People of average risk can benefit from a fecal occult blood test, which tests for the presence of microscopic or invisible blood in the stool, he said.

"You simply take a sample of your stool, place it on a slide, seal it, and put it in the mail. It's an easy test that can save lives in a big way. It is cheap, efficient and private. It is a big net. It can catch a lot of fish and is less risk than a colonoscopy. It also increases the capacity within hospitals to perform colonoscopies."

Encouraging people to get screened for colon cancer is difficult, he said, because "many people don't want to talk about it. Certain cultures are embarrassed, and for some there is a language barrier. Our challenge is to reach the vulnerable populations."

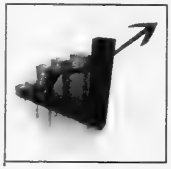
He advises everyone 50 and older to see their family doctor and discuss the most appropriate screening method. "A colon cancer check truly makes sense. If we improve our rates, we will ultimately save lives."

Mom's cancer death spurred woman to action. To read this related story, please see page 49.

Canada, Israel, China and India to co-operate on water issues

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Dan Vilenski was probably pretty good at arithmetic in elementary school, but somehow the rules that apply there don't necessarily translate into the high-tech world of international business. As far as he's concerned, one plus one can equal five – given the right set of circumstances.



Creating those circumstances is one of the reasons he was at last week's Multilateral Roundtable on Sustainable Water Management in Edmonton, which brought together representatives from Canada, Israel, China and India who have a special expertise in nanotechnology.

"The name of the game today is to join forces and co-operate on scientific and technology issues so that one plus one is going to be five," Vilenski said.

An entrepreneur and director of the board of the Israel National Nanotechnology Initiative, Vilenski was optimistic that last week's meeting could lead to commercially applicable solutions to international water management problems. Israel, he said, is a world leader in desalination and water-purification technologies, while the other parties also bring their technologies and other strengths to the table.

Israel entrepreneur Dan Vilenski addresses the Multilateral Roundtable on water management that was held last week in Edmonton.

That joint effort is the key to success: "In today's business or high tech, individual countries or persons in academia or companies can't come fast enough with solutions or products," he said.

Bringing the four nations together to develop strategies for addressing water issues was the raison d'être for the conference, said Henri Rothschild, president and CEO of International Science and Technology Partnerships Canada (ISTPCanada) and the Canada-Israel Industrial R&D Foundation (CIIRDF). The organizations, along with the Edmonton Waste Management Centre of Excellence, hosted the roundtable event "to explore multilateral R&D co-operation in nanotechnology to develop sustainable water solutions."

The meeting was a first step in creating relationships that, it is hoped, will lead to commercial applications of water management solutions. Currently, the global water technologies market is valued at $400 billion, said Rothschild.

Edmonton was chosen to host the gathering as it is known as a centre for nanotechnology development and water expertise, he added.

All the countries represented in Edmonton have started down the road of developing nanotechnology and the meeting permits them to discuss ways of creating long-term relationships, while co-ordinating their efforts so that a structural relationship is created for future co-operation in the field, Rothschild said.

Nano, he explained, refers to a "a whole new way of designing materials and processes at the molecular level.

"The partnerships that emerge from this initiative will exploit the potential of nanotechnology and stimulate the collaborative development and commercialization of new water technologies that benefit many nations," Rothschild said.

"As Canada's flagship nanotechnology institute, we are delighted to help transform this multilateral vision into tangible water solutions that can be deployed around the world," said Nils Petersen, director general of the National Institute of Nanotechnology of the National Research Council.

"This initiative leverages Canada's internationally recognized expertise, facilities and resources in nanotechnology and promises to increase our contribution to novel products that could fundamentally change the way we steward our water resources."

Yaosheng Zhou, deputy director-general of the administrative committee of the Yangling Demonstration Zone in Yangling, China, said 52 per cent of China's territory is either arid or semi-arid.

The roundtable participants already have "good technology that could be deployed in China, but there is also a need for future co-operation for the next generation technology," Zhou said, speaking through an interpreter.

China's current priorities are "sustainable water management" and "waste-water management. With growing economic activity and population growth, it's a big priority for [us]."

Zhou said China, Israel and Canada have already developed a good three-way relationship in developing agricultural technology, and he noted China already employs Israeli-developed drip irrigation techniques.

(Last week *The CJN* reported that representatives of Canada, Israel and India met in Toronto at the Trilateral Roundtable on Water Technologies to support Canadian and Israeli partners who develop commercially ready solutions for specific Indian projects that can also be applied in a global market.)

Vilenski said for the four-country program to work, several issues have to be resolved: there must be practical co-operation that takes ideas from the research lab and makes them commercially viable, there must be trust between the parties and agreement over who owns the intellectual property behind innovative technologies, there should be agreement over sources of payment for the programs and they must be quick to market with whatever solutions are devised.

While each of the parties expects to benefit economically from the development of new water technologies – he expects the price of water desalination could halve due to new methods – Israel can benefit in a unique way, Vilenski continued.

Israeli President "Shimon Peres has said if we have enough water in Israel, the peace process will move faster," Vilenski said. "Israel does not have enough water to share with its neighbours. If we're able to desalinate water and purify waste water and share with our neighbours, that gives more value to the peace process."

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Hockey player publishes his first book at 18

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Zach Hyman has always been a pretty good hockey player. Back in Grade 9, playing for the CHAT Tigers, he was elevated to the senior team, skating alongside kids in Grade 12.

Around the same time, maybe even earlier, he was developing a different talent: he wrote a children's story that won first place in a short story contest and that drew lots of encouragement from his teacher.

He's been pretty busy ever since. He pursued his hockey career as a forward with the Hamilton Red Wings of the Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL), and last summer he was taken in the fifth round of the NHL entry draft by the Florida Panthers. More recently, the talented 18-year-old saw his first book published, *Hockey Hero*, based on that middle school story.

One online review called it a "touching tale of a grandfather's and grandson's love for each other and hockey [that] is bound to melt the hearts of all ages. This is a classic tale that earns its place on any family's book shelf, coffee table or night stand."

'Education is always important but I really think I have a chance at making the NHL'

Not bad for a kid barely out of high school. It appears that when Hyman does something, he does it at the highest level.

Last week he was back at his old haunts for a book reading. With his Panthers jersey in tow and Billy Idol bleached blonde hair – a playoff ritual the Red Wings employed this season – he read from his book to excited youngsters at Robbins Hebrew Academy's Beth Tzedec campus during the school's annual book fair. "It's really important for me to help out in the community," Hyman explained.

Aside from the absurdly blonde hair – the guys were too young to grow respectable playoff beards – it appears Hyman's got his head screwed on straight.

An honours student, next season he'll be attending Princeton University, where he'll play for the Tigers in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC), a division of the NCAA.

He took the current school year off – at least as far as academics is concerned – and spent a lot of time on the ice and the gym. In his third year with the Red Wings, a team owned by his father, he was named to the Ontario Junior Hockey League's (OJHL) North-West Conference First All-Star Team. The honour came after he finished second in OJHL scoring with 102 points in 43 games. Hyman, the team captain, had 42 goals and 60 assists and only 24 minutes in penalties.

Last November, he was a member of the silver medal winning Team Canada East at the World Junior 'A' Challenge in Penticton. He scored two goals and three assists in five tournament games.

Those are pretty heady highlights in so young a career – almost as impressive as his Grade 9 MVP performance that led the CHAT Tigers to the TDCAA finals that year.

Hyman believes he's a much better player than the one selected by Florida in the draft last summer, let alone the one who played for CHAT a few years ago.

"I improved my skating, I'm a lot faster," he said. "I got a lot stronger. This last year I was in the gym a lot."

Robert Turnbull, head coach, general manager and president of the Red Wings, said Hyman "is an all-round player. He was sought out by several teams in the 'O' [Ontario Hockey League] and the U.S. Hockey League. I'd say no less than five teams in our league wanted us to trade him to them."

What makes Hyman such a valuable commodity is his broad assortment of skills. "He's a good playmaker and shooter, he's strong on the puck and a good skater. He sees the ice incredibly well and has a good deal of tenacity," Turnbull said.

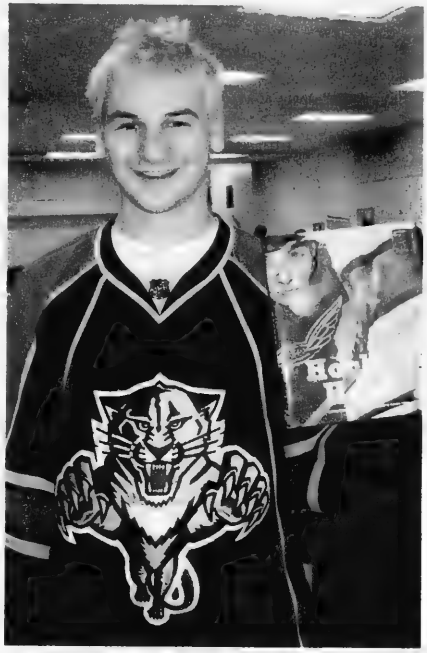
The season started early for the 6-1, 195-pound forward. Hyman attended the Panthers' rookie camp last summer in Coral Springs, the team's training facility. He felt good about his performance and "management said I did really well. They were happy with the way I did, and they expect me to keep developing as well at Princeton. When I'm ready, they'll take me in."

He's in regular e-mail contact with Brian Skrudland, the ex-Panther who's now the team's director of player development, who provides him with tips on improving his game.

Turnbull believes that while Hyman has been a good player for a long time, moving him from wing to centre at the beginning of the season "freed him up. It allowed him to become a better playmaker."

He also got Hyman to change skates from a stiffer boot to a more flexible one. That along with Hyman's dedication – "he worked every day on his skating" – made a big difference.

"His skating skills improved 100 per cent," Turnbull said. "His balance, his leverage. You can't knock him off the puck."



Zach Hyman

As a result, he excelled. "He had more points per game than anybody in the league." Had he not played for Team Canada East and missed games because of the High Holidays, he probably would have won the league scoring title, Turnbull said.

If Hyman's able to make the move to the NHL, he won't be the only Princeton Tiger to do so. Three other Tigers have made the jump, including Jeff Halpern, class of '99, who now skates for the Montreal Canadiens.

Hyman is committed to a four-year stint playing for Princeton, where he's confident he'll continue to develop as a player.

"Education is always important," he said, "but I really think I have a chance at making the NHL."

And what will he study while he's at Princeton? "I don't know," he replied, "maybe something to do with writing."

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Arab scholars on Israel are lacking, academic says

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Though Israel possesses few natural resources, it has a surfeit of experts on the Arab world. If Israel is to survive in a hostile neighbourhood, it must know its enemies.

By contrast, neighbouring Arab states sorely lack a corps of scholars and analysts possessing a deep and sophisticated knowledge of Israel.

To Hassan Barari, a professor of Middle Eastern politics at the University of Nebraska in Omaha, the Arab elite's limited understanding of Israel is not only a fact of life but a national shortcoming. He expounds on this thesis in a refreshing book, *Israelism: Arab Scholarship on Israel, a Critical Assessment* (Ithaca Press).

"Israelism" is a word Barari coined to refer to the Arab style of writing on Israel. It is, he says, shaped by "a set of ideas and misconceptions" rooted in anti-Israel ideologies and influenced by the Arab-Israeli dispute.

"The outcome of Israelism is the failure to produce sound knowledge on Israel," he explains. "Subordinating writing on Israel to the imperatives of the conflict has proved costly."

Barari, a Jordanian, has not fallen into that trap. Although he is proud to be an Arab and is critical of Israel's policies, he is open to other people and their viewpoints. He studied Hebrew at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and has steeped himself in Israeli politics, history and culture. Indeed, he describes himself as "a big fan" of the Israeli novelist Amos Oz.

Better still, he strongly believes in peaceful coexistence and reconciliation between Israel and the Arabs.

Acknowledging his interest in studying the Middle East from "an even-handed and unprejudiced perspective," Barari says he was determined to "go beyond the intellectual confines of pan-Arabism and attempt to see things as they truly are." He brings this dispassionate sensibility to *Israelism*, which is, as he correctly asserts, long overdue.

In his view, Israeli studies in the Arab world have never "properly taken off," not least because its practitioners have substituted "indoctrination for scholarship" and have sought to expose rather than to understand Israel. Such Arab scholars, he adds in a withering aside, have lacked basic skills: Hebrew language competency and significant residency in Israel.

Barari empathizes with them. As he observes, "I am aware that it is not easy for scholars to visit and stay in Israel. The problem is related to a wider issue: normalization. Many intellectuals in Egypt and Jordan were blacklisted and on some occasions kicked out of their associations for daring to visit Israel."

In a relatively brief survey of Israeli studies in Arab countries, Barari says that Arab expertise about Israel was in very short supply when the 1948 Arab-Israeli war broke out. "The few studies that did appear were meant to mobilize [Arabs] and present Israel as a fragile society that would collapse with the first bullet," he writes in a scathing condemnation.

He adds, "Until 1967, there were no worthy studies on Israel in the Arab world."

Israel's victory in the Six Day War humiliated Arabs and made them realize that their ignorance of Israel was not to their benefit.

In 1968, the Palestine Liberation Organization created the Center for Palestinian Studies in Beirut. Its objective was to publish monographs on the Arab-Israeli conflict and Israel.

Two years later, during the War of Attrition, Cairo University expanded its comparative government course by including material on Israel's political system. *Al-Ahram*, the Egyptian daily newspaper, then established the Center for Political and Strategic Studies, whose purpose was to study Israeli and Palestinian societies.

In 1977, similar academic institutions were opened in Jordan and Lebanon. After the Oslo peace talks got under way in 1993, the University of Jordan, Barari's alma mater, established an Israeli studies department. In 2000, when the second Palestinian uprising erupted, the Palestinians established the Palestinian Center for Israeli Studies.

(Whether by design or omission, he never tells a reader whether such institutions have sprung up in key Arab nations like Syria or Iraq.)

Although Barari sings the praise of a number of these institutions, and singles out Arab scholars who have done good work in this field, he suggests that Arab scholarship has fallen short, having focused on "elements" that reinforce the Arabs' "perception of Israel."

Israeli studies in the Arab world are hobbled by two misconceptions, he notes. The first one is that Israel is an "artificial entity." The second is that Israel will inevitably disappear. As a result, Arab scholars do not, in general, bother studying Israel with sufficient rigour.

Arab scholarship thus remains "hostage to ideology and the persistence of the conflict," which in turn leads to myths concerning Israel.

Arab journalists are also victims of this syndrome. "Writing on Israel, particularly in the press, has become a means to struggle or fight against Israel and mobilize the masses, rather than explaining and understanding the country."

Yet another problem is that Arab scholars all too often work in non-democratic environments. "Freedom of expression... is limited," he says. "For this reason, objective writing has frequently fallen victim to censorship."

He elaborates on this important theme: "The lack of political and academic freedom and the existence of repressive authoritarian regimes, coupled with the perpetuation of the Arab-Israeli conflict, have informed writing on Israel. It has been influenced by politics and the need to make polemical rather than academic points.

"Arab scholars have not yet managed to match their Israeli counterparts in challenging the official and ideological narratives of the Arab regimes, as the 'new historians' did in Israel. Much of the writing is non-scholarly... and relies on collective memories and much less on critical scrutiny of the era or event."

In addition, he says, Arab governments do not allow researchers into state archives.

In closing, Barari writes that the Arab-Israeli conflict, combined with the Arab perception that Israel is an aggressive state, hinders Arab scholars from embarking on "a process of critical reflection on Israel."

As he puts it, "It is hard for Arab scholars to write on Israel with any kind of detachment. Detachment and impartiality could help [them] see things as they are."

True enough.

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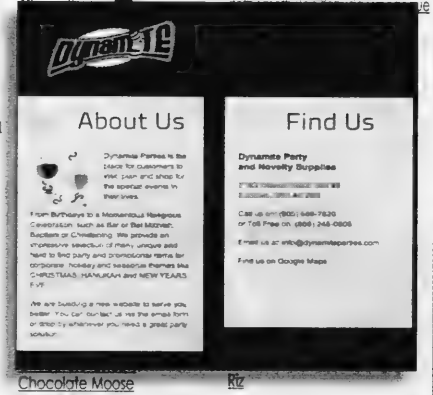

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Female cartoonists shed light on human frailties

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Sometimes you have to separate the women from the boys.

A unique art exhibit in Toronto does just that.

Graphic Details: Confessional Comics by Jewish Women is a four-room display at the Gladstone Hotel in Toronto, being hosted by the Koffler Centre of the Arts.

It's the first exhibit of its kind in Canada, showcasing the niche work of 18 Jewish women who are "underground" comic artists, producing alternative-style comic books and graphic novels.

These are not the mainstream, typical comic book renderings in the mould of Wonder Woman and Superman. Instead, the art on display is, as the title of the exhibit states, confessional by nature, deeply emotive, self-deprecating and unafraid to shed light on the artists' frailties as human beings.

Exhibit curators Michael Kaminer and Sarah Lightman spoke to *The CJN* just before the launch of the show on Feb. 17.

Kaminer, a Montreal native and art collector who's now living in New York, where he works as a journalist, said he felt Toronto was a natural fit for the exhibit. He cited the city's "active comic book scene," which he has come to rely on in his own pursuits.

"Comics as an art form, cartoons [in general] are undervalued. There's the text, the images... it's not just about 'drawing pictures,'" Kaminer said, adding that it's still necessary in today's day and age to elevate women artists because there is still "a bit of a boys' club mentality in this [art] world. It's important to acknowledge the women."

Lightman, herself a cartoon artist, concurred, noting that this exhibit will help women realize that the world of comic art might actually speak to them as well.

Both Lightman and Kaminer brushed off the idea that the show and the art could be considered self-absorbed.

"It's not navel-gazing. It's not masturbatory. We have cartoons dealing with neuroses, miscarriages, universal [women's] themes that were born out of the artists' experiences," Kaminer said.

"There's a lot of truth in these works. All these artists deserve a much wider audience."

Many of the works now hanging on the Gladstone's walls have never been on public display before, Lightman said, adding that the whole exhibit traces the history of Jewish women's voice in the genre from the early 1970s through to present day.

Canadian, Israeli, American and European artists have their works on display at the exhibit, and many will be coming in to give readings and talks about their art over the coming month.

For more information, visit www.kofflerarts.com.

To view an interactive video tour of the exhibit with Lightman, visit Heebonics.ca.

Curators Michael Kaminer and Sarah Lightman hold the Graphic Details exhibit sign before the launch of the show. *[Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf photo].*

Filmmaker unravels night cook's strange, tragic life

Jordana Divon
Special to The CJN

He holds court behind the counter at the run-down greasy spoon Vesta Lunch, doling out souvlaki and stories about his rebellious youth in Prague, his cats (whom he adores) and his mother-in-law (whom he doesn't).

You may have even grabbed a stool at the Toronto diner, on Dupont Street, after a late night out, and started chatting with the world-worn but craggily handsome George Golias, and wondered how a charismatic, educated, multilingual 66-year-old ended up slinging 3 a.m. poutine to a motley crew of drunken urbanites and insomniacs.

That question is what prompted Jay Irving, then a 23-year-old film student at Humber College, to pick up his camera and spend the next two years unravelling the mystery of Golias' strange, tragic life.

His efforts have resulted in *The Night Cook*, a gripping documentary set to air at 9 p.m. on March 9 on TVO.

"My friend had dragged me to the Vesta after a party and George was serving us," recalls Irving from an uptown coffee shop. "So when he told me he was just a cook I was like, how is that possible? You could tell right away how smart he was. He was just juggling everything."

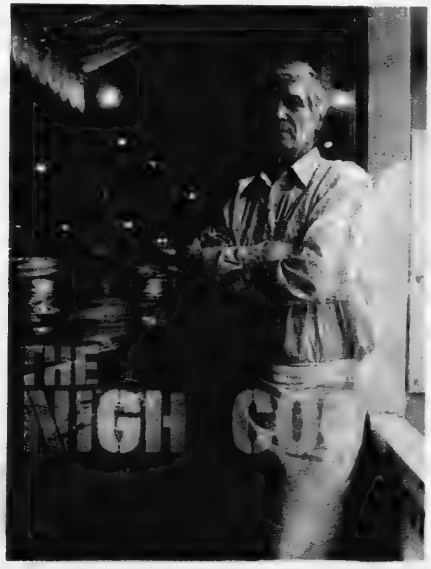
Irving's curiosity yielded some startling answers.

"I started asking him about his life, how he ended up in this job. I thought why is this guy living by himself behind the diner where he works? Why hasn't he spoken to his family in 37 years? Why does he have all these cats? The more I got to know him, the more I wanted to reunite him with his family and make a film out of it."

Gaining access to Golias' personal life involved its share of challenges, beyond any initial trust issues.

"It was really difficult getting a hold of [Golias] because he doesn't have a phone or computer, or even a credit card," says Irving.

"He goes to this off-track betting where he gambles on horses. So he's either there or he's at Future Bakery [a café], where he hangs out, or he's working. I always had to track him down."



A cook at an all-night diner, George Golias is the subject of the documentary *The Night Cook*.

Irving's patience paid off. Golias proved a fascinating and willing subject, allowing the camera inside the dirty one-room apartment he shares with dozens of cats, and discussing everything from his gambling problem, the abandonment of his wife and baby daughter, and why he hasn't returned home since 1968.

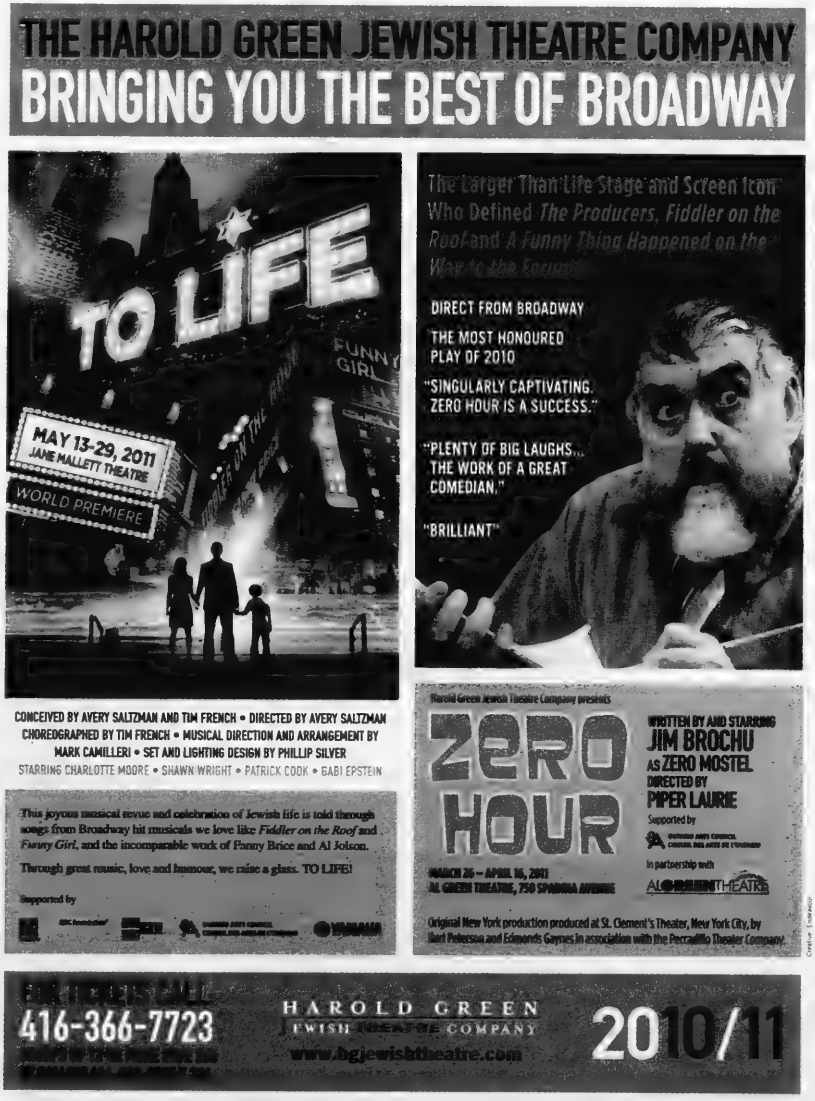
"I think it was therapeutic for him," says Irving. "He's an emotional person, so he cries a lot and often broke down. But it was therapeutic more than anything else."

Those looking for their own catharsis may find themselves challenged and uncomfortable by the film. The documentary's strength comes from Irving's decision not to sentimentalize his subject, but to present a portrait of raw, flawed and poignant humanity.

Whether you like Golias at the end of the hour you spend in his world is less important than the fact that you've engaged with him on his level. And even though his story is only one of a thousand similar tales of city life, a chance encounter has led to the preservation of its meaning.

"I want people to take away that here's an ordinary person on the fringes of society and he has an incredible life, and here's me, this film student who just took the initiative to go make a film about him," says Irving.

"When he dies, this film will always exist. Otherwise no one will know about him. That for me means more than anything."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ACTOR CAYLE CHERNIN REMEMBERED FOR ROLE IN *GOIN' DOWN THE ROAD*

Cayle Chernin, who appeared in the seminal Canadian film *Goin" Down The Road* (1970) and worked on several Jewish arts-related projects over the course of her acting and filmmaking career, died in Toronto on Feb. 18. She was 63.

Chernin, along with director **Don Shebib** and actor **Jayne Eastwood** and others, had recently completed work on *Down the Road Again*, a sequel to *Goin' Down the Road* that was produced largely thanks to her enthusiastic powers of persuasion.

Stricken with ovarian cancer, she kept her illness a secret on the set until cast and crew wrapped up filming last October. She also declined essential medical treatment, preferring to spend her remaining time making the movie, which is expected to be commercially released in 2011.

She appeared in numerous live theatre productions over the years and made cameo appearances on various television shows, including *Little Mosque on the Prairies* and *Queer as Folk*.

Finding and visiting some long-lost relatives in Belarus in the early '90s, she made a personal documentary of the experience and showed it to the Jewish Genealogical Society of Toronto about 1992. The film later aired on regional CBC stations in Atlantic Canada and Vancouver as *Uncle Boris and My Russian Relatives*.

She also produced and directed *In the Shadows: The Tragedy of Syrian Jews*, an award-winning documentary that was televised in Israel and other countries. Between acting gigs, she conducted video workshops and spent a year making in-house videos for Baycrest. She was a co-chair of the women's committee of ACTRA, the actors' union, and belonged to its Act Your Age group.

She was born into the large Chernin family of Glace Bay, N.S., where her grandfather had built a successful business, L.R. Chernin and Sons Wholesale. Her family moved to Stephenville, Nfld., when she was six and to Toronto when she was 12.

As she related in an online blog after **Dennis Hopper** died in 2010, she had a brief relationship with the drug-addled actor during what she called her "foolish period" in Hollywood in the early '70s. However, she fled his New Mexico retreat one night following "a terrifying, frightening beating from a freaked-out, insane, spewing lunatic."

Toronto actor **Allan Price** directed Chernin in a female version of *The Odd Couple* in the '90s and acted with her in *Talk 60 to Me*, a show at Theatre Passe Muraille. "She was wonderful to work with, a very generous actor, very smart, and she took direction well," he said.

Chernin leaves her husband, **Dwight McFee**, mother **Beryle Chernin**, and siblings **Franky Chernin**, **Barbara Chernin** and **Nancy Chernin**.

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Inside Hana's Suitcase: The documentary *Inside Hana's Suitcase*, made by Rhombus Media, airs on CBC television on Sunday, March 6, 8 p.m. Based partially on the bestselling children's book by **Karen Levine** of Toronto the film recounts the poignant story of **George** and **Hana Brady**, two Jewish children in wartime Czechoslovakia. It also tells the present-day story of a group of Japanese children and their teacher who delved into the mystery of Hana Brady after receiving an old battered suitcase with her name on it from the Auschwitz death camp. The director is **Larry Weinstein**. www.insidehanassuitcase.com

Cayle Chernin

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Names in the News: American filmmakers **Joel** and **Ethan Coen** have won the coveted $1-million David Dan Prize.

The Coens' credits include the Academy Award-winning noirish crime thrillers *Fargo* (1996) and *No Country for Old Men* (2007). Also listed in their extensive filmography is the violent cult film *Miller's Crossing* (1990), *Barton Fink* (1991), *The Big Lebowski* (1998), *A Serious Man* (2009) and the current dark western-adventure, *True Grit* (2010).

The prize is awarded annually for outstanding achievement in the categories of past, present and future time dimensions. The Coens won in the present category "for their ability to tell a simple story in a complex manner." The award ceremony takes place May 15 at Tel Aviv University.

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Arts in Brief

• Theatre critic **Robert Cushman** talks with **Joseph Ziegler** and **Nancy Palk** of Soulpepper Theatre Company in the first of four public interviews with top theatre people. $15 per session, $50 for series. Holy Blossom, Eisendrath Auditorium, 1950 Bathurst St. March 2, 7:30 p.m. 416-789-3291, ext. 511.

• *A Night without a Moon* is a Jewish women's cabaret in which women are invited to perform open mike material inspired by the moon. Featuring **Annie Gilbert**, the **Marni Levitt Trio**, **Marcia Beck**, **Rabbi Miriam Margles** and others; women and men welcome. $10 (assistance available). Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, Saturday, March 5, 8 p.m. to midnight. 416-924-6211, ext. 0, sharonis@mnjcc.org

• Shakespeare in Action's production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*, currently in previews, runs March 1 to 13 at Central Commerce Theatre, 570 Shaw St. Reservations, 416-703-4881.

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At the Galleries: Marci Silverberg's portrait of the late composer **Srul Irving Glick** is included among the portraits of Canadian musicians in a Portrait Society of Canada exhibition at the John B. Aird Gallery, MacDonald Block, 900 Bay St., first floor. March 8 to April 1. www.airdgallery.org

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A black comedy from Mexico

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Mariana Chenillo's comedy from Mexico, *Nora's Will*, is suffused with black humour.

Death is not normally a subject that lends itself to laughter, but in this film, Chenillo breaks the rule.

Scheduled to open at the Cineplex Odeon Sheppard Cinemas and the Rainbow Cinemas at the Promenade Mall on March 4, *Nora's Will* unfolds over five days in an sedate neighbourhood in Mexico City on the eve of and during Passover.

In the first few frames, the camera pans on Nora Kurtz (Silvia Mariscal), a fastidious woman whose face is left unseen. She is a busy lady as she sets a festive table and fills the shelves of a fridge with fine holiday food.

Nora wants to leave everything to be in perfect order, down to the very last detail, so that her guests will enjoy her Passover repast.

Nora will never enjoy the fruits of her labour, nor will we ever hear her voice. Several minutes into the movie, she is dead, having committed suicide on her 14th attempt. Chenillo makes no attempt to explain Nora's chronic state of depression.

Although Nora has passed from this world, she remains a constant presence in the film through flashbacks. Her former husband, Jose (Fernando Lujan), who has been summoned to her apartment after her death, recalls the life they once had when they were young.

Being an atheist whose respect for Jewish tradition is non-existent, Jose orders floral arrangements, as well as a funeral service, from the Cemetery of Jesus.

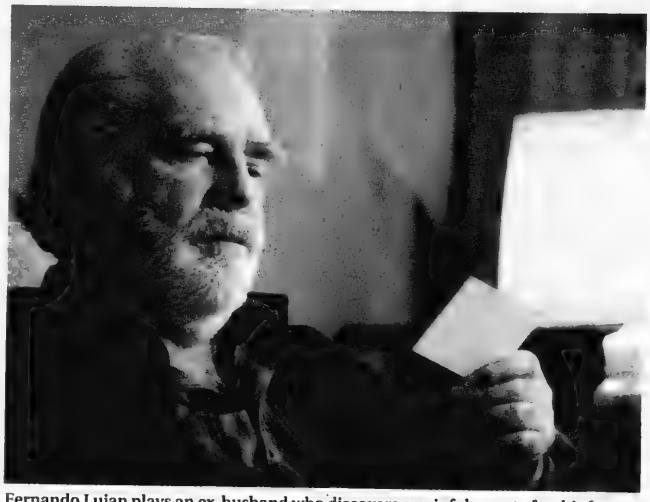
The rabbi (Max Kerlow) is none too pleased by Jose's sacrilegeous behaviour. To add insult to injury, Jose offers the rabbi a slice of pizza slathered with ham.

In his haste to bury Nora – who lies on dry ice under a blanket in the living room – Jose clashes with Moises (Enrique Arreolola), an earnest *shomer* and convert to Judaism who has been hired to sit with her.

Moises advises Jose to postpone the burial until his son, Ruben (Ari Brickman), returns from an overseas trip with his family.

As per Nora's instructions, Fabiana (Angelina Pelaez), the housekeeper, begins assembling the Passover meal. When no one is looking, Fabiana deposits a crucifix on Nora's chest.

More drama ensues when the rabbi decrees that Nora cannot be laid to rest in a Jewish cemetery because of the manner in which she chose to leave this vale of tears.



Fernando Lujan plays an ex-husband who discovers a painful secret after his former wife's death.

An irreverent touch is added when Ruben's two young daughters practise lying in Nora's casket.

And a painful secret of the heart is revealed when Jose rummages through Nora's bedroom drawers and stumbles upon a compromising photograph.

Nora's Will, replete with emotional twists and turns, examines the human condition and finds it wanting in some crucial respects.

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Israeli peewees defend championship in Quebec

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

The peewees from Israel did it again.

The hockey team of 10-to-13-year-olds from Bat Yam defended its divisional championship at the Bernières-Saint-Rédempteur (BSR) International Peewee Tournament in suburban Quebec City.

Israel handily won the Division B gold medal in the finals Feb. 20, defeating Husky5-Chaudière Ouest 6-1, thanks in large part to a hat trick by Dan Boudnikov and outstanding play by goalie Tommy Hawey, who was named player of the game.

Bat Yam was the surprise Division B champion at last year's BSR tournament, the first time an Israeli hockey team at this level played competitively in North America.

The day before, the boys in blue beat Husky2-Chaudière-Ouest 7-1 in semifinal action. David Levin, a stellar performer throughout the tournament, netted four of those goals.

Bat Yam won its three regular games by similarly wide margins. All of its opponents were Quebec teams. The first match Feb. 14 was against fellow finalist Husky 5-Chaudière Ouest, considered strong contenders, but the Israelis subdued them 6-1.

On Feb. 16, the Israelis played two games. In the first, they trounced C.D.I.D St. Prosper 9-1, and then went on to outscore the Seigneurs Lotbinière 7-3. Division B had 20 contenders.

Bat Yam's manager, Quebec City resident Jonathan Hawey, Tommy's great-uncle, was amazed at how well the team performed.

"We lost eight players from last year, and were supposed to be a weak team this year," he said.

If it wants to enter next year, the Bat Yam team will have to move into a higher division. The one above is Division A, but Hawey thinks the Israelis could make it into the bottom of the elite, Division CC.

This was the 36th edition of the BSR tournament, which drew 96 teams from Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, the United States, Finland, France, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Switzerland.

The Israelis were coached by Dimitry Gromkov, who spent two months in Quebec in 2009 upgrading his skills with Lévis's Midget AAA team Les Commandeurs, an exchange that Hawey, a Lévis resident, arranged.

In addition to Bat Yam, which is south of Tel Aviv, team members came from Rishon Lezion, Nes Ziona, Maalot and Kfar Saba, which all have clubs that play in the Ice Hockey Federation of Israel.

Bat Yam players, from left, Dan Boudnikov, Michael Boudnikov and Martin Shahterman savour their gold-medal finish at the BSR International Peewee Tournament. *[Viktor Gokhberg photo]*

Peewee is the youngest level of organized hockey in Israel and is still in its infancy. This was not an all-star team, Hawey said. The players came from different clubs because their numbers are so few.

Centre David Levin, who appropriately wears No. 99, racked up both the most goals (12) and most points in the division.

Hawey said the 11-year-old has come out of nowhere. "I think he played only inline hockey before now," he said.

Bat Yam's participation in the BSR tournament is due largely to Hawey, a past president of Quebec City's sole synagogue and a scout for the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. He has also been a key figure in the development of ice hockey in Israel and in arranging financial support for the team while in Canada – though he's seeking help in covering a $5,000 shortfall.

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Hockey event to support Reena Birthright program

Compiled by CJN Staff

The first ever Joel Schwartz Memorial Hockey Tournament in support of the Reena Birthright Israel Program will get underway March 13 at Chesswood Arena.

More than 120 players on 12 teams are expected to take part in the fundraiser. Proceeds will go to the Joel Schwartz Memorial Endowment Fund at the Reena Foundation, which will support the pairing of individuals with developmental disabilities with Reena "shadows" who will accompany them on Birthright trips to Israel.

Teams are responsible for raising at least $2,000 toward the cost of sending one Reena client on Birthright. Corporate and individual team sponsors are expected to cover the remaining amount.

Spectators are invited to the arena to watch the games and participate in interactive events, including a one-hour skate starting at 6 p.m., entry into a raffle and other fun activities.

Schwartz, who died at 25, is remembered as someone defined by genuine kindness and an unrelenting desire to help those around him. His parents, Larry and Julie, said "half his brain worked like a rocket scientist and the other half just didn't work."

Despite his disability, Joel graduated from high school, had a bar mitzvah. He was an air cadet and community volunteer, camper and counsellor and worked at A-Way Express and B&S Delivery.

He participated in a visit to Israel as part of the Reena Birthright Israel Program. His experience on Birthright "is the inspiration for the creation of the [tournament]," tournament organizers said.

"The experience that Joel gained from participating on that trip was truly monumental for him, and as parents, it was with great pride and joy that we were able to send Joel on such a venture with the confidence he was in good hands," his mother said.

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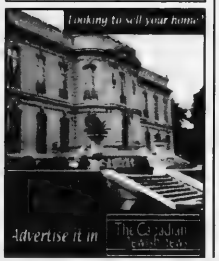

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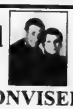

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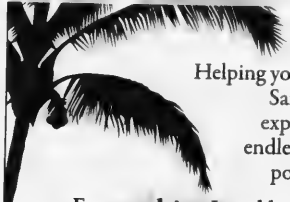

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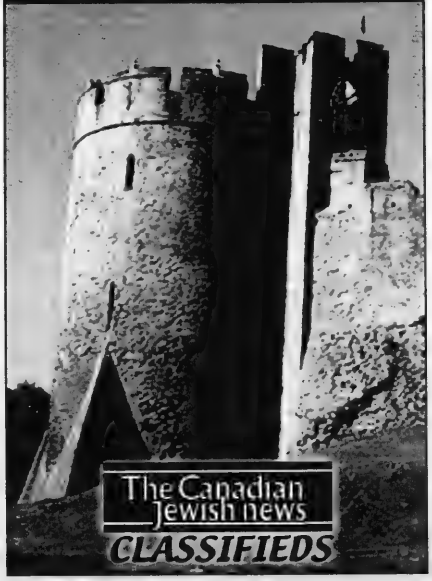

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From left, Luba Sittler, Amy Elmaleh and Darryl Sittler, pose with the Wendy Bears.

Mom's cancer death spurred woman to action

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

When Amy Elmaleh lost her mother and uncle to colon cancer, she and her aunt formed Colon Cancer Canada in order to make something positive out of the tragedy.

She was 19 when her mother died at age 47, and shortly afterward, her aunt's husband was diagnosed.

She said that after her uncle got sick, she and her aunt, Bunny Schwartz, decided that something had to be done.

"We had the idea for a walk/run and called it Colon Cancer's Push for Your Tush. We're now organizing our 15th annual run."

This year, she said, seven different locations have signed on throughout May and June, with the Toronto run taking place May 29.

"We started with one location, and last year, 1,200 participants raised $318,000."

With the success of the walk/run, Elmaleh said, they decided nine years ago to launch a gala, and then started a golf tournament, to be held this year on May 17 at Angus Glen Golf Club. "We're excited that Anne Murray has signed on as the face of the tournament. She was looking for a charity that needed a celebrity's support."

Interviewed at her Leslie Street office, Elmaleh, 35, said that the effects of colon cancer are far reaching, "but people aren't talking about it. There is still a lot of stigma, and hesitation about the test."

A wife and mother with three young children, Elmaleh said that her work is her passion. "When my mother died, I changed my perspective on things. Had she been screened, my children would have met their grandmother.

"Her death has also kept me grounded. I'm reminded to appreciate the little things, and it has given me drive and motivation."

'Don't be embarrassed about taking the test'

The walk/run, she said, is "my other baby. It has become family- and friend-oriented, and the teams that come out are [made up of people] very much like me. We're all in it for the same reason."

They are also raising funds through the sale of their "Wendy Bear"being sold in memory of Wendy Sittler, the wife of hockey legend Darryl Sittler. "Wendy was a loyal friend of Colon Cancer Canada as she fought this disease and raised awareness for the cause. The money raised from the sale of the bear will go toward helping terminally ill patients spend time at home with their loved ones."

Elmaleh's message during national Colorectal Cancer Month is to not be embarrassed about taking the test. "It is worse to have [the disease] than to worry about the preparation. It's quite an easy procedure."

For information on any of the events or buying the Wendy Bear, call 416-785.0449 or visit www.coloncancer.ca.

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Acrobatic dance teacher trains *Billy Elliot* cast

Vicky Tobianah
Special to The CJN

Ruthy Dunec never dreamed that a childhood love of gymnastics would result in her opening a gym and then later working with the cast of the Tony Award-winning musical *Billy Elliot*.

Dunec is known for developing a children's fitness program called Dance Trix, which helps competitive dancers improve their acrobatic and dance techniques.

When *Billy Elliot* – about a boy who gives up on boxing to fulfil his dream of becoming a ballet dancer, with a score by pop superstar Elton John – opened in previews in Toronto last month (the official opening was March 1), the producers turned to Dunec for help.

The Toronto production team realized that the cast, which includes 18 children, would benefit from working with an expert who could teach dance and acrobatic techniques in a safe, fun and professional manner.

Dunec, 30, enjoyed gymnastics and dance as a kid. She went to Associated Hebrew Schools and continued her education at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto. Her passion for the arts led her to study kinesiology at York University. Since the age of 16, she's taught gymnastics, and she realized she had a flair for working with children and that her students liked her technique.

Ruthy Dunec helps dancers improve their acrobatic and dance techniques.

Her passion for finding a balance between art and fitness led her to take over the ownership of the Steeles West Gym, which offers programs for children. Dunec is the program director of KinderBounce Gymnastics as well as Dance Trix, which are part of an umbrella company called Fit 4 Life.

The producers of *Billy Elliot* heard about Dunec through the Toronto dance-industry grapevine. When they contacted her, she went through a rigorous interview process, after which she was hired to train eight cast members to do acrobatic tricks.

As someone with lots of experience working with dancers, Dunec understands the types of movements a dancer needs to present themselves properly on stage. She also makes sure the actors are learning tricks safely and are perfecting their dance and acrobatic skills.

"One thing I noticed immediately was that they [the cast of *Billy Elliot*] are extremely hardworking and talented kids. The show is very demanding physically and they do a lot of different tricks and skills, like doing a round-off off the piano with no hands. If they don't train properly, they could get really injured," said Dunec.

In addition to the eight cast members, Dunec has also been working with the ensemble cast who provide acrobatic elements within the show. She said she's committed to training the *Billy Elliot* cast – she commutes downtown at least twice a week to work with the actors, teaching them new acrobatic skills, improving their existing skills and making sure they are well trained.

"The kids are very young, ranging from age 12 to 14, which is a major growth time, so if they don't have constant maintenance, they could lose a lot of their skills and sustain injuries, so it's really different from working on a normal Broadway show, because a lot of hard work goes into just keeping these kids at the level they are at," said Dunec.

Dunec "spots" (assists) a girl at her Steeles West Gym.

Although this is her first time working on a Broadway show, it isn't the first time she's been involved with a popular dance production.

Dunec said the stars of *So You Think You Can Dance Canada* – a Gemini Award-winning TV series that features dancers who compete to win cash, a car and the title of Canada's Favourite Dancer – also frequently train in her gym.

Dunec said she enjoys the challenge of juggling her duties at the gym, the gymnastic programs she runs and working with the *Billy Elliot* cast.

"Overall, it's been so rewarding. I'm honoured to be working with these kids, and I'm excited about doing this again in the future," she said.

One thing is for sure: she now sees Broadway shows in a new light.

"I've been a big fan of Broadway musical theatre forever, and now that I'm part of the behind-the-scenes crew, I can never really look at a show the same way," she said.

"I've realized all the hard work that goes into putting on such a show, and I know that every word, movement and action took 20 to 30 hours to rehearse."

Dunec loved the experience working on this show and hopes to work on another show in the future.

"Anything I do, I really put in 120 per cent. I'm taking it beyond just teaching the kids acrobatic elements, and I try to stick around afterwards to watch some of their numbers and really understand the purpose of what I'm teaching," she said. "The whole process has just been so exciting and rewarding."

For more information about Dunec's programs, visit www.fitforlifegroup.com.

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Mr. Right has sailed

Dear Ella,

It's time. I'm finished school, I have a fabulous job and now I'm ready. Unfortunately, I may have missed the boat. Most of my friends are already married. Some already have one or two kids, and here I am just pining for a date.

I joined the usual online dating sites, I've gone the speed-dating route, I've even resorted to dropping in to Home Depot from time to time, but no luck.

I seem to be left with the dribs and drabs of the nebbish crowd. I think Mr. Right has sailed.

All along I thought I had the perfect plan. I didn't want a relationship to get in the way of my career. My parents instilled the value of education in my brothers and I and insisted we concentrate on our studies. My two brothers had no problem finding their wives, but good single men are hard to find.

I'll do anything – just tell me what I'm doing wrong.

Finding Mr. Right

Ask Ella

Ella Burakowski

Dear Finding Mr. Right

Your life plan has worked up till now, because it required only your discipline and determination to fulfil your goals. To achieve your next goal, the control is not yours alone. You need a partner who will accept you as much as you'll accept him.

You've taken a very practical approach and so far have done well meeting your educational and career goals. You should be proud of those accomplishments.

Perhaps finding that perfect mate can't be planned in the same way you planned the other parts of your life. However, you can increase your chances of meeting a suitable guy and enjoying yourself at the same time.

Put yourself out there. Join groups, attend programs offered by different organizations. Try a hobby. Maybe join a writer's group or book club at a library. How about a gym or organized sport such as volleyball, or a walking club. Talk to your neighbours at the park or coffee shop, or at garage sales. Be open to blind dates from people you trust.

Above all, you need to truly be open-minded, less judgemental and willing to try. Are you turned off immediately because he doesn't look like Tom Cruise or he dresses like a dweeb? Have you given him a chance to show you what makes him tick, how he thinks, what kind of morals and interests he has, or how he behaves when he's not nervous? When you meet someone while doing something you both like, the mood and expectations are different. You both get to see each other in real life.

Remember that after 10 years, a man may not have the thick head of hair you were once attracted to, but he might be your perfect partner.

Online dating might work for some, but dating profiles are like advertisements. Their purpose is to look and sound as good as possible, often at the cost of the truth. As for speed dating, how much can you possibly find out about a person in three minutes when you're both trying so hard to be wonderful?

You need to relax and do things you enjoy in a social environment. It will fall into place. Just let it happen

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN, *e-mail: ellacjn@gmail.com. But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*

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Yield: 18 muffins.

Preheat oven to 400°. In food processor, combine butter and cooled chocolate. Slowly beat in sugar until well combined. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition. In a separate bowl, mix flour, cocoa, and baking powder together, then add to butter/egg mixture, alternating with milk and beating after each addition. Add vanilla. Gently fold in chocolate chips and walnuts. Line cups of a muffin tin with paper cupcake liners or spray tin well with cooking spray; fill cups 3/4 full. Bake 25-35 min.

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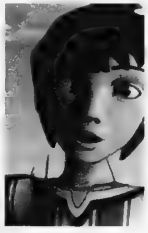

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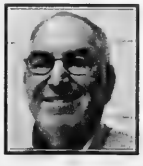
The ties that bind

The woman was kneeling next to my aunt in California at a family bar mitzvah that my sister and I were attending.

Much of our family had migrated over the years to California from our roots in New York, and attending a family affair was part of our commitment to keep our family ties alive.

I had been out there a year earlier to see my aunt, my late father's only sister, since she had moved with her husband from their apartment in Queens, N.Y., to a lovely retirement home closer to two of her daughters who had made that move years before.



Senior Side of Life

Michael Gordon

The simchah was a mini-reunion that confirmed for me the importance of maintaining family ties as I reconnected with various cousins and their families.

After the services and the brunch in the morning and early afternoon, we were at the large party during which the family could share in the fun and "reconnections" and the bar mitzvah boy could experience his new status with his friends. The elders in the family enjoyed watching the children being entertained, and sharing their pre- and just-post-pubescent joys and silliness was fun for those of all ages.

The woman kneeling next to my aunt was writing furiously on a napkin as my aunt reeled out the names and relationships that this woman was thirsting to know about. While speaking, my aunt pointed to my sister and me and various cousins as the connections to the names on the napkin were clarified.

The woman then came to my sister, me and a cousin and asked for further clarification. As we examined the napkin, I realized that it contained a summary of my family's roots and ties, and on this fragile piece of paper were generations of life and history that contained the blood ties that kept us connected, even though generations had passed and geography had caused major disruptions and separations.

The woman, probably of the age of my older children, pulled us over to her father, whom I had never met before but who clearly had a connection as a close friend of my father's family. His daughter introduced us and explained who we were as she referred to the napkin.

His face beamed as names of my father's family were mentioned that clearly resonated with his memory. He told us anecdotes about various members of our family that filled in some of the gaps in our own knowledge of them.

I encouraged the young woman to transcribe the napkin onto something more robust. We exchanged e-mail addresses in case further information had to be shared.

She had a young toddler daughter, and as I looked at them together, I realized just how strong the bonds of family are and how important it is to fit our past into our present to help define who we are, where we came from and why we are connected. The old dictum that "blood is thicker than water" made sense to me.

I learned later that the daughter of my dear aunt's second daughter was also doing a family tree. Her grandmother has been the repository of family history. With the documentation now being prepared, we hope to maintain a record of all those family ties that bind that enhance that "thickness" that comes with blood relationships.

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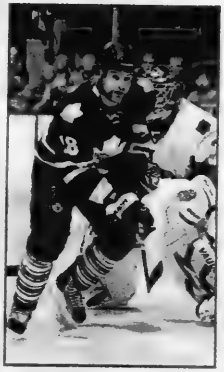

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The Israel Defence Forces Armored Corps used a new defence system to intercept an antitank missile fired from Gaza last week.

The antitank missile was fired at a Merkava 4 tank March 1 from Gaza, near Kibbutz Nir Oz in the western Negev, on the Israel-Gaza border.

The armoured protection system Meil Ruach, or Windbreaker, automatically identified the RPG antitank missile in the air, calculated its ballistic course and intercepted it in seconds.

This successful interception of an antitank missile for the first time in real battle conditions makes the IDF and its armoured corps better equipped and better prepared for future challenges in the field of battle.

The Windbreaker, known as ASPRO, or Armored Shield PROtection, is capable of simultaneously identifying multiple launches from different ranges and angles and intercepting them.

Produced by the IDF's Rafael Advanced Defense Systems Ltd., Windbreaker is being marketed outside Israel under the name Trophy. The system uses sensors and radar to identify incoming missiles and dispatches interceptor missiles that neutralize the hostile weapons before they can strike.

The tactical lessons from the Second Lebanon War in 2006 demonstrated the urgent need to proceed with the Windbreaker system and accelerated its development by the IDF.

The Israeli Armored Corps is in a much better tactical position than it was during the war, having acquired the Merkava 4, which is one of the best tanks in the world, and Windbreaker.

During the war, many Israeli tanks were hit and knocked out by the large-scale launching of antitank missiles by Hezbollah. The deadliest antitank missile Hezbollah used in the war was the Cornet, a dual warhead (tandem design) missile. It penetrated a large number of Israeli tanks, causing many casualties.

A Merkava tank patrols along the border with Gaza. *[Flash90 photo]*

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Back to school

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last week visited Ksulot elementary school in Nazereth Illit, where he sat in on a class. Inset, the prime minister raises his hand to answer a question from the teacher.

[Israel Sun photos]

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CANADA

Evidence Allowed

OTTAWA — The man accused of a 1980 Paris shul bombing failed last week in a last-ditch effort to have handwriting evidence against him disallowed in his ongoing extradition hearing. Hassan Diab, a former University of Ottawa sociology lecturer, is accused by France of bombing the Rue Copernic synagogue, in which four people died and dozens of others were injured. Since his 2008 arrest, the dual Lebanese-Canadian citizen has said he's a victim of mistaken identity. Diab's lawyer has produced three handwriting specialists to contradict French expert testimony that said his signature matches one in a Paris hotel register. Lawyer Donald Bayne said the evidence would be accepted without question in France. But the judge said that while the French evidence was inconsistent, it would violate extradition agreements to apply Canadian standards to it.

Winnipeg Limmud

WINNIPEG — Limmud: Festival of Jewish Learning is coming to Winnipeg for the first time this week. The event, organized by a number of Jewish groups, including the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg, will be held March 12 and 13 at the Asper Jewish Community Campus. Among the presenters are award-winning U.S. journalist and author Lisa Alcalay Klug and York University Jewish studies professor and *CJN* columnist Martin Lockshin. The Limmud concept began in England in 1980 and has spread around the world. For details, visit www.limmudwinnipeg.org.

Murder Case Arrest

VANCOUVER — An 18-year-old was arrested Feb. 20 for the murder of 15-year-old Delta, B.C., resident Laura Szendrei in a local park last fall. The teen was attacked Sept. 25 in a wooded area while on her way to meet friends and succumbed the next day to her injuries. There was no indication she was attacked because she was Jewish, the *Jewish Independent* reported, nor was there any evidence she knew her attacker, who was 17 when the murder occurred and therefore can't be named by law, police said.

More Israelis Pulled From Rubble In N.Z.

WELLINGTON — Two more Israeli bodies were identified in New Zealand, and at least two others remain missing since last month's devastating earthquake.

The dead Israelis, Ofer Levy and Gabi Engel, 22-year-olds from Rehovot, were found in Christchurch March 1 by New Zealand search and rescue personnel, Israeli officials confirmed. The families were notified the same day in Israel.

Israel is now mourning three nationals killed in the Feb. 22 earthquake. The body of 23-year-old Ofer Mizrachi, from Kibbutz Magal near Haifa, was identified Feb. 27 and was returned to Israel for burial.

A two-minute silence was held across New Zealand exactly one week after the disaster. The official death toll has risen to 155, but police are estimating that it could run as high as 240.

A spokesperson for the Israeli Embassy in Wellington confirmed that two other Israelis, reportedly from Dimona, remain unaccounted for, although one was last sighted on the north island. Neither has contacted his family since the quake ripped through the south island's largest city last week.

Meanwhile, two Torah scrolls buried under the rubble of Christchurch's Chabad house were saved last week by a non-Jewish police detective who had heard that the Torahs were buried and dug it out himself.

WORLD

Abuser Sentenced

JERUSALEM — A self-proclaimed rabbi who counselled his followers to commit acts of child abuse and abused children who lived with him was sentenced to 24 years in jail last week. The judge in Jerusalem District Court also ordered Elior Chen to pay damages of $192,000 to his victims, eight children of the woman he lived with, a follower whose husband had given her over to the charismatic leader. He fled Israel for Canada and then Brazil in 2008, and was extradited back to Israel a few months later, after he counselled followers to severely beat and burn the children in order to rid them of the devil. Some were made to drink alcohol and turpentine until they vomited, and to eat their own feces. They were often locked in suitcases and other small spaces.

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Mayor lays down Pride parade law

No funding if anti-Israel group included

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

More than $100,000 in city funding for the 2011 Toronto Pride Parade won't be forthcoming if organizers allow an anti-Israel group to take part, Mayor Rob Ford says.

The annual event is almost four months away – Pride Week runs from June 24 to July 4 this year – but Ford has already vowed not to open city coffers for Pride if it lets the controversial anti-Israel group Queers Against Israeli Apartheid (QuAIA) march again this year.

"Taxpayers dollars should not go toward funding hate speech," Ford told *The CJN* last week, making specific reference to QuAIA. He repeated the pledge he made during the mayoral campaign not to fund Pride if QuAIA is allowed to participate.

Pride received $123,807 from the city last year, but in the midst of a noisy debate about QuAIA's participation in last year's march, then-candidate Ford said that as mayor, he would withhold Pride's funding if it let the group march again.

The issue of QuAIA's involvement has been a sticky one for organizers over the last few years. Since it first participated in 2008, the group has been heavily criticized by many in the Jewish gay and lesbian community, as well as in the broader community, for being out of place in a parade that seeks to celebrate inclusivity.

Rob Ford

The loss of city funding would be a blow to Pride Toronto, which emerged from last year's festival with a debt of nearly $110,000 due to alleged financial mismanagement and the loss of a $400,000 federal grant, *Xtra* reported.

After last year's parade – in which QuAIA's presence was countered directly by Jewish community organizations such as UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canada-Israel Committee, marching in solidarity with Kulanu Toronto, the Jewish community's main gay advocacy group – deep rifts emerged in Toronto's gay and lesbian community, Pride said.

In an attempt to resolve this issue, among others, Pride Toronto set up a community advisory panel last year comprising nine volunteer members who represented views on both sides of the issue.

The panel was chaired by Rev. Brent Hawkes and held several community forums in an attempt to find consensus on what to do about QuAIA. On Feb. 17, the panel presented its official recommendations. Pride Toronto has since accepted all the recommendations.

The panel did not reach a firm decision on QuAIA's participation, even though the report itself acknowledged that the issue is what sparked the need for the panel in the first place.

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Well-intentioned but vacuous

From the editor's desk...

European policy-makers, especially, like to give advice to Israel. To be sure, there is no denying that Israeli policy-makers can use advice. But sometimes the Europeans go beyond advice-giving.

Metaphorically, and sometimes even literally, they wag their fingers smugly, indignantly, or worse, self-righteously in the face of their Israeli counterparts.

One of the most notorious of the European finger-waggers is Carl Bildt, Sweden's current foreign minister and the former foreign secretary of the European Union. Catherine Ashton, the current EU foreign secretary, is herself an expert finger-wagger and delights in dramatic flourishes of the digit in her conversations and press conferences with Israeli diplomats or politicians. Bildt, however, is probably one of the elite waggers.

The Swedish minister was in the region last week offering his wisdom to anyone who would listen. He had just returned from a two-day fact-finding visit to Egypt where, as we know, political life is still unsettled, to use a polite understatement.

The army rules there. Elections are said to be on the way. But no one knows which parties are contending the elections, let alone who is in charge of any of the still-forming parties.

Most people watching events unfolding in Egypt who yearn for democracy and prosperity there are still holding their breath, though hopefully so for the sake of Egyptians and, it must also be said, for the sake of peace in the region, which benefits everyone, including Israel.

Of the situation in Egypt, Bildt said he was "basically optimistic." He does not believe the country would change its peace treaty with Israel or its basic strategic orientation. He cited no evidence for this belief. But we earnestly hope he is correct.

Then, Bildt lapsed into what can only be described as statements so vacuous that they are beneath banal and even too weak for cliché.

"The possibility that exists now for Israel is to sort of make peace not only with rulers of Egypt, *but with the people of Egypt,*" he said. (My emphasis)

The statement of course has no actual, practical or pragmatic meaning. Sovereign nations sign treaties with one another. In the Middle East, it so happens, only one government is a truly elected democratic one and not a cadre of rulers: Israel. Thus the government of Israel – more than 30 years ago – signed a treaty with the government of Egypt, which was then and since, a small group of rulers.

Bildt's statement therefore, has only a metaphorical meaning, i.e, Israel should win the hearts and souls of the Egyptian people. And of course, in his mind, there is only one way of doing that: settle with the Palestinians!

Bildt is not alone in that opinion. Many believe the very same thing. If only Israel and the Palestinians were at peace, the Arab peoples – like Bildt's Egyptians – would be at peace with Israel too. Again, he offers no evidence for the conviction. Nor can he do so, because there is none.

Moreover, based on events currently stirring the Arab world, one can speculate that he is quite wrong.

Recent events might prove that the Arab people – like Bildt's Egyptians – might more likely be at peace with Israel when they are at peace with themselves, namely, with their own situations in their own societies.

When Arab peoples, young and old, of all educational strata, have opportunities to build meaningful, modern lives for themselves and their families, they might then understand that hatred and intolerance are inimical to their own prosperity.

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has never been the central bone sticking above all others in the collective throat of the Arab peoples. Rather, it has been the hopeless, moribund condition of the "ordinary" Arab that has seared the greatest anger and resentment into his heart.

Of course, and it must be emphasized, Israel must indeed do all it possibly can, with a sense of urgency, to find an agreement with the Palestinians. The vast majority of Israelis hold this view, as do the vast majority of Israel's supporters around the world.

But Bildt and all the finger-waggers ignore what cannot be ignored: The Palestinians refuse to negotiate. They are divided. They vie with each other for legitimacy. And legitimacy, the leaders of the respective Palestinians believe, does not come from an equally urgent desire to sit down with Israelis to finally reach agreement. No. Palestinian leaders believe that their legitimacy comes from publicly showing the greatest truculence towards the Jewish state and the greatest reluctance to actually sit down with the Jewish state's leaders to sign an end to the conflict. (See According to Reports in this edition of *The CJN.*)

Bildt and the finger-waggers are well-intentioned but offer mostly empty advice.

–MBD

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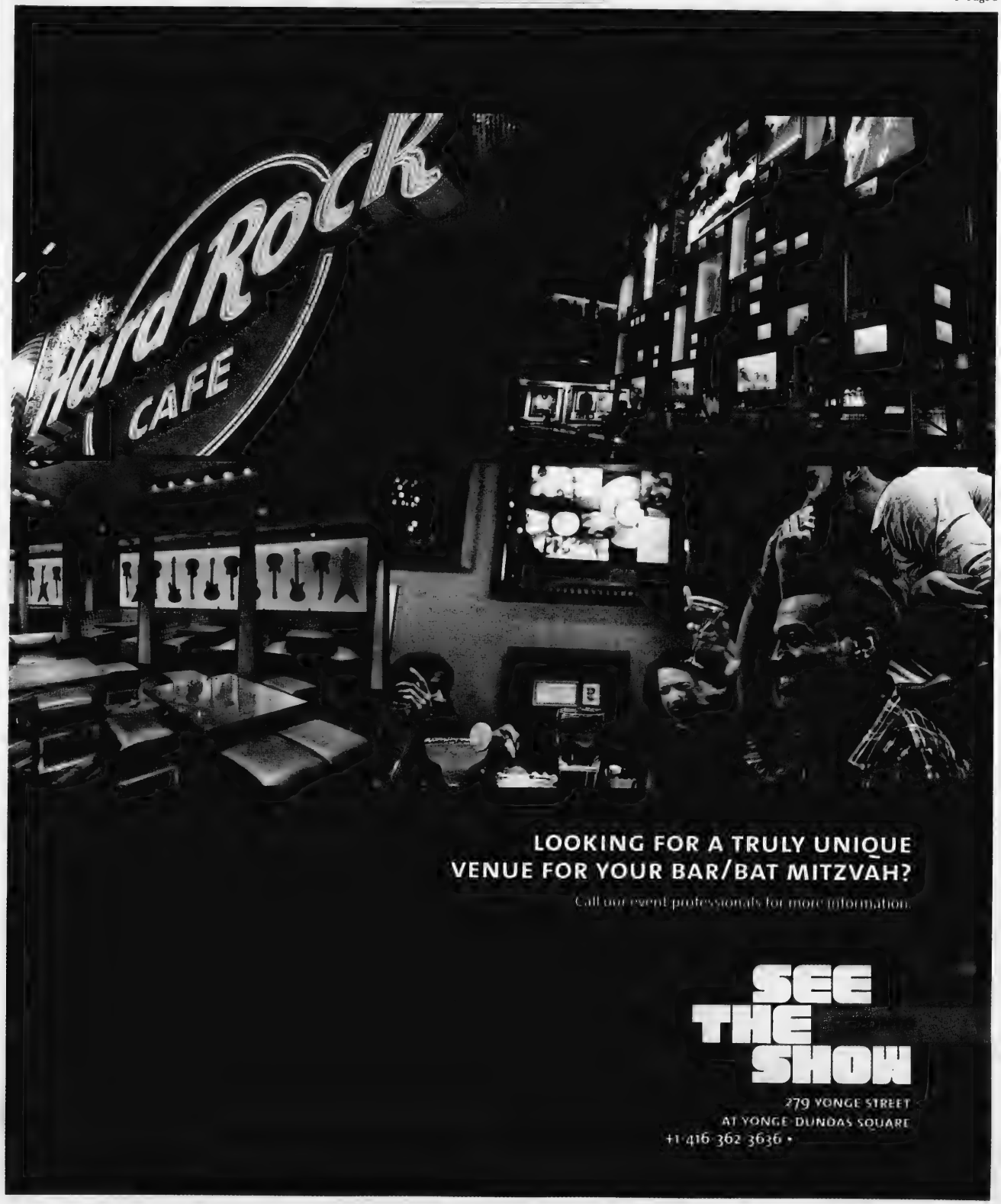
KIDS, POLITICS AND ACCESSIBILITY

Canadian Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development Diane Finley, right, is seen with Gan Yeladim Day Care's assistant supervisor and junior kindergarten teacher Terri Simon and her students following a press conference at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Finley was at the shul last Friday to announce the allocation of a grant to improve accessibility. **See story on page 14.**

[Frances Kraft photo]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Synagogues lobby PM for clean water for First Nations

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

A coalition of Toronto synagogues is addressing First Nations community environmental issues as part of its 2011 tikkun olam outreach activities.

The Bayview Corridor of Synagogues (BCS) consists of six north Toronto congregations of different streams of Judaism: Beit Rayim Synagogue, Beth Tikvah Synagogue, Kehillat Shaarei Torah, Shaar Shalom Synagogue, Temple Emanu-El and Temple Har Zion.

In January, the BCS screened the film *We Live By the River*, a documentary about the work of the Alaskan tribal and Yukon First Nations communities to protect their drinking water.

The screening was part of the BCS's ongoing social action and social justice agenda, which includes partnering with native communities across North America to help bring attention to their various plights.

According to Kenneth Stewart, BCS president, that screening elicited a strong reaction from his members.

The screening of *We Live By the River* prompted the synagogues to send an open letter to Prime Minister Stephen Harper on Feb. 4. It asked him to "ensure that indigenous peoples in Canada and their communities are provided with clean and safe drinking water" and urged Harper to "work swiftly and diligently in correcting this tragic situation in Canada."

The letter was signed by Stewart and more than 60 other people, most of whom were on hand to view the film.

The letter also asked that the federal government abide by the Indian Act, which obliges the government to "ensure clean drinking water for indigenous peoples," according to Stewart.

First Nations environmental experts Lorraine Rekmans, left, and Kim Wheatley and Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld address a Bayview Corridor of Synagogues audience.

[Bayview Corridor of Synagogues photo]

In the letter, the BCS asked the government to "demonstrate leadership" by working with First Nations communities over the course of the next year to ensure that measures are in place by 2012 "to govern and implement the provision of clean and safe drinking water" for all indigenous peoples.

The PMO has since forwarded the letter to John Duncan, minister of Indian affairs and northern development, and told the BCS that their concerns are being "carefully reviewed."

As part of its outreach, the BCS teamed up with two First Nations experts on environmental issues: Lorraine Rekmans, the aboriginal affairs critic for the Green Party and a band member of the Serpent River First Nation, and Kim Wheatley, the aboriginal program coordinator for the Turtle Island Conservation program at the Toronto Zoo and a member of the Shawanaga First Nation.

Both Rekmans and Wheatley spoke to a BCS audience last month about the environmental problems their peoples faced.

Rekmans told *The CJN* by e-mail that she wanted the community to know that urban demands are impacting native resources, with drinking water being just one example.

"There are currently more than 100 First Nation communities in Canada that are now under a boil-water advisory. In four decades, we have gone from drinking spring water to not being able to drink the water at all without treating it," she wrote.

Rekmans added: "In addition to lobbying the federal and provincial governments to address drinking-water issues on First Nations lands, the urban citizens must check their demands, and realize the effect their actions have on regions of Canada where resources come from.

"Urban people impact on the lives of the First Nations communities who live near areas where resources are being extracted. The forested regions of Canada are more than a place to get things for lifestyles that some see as decadent," she wrote.

She told the BCS that First Nations communities don't want a "made in Ottawa" solution to local problems.

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Wishful thinking yields to prudence

It appears that the United States has decided to fine tune its response to the waves of civil strife rolling across the Middle East. As reported last weekend in the *Wall Street Journal*, the White House is devising a new Middle East strategy to deal with the ongoing turmoil in the Arab world. The *Journal* suggested that the Obama administration has now decided to advocate an incremental rather than immediate advance to democracy.

The *Journal* quoted a U.S. official as saying that "starting with Bahrain, the administration has moved a few notches toward emphasizing stability over majority rule. Everybody realized that Bahrain was just too important to fail."

The fact that the United States has extensive commercial and banking relations in Bahrain and a key naval facility there might have something to do with the administration's new "sure-but- slow" approach to achieving full freedom and democracy for the people of Bahrain.

In this revised policy, one can hear the echo of Israel's observations at the very outset of the popular uprisings in the Arab world. If the United States was moved to urge protesters in Bahrain to be more moderate, how much more was Israel justified in urging the very same in Egypt, with whom it shares interests that are far deeper and far more consequential than banking and a naval port?

The significance of those shared interests was underscored last weekend by an announcement in Sudan by Khaled Meshal, the Damascus-based head of the political arm of Gaza's Hamas rulers. Meshal was quoted as saying that the "people in Egypt and Tunisia have given us back our lives." He was referring to a statement by an Egyptian official that the border with Gaza, which former Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak had sealed to prevent arms smuggling into Egypt as well as into Israel, would be slightly unsealed.

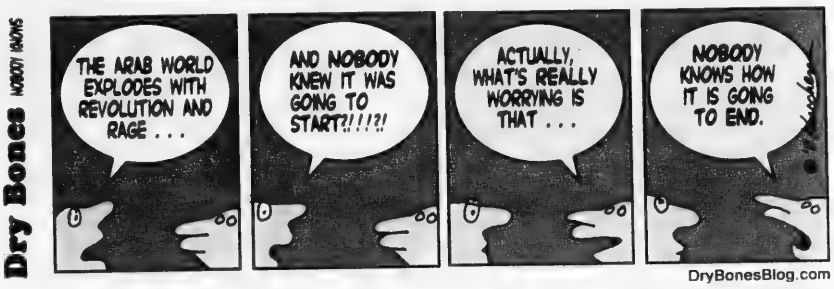
"Today we are witnessing Cairo returning to its natural state, after it disappeared from that state for a long time," Meshal said. He was referring to the hope that a future Egyptian regime would join Hamas in its cause.

And to ensure the world did not forget the quite precise nature of his cause, Meshal added. "The first step [to liberating Jerusalem from Israeli occupation] is refusal to negotiate with Israel... and to establish a new, reconciled Palestinian position based on jihad," he said.

To be sure, a democratic regime in every country in the Middle East would be ideal. But wishful thinking is not a substitute for cautious, prudent policy in helping achieve that treasured transition to democracy, away from the despotic, oppressive, vile, autocratic rule in the Arab world today.

25 years ago in *The CJN*

Former UN secretary general Kurt Waldheim, 67, who was running for president of Austria, faced questions about his activities during World War II. He was accused of being on the staff of a German Army general who was hanged for war crimes and of belonging to two Nazi Party organizations. Waldheim initially denied the allegations, then backtracked in subsequent media interviews.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Israel has always defied the U.S.

There is much debate as to whether U.S. President Barack Obama is the worst president in his attitude toward Israel. He has suggested co-operation with the Arab world and has reached out to Syria and Iran. He has applied incredible pressure on Israel without demanding any reciprocity from the Arab side.

In 1948, the U.S. State Department, the Pentagon and CIA pressured then-Israeli prime minister David Ben-Gurion to avoid a declaration of independence. In 1950, the United States asked Israel to refrain from Jewish construction in Jerusalem and from declaring Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Ben-Gurion defied the United States and declared Jerusalem as the capital. In 1967, prime minister Levi Eshkol defied U.S. pressure and annexed east Jerusalem, thereby reuniting the city. In 1970, prime minister Golda Meir was urged to relinquish parts of Jerusalem and instead constructed neighbourhoods.

In 1961, president John F. Kennedy pressured Israel to stop the construction of Israel's nuclear reactor. In 1967, president Lyndon Johnson urged Israel not to take a preemptive strike against Egypt, Syria and Jordan. In 1977, president Jimmy Carter pressed prime minister Menachem Begin to abstain from direct negotiations with president Anwar Sadat of Egypt. Israel ignored that directive, and a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel was the result. In 1981, president Ronald Reagan warned Begin against bombing Iraq's nuclear reactor. Again, Israel did what it thought best and crippled Iraq's nuclear capability.

Notwithstanding the anti-Israeli pressure from U.S. presidents, the American Congress has always stood firm in supporting Israel, and this is mainly because the American public stands by a democratic and secure state of Israel. Proof of this is that in 1991, president George H.W. Bush denied Israel's request for emergency assistance. Congress defied him and Israel received cash and military assistance. Israel can still count on a friendly Congress and, therefore, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu should follow the precedent set by his predecessors and defy Obama. Israel will still continue to come out on top.

Bert Raphael
Thornhill, Ont.

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Canada-Israel Committee's work

I wish to bring to two matters to your attention:

1. The article on the United Church task force in Israel failed to mention the invaluable work of my colleagues at the Canada-Israel Committee in putting together the exceptional agenda ("United Church to reassess Mideast policies," March 3).
2. In his letter to the editor, Rabbi Mendel Kaplan states that in my effort to seek "shalom bayit" between him and Kulanu, that he "has yet to hear anything from me" ("Article misses the real issues," March 3). Indeed my records show that I sent him an e-mail suggesting we get together and chat on Feb. 24.

Bernie M. Farber
Chief Executive Officer
Canadian Jewish Congress

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Time to live up to our slogans

Thank you to Rabbi Chaim Strauchler for highlighting the difference between facile sloganeering and an earnest approach to community building ("Is freedom and tolerance really spoken here?" March 3). It seems that we have become so accustomed to the toxic society we live in that the concept of menschlich has no meaning. Perhaps it's time to live up to our slogans.

Joe Kislowicz
Toronto

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LET THEM GO...

Ron Arad, Zachary Baumel, Zvi Feldman, Guy Hever, Yehuda Katz

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The number of days Hamas has held Gilad Schalit captive

Looking for descendants of Rudy Brill

Rudy Brill died in Corunna, Ont., in 1996, at the age of 83. A member of the Royal Canada Legion in Corunna, Brill gave Yad Vashem testimony for his mother, Flora Kussy-Brill, in 1988. She was part of the Lustig-Guttman-Brill family, which perished in the Lodz Ghetto and in Auschwitz.

Search and Unite helps people who wonder whether a family member survived World War II. A branch of the organization is devoted to searching for Nazi-looted art in Austria and homes in the Czech Republic, and the owners of the art or their descendants. This is why we are searching for Brill's family. We are most anxious to make contact with them or anyone who may have known him.

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Settlers accuse Netanyahu of building freeze

Leslie Susser
JTA

Although the 10-month moratorium on building in Jewish settlements in the West Bank was lifted last September, settler leaders complain that no construction is being allowed in the large urban areas and warn that a de facto freeze on all Jewish building in the West Bank is looming.

The settler leaders maintain that the Netanyahu administration is refusing to publish new tenders and that all current building is based on a limited number of permits issued years ago by previous governments.

"It's like a pipeline into which no new water is being pumped," Danny Dayan, chairman of the Yesha Council, the umbrella leadership of the setter movement, told JTA. "Water still comes out on the other side because there is still some inside. But it will soon dry up."

According to Dayan, already there are no major building projects in large West Bank towns such as Ma'aleh Adumim, Ariel and Betar because the Netanyahu government has not published a single land tender for urban construction in the West Bank in the two years it has been in power.

"This has led to the absurd situation in which nearly all the building going on now is by private contractors in small isolated settlements outside the blocs slated to remain in Israel in any future agreement with the Palestinians," he said. "And in the settlements on which there is a consensus, the freeze is still in force."

With plans for more than 4,000 new housing units still awaiting government authorization, the mayors of Ariel and Ma'aleh Adumim recently fired off letters of complaint to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and settler leaders announced that they were considering launching a nationwide "save our towns" campaign.

But according to Peace Now, a group that is against the settlements and monitors construction in the West Bank, the settler claims are grossly misleading.

"Immediately after the freeze was lifted, we saw a flurry of building the likes of which we hadn't seen for years," Peace Now Chairman Yariv Oppenheimer told JTA. "Since the freeze ended, the settlers have begun work on about 1,700 housing units in 67 different settlements."

Oppenheimer acknowledged, however, that the Netanyahu government is withholding permits for new building in the large urban areas. In his view, Netanyahu ended the freeze to please the settlers, but is not issuing new permits to please the Americans.

"It creates a situation in which no one is happy and the national interest is compromised," Oppenheimer said.

In mid-February, Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman seemed to confirm that the construction moratorium was still largely in effect.

At a meeting with U.S. Jewish leaders in Jerusalem, Morton Klein, the president of the Zionist Organization of America, asked whether it was true that the government was not issuing new permits in towns like Ma'aleh Adumim and Ariel.

"I am going to answer, like many politicians do – no comment, no comment, no comment," Lieberman replied. "But Morton, we're going to change this."

To some extent Lieberman may have been playing politics. For some time he has been sniping at Netanyahu in a bid to usurp his position as the natural leader of the Israeli right, and last September Lieberman delivered a speech at the United Nations in which he implied that Netanyahu's peace policy vis-a-vis the Palestinians was totally unrealistic.

Also, just a few weeks ago, Lieberman again publicly humiliated the prime minister by shooting down Netanyahu's candidate for the key post of Israeli ambassador to the United Nations, outgoing National Security Adviser Uzi Arad.

Israelis opposed to the government's dismantling of two illegal outposts in the West Bank last week stand near a large poster outside the Prime Minister's office in Jerusalem that depicts Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Ehud Barak brandishing weapons. ***[Flash90 photo]***

The settler claims about a de facto freeze were grist to Lieberman's mill, and it would have been surprising if he had let the chance slip by for another implicit broadside at the prime minister's right-wing credentials while boosting his own.

Nevertheless, it is becoming increasingly apparent that the 10-month moratorium on building and the quiet freeze on new construction permits have not won Netanyahu many points from the international community – so much so that he is now considering launching a new political initiative to redress the balance.

News of this first emerged during an angry telephone conversation in late February with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who accused him of not having done anything to promote peace with the Palestinians.

"There are discussions at the highest level on Israel taking a diplomatic initiative, including the possibility of another major policy speech by the prime minister," a senior Netanyahu aide told JTA. "There is an understanding that we have to take the lead."

The idea is that in what is being dubbed as a "second Bar-Ilan speech," Netanyahu will articulate in greater clarity his vision of peace. If this brings the Palestinians back to the negotiating table, well and good. If not, at least it will show the world that it is the Palestinians who are obstructing peacemaking, not Netanyahu, the aide explained.

The Israeli estimate is that Palestinians will return to the peace table only if they are disabused of the notion that they will be able to achieve their goals through unilateral moves in the United Nations.

"That is why Netanyahu was so pleased with the U.S. veto of the Palestinian-initiated Security Council vote against the building in the settlements and so disappointed with the European decision to go along with it," the aide said.

But will Israel be able to get the Palestinians back to the negotiating peace table without imposing an official new settlement freeze, and is Netanyahu's refusal to grant new building permits a move in that direction?

At a Likud Knesset faction meeting Monday, the prime minister indicated that it might be. Excoriating settler efforts to obtain new permits, he said, "Israel is facing a very difficult international reality" and the settler leaders "don't understand where they are living."

The senior Netanyahu aide told JTA that "The settler community has to understand that the diplomatic struggle isn't over additional building in the settlements, it's over the settlements themselves."

'Day of Rage' supports West Bank outposts

JTA

JERUSALEM — Demonstrators blocked highways and train routes in a "Day of Rage" called by Israeli settler leaders to protest the demolition of illegal structures at a West Bank outpost.

Some 15 demonstrators blocked the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway Thursday morning, kicking off what was billed as a day of protests against last week's demolition of structures at the Gilad Farm outpost in the northern West Bank. Burning tires reportedly also were placed on the highway, and several demonstrators blocked train tracks between Ben Gurion Airport and Modi'in.

Later in the week, about 50 activists blocked the road regularly used by both Jewish settlers and Palestinians between the Palestinian cities of Kalkilya and Nablus. Some protesters slashed the tires of a police car at the scene, leading to one arrest, Ynet reported.

Some 20 protesters were arrested blocking an intersection near Ben Gurion airport. Dozens of protesters also demonstrated near Hebron and near the settlement of Binyamin in the West Bank.

Following the razings at Gilad Farm, eight settlers were arrested and 15 wounded as the result of clashes with police. Later, hundreds of right-wing activists blocked roads in Jerusalem, leading to the arrests of some two dozen protesters.

In the West Bank, protesters blocked the entrance to Nablus but allowed through cars driven by Jews. Also, a Molotov cocktail was thrown at a Palestinian home in Hawara, near Nablus, burning a room in the house, and Palestinians from Burin accused settlers from Yitzhar of rolling burning tires toward the village in what are being called revenge attacks.

Settlers said that police used unnecessary force, including rubber bullets and tear gas, in the Gilad Farm evacuation. Israeli Public Security Minister Yitzhak Aharonovitch acknowledged later that police, fearing for their safety, had used plastic bullets.

"The settlers outnumbered the security forces and encircled a small group of officers, posing a concrete threat on the force," Aharonovitch said.

A soldier whose home was razed in the demolition, Shimon Weizman, was dismissed from the Kfir Brigade and sentenced to 30 days in prison after he said publicly that he would not return to military service until his outpost home is rebuilt.

Also last week, Israeli soldiers arrested a Palestinian in possession of a weapon who allegedly was planning an attack on the Yitzhar settlement, Ynet reported.

The empty place where wonder dwelled

While we brag that the crocus and daffodil buds are showing in our gardens in Vancouver, we still suffer days that are grey and gloomy. February days can be depressing, as those who have abandoned Lotusland for Toronto's bright blue winter skies have told us.

Still, dark afternoons give us time to sit by a fire and read books.

On the other hand, there are days like today, as I write this, that I can see the mountains behind the city blissed out with snow, the far slopes looking like frosted cakes. Then our hearts rise.

This sense of wonder at the astonishing nature of nature strikes us at many times: the birth of a child; a volcano rising from the ocean; glaciers calving; sunset over the Judean desert, and hooded kohanim blessing the congregation during Yom Kippur.

It appears – I say this carefully, since no one has been able to confirm this scientifically – that humans are the only creatures to be able to feel and express a sense of wonder.

Our adult education class has been studying writings of the late scholar and master of the mystical, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. In a chapter titled simply "Wonder," from his book *A Philosophy of Judaism*, he writes on that unique ability of humans to feel wonder: "Among the many things that religious tradition holds in store for us is *a legacy of wonder*." When I read that, my first instinct was to say, "Of course, and I know just what events evoke the sense of wonder." But no. My thinking was too shallow.

We may think that the kind of wonder I described above is the wonder of which Rabbi Heschel speaks. However, his point emerges later: we are to hold within our religious experience the knowledge that the experience of wonder is itself the miracle.

This is very difficult for me to imagine. I understand the feeling of awe that arises when we see a wonder of nature. We have brachot to channel that feeling. From my windows – the same ones that can see the mountains around Vancouver, or when fog rolls in, nothing at all – I often see double rainbows and can pronounce the brachah assigned to that phenomenon.

But to contemplate the thought that the actual religious experience is that I should be radically amazed, in Rabbi Heschel's language, by my sense of wonder, that I can have this emotion bracketed by the brachah, well, that's a different matter.

Jean M. Gerber

in Vancouver

Part of me clings to the tradition that values the intellect with which we approach discussion of the meaning embedded in the Torah. Using the tools developed by traditional commentators, we rationally dissect a text and its commentaries that have been brought by rabbis over the past 2,000 years.

I'm most comfortable with this approach to text. It challenges our aptitude for concentrating on every nuance of the narrative.

A second approach, however, challenges us to look behind the text, to find what triggers that sense of wonder. For Rabbi Heschel, faith demands the ability to know that we are amazed at the irrational. Neither approach can exist without the other, and both together allow us to savour fully the richness of our heritage.

Further to this idea, Rabbi Heschel writes: "The sense of wonder and transcendence must not become a 'cushion for the lazy intellect.' It must not be a substitute for analysis where analysis is possible; it must not stifle doubt where doubt is legitimate. It must, however, remain a constant awareness if man is to remain true to the dignity of God's creation, because such awareness is the spring of all creative thinking."

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

In recent weeks, we've been reading about the construction of the mishkan, the tabernacle in the desert. Why pay attention to each detail of its fittings and furnishings? What possible difference can it make to us, 3,000 years later, how many ornamental knobs and flowers or how many gold and brass fittings were needed?

I offer a modest suggestion: that crude centre of worship, trundled around with the tribes for nearly 40 years, was the place where Israelites could develop their sense of wonder. In it, hidden and exposed at the same time, they could find what would arouse in them the ability to experience radical amazement, a place where the presence of the ineffable manifested itself, not in a particular image, but in the absence of an image, in the space between the *cheruvim*, in the empty place where wonder dwelled.

Is this progress?

In my last year of college, I decided to pursue anthropology. I loved learning about human diversity and cultural differentiation. But as I had just married an Orthodox rabbi, this was not my most practical decision. I was unprepared for other difficulties.

When I asked the head of our department for help in finding funding for graduate school, he refused. Admitting that I was the most qualified student, he explained that I was "just a woman." Although this was the liberated 1960s, it wasn't the only sexism I experienced during my academic career.

I did go to graduate school, securing National Science Foundation support. But my route wasn't direct. There were stops and starts associated with the necessities of a husband's career. I began graduate studies in 1966, not stopping for an MA but taking all the equivalent courses and comprehensive exams in 1968. Due to the shifting nature of my life, I had to redesign my doctoral thesis several times. Eventually, I settled on a topic that I could investigate in Montreal.

Research completed and writing begun, I required more time to complete the task. In 1972, I asked for an extension. My university responded to my request with a resounding "no." Having children and working part time weren't good enough excuses for a delay. My original professor's remarks rang true. His sexism was representative of the system. There was no place in the system for women who couldn't operate as men.

Why am I telling you this today? Haven't we passed all of that? Isn't sexism dead? Well, not really.

Women make up at least half of our students at the college level, but the faculties of most universities are not fully gender equal. Most schools are consciously trying to become more gender balanced. Yet not all departments are so committed, and there still seems to be an old boys' network in some places. But the gender disequilibrium becomes more apparent at the higher levels of university life. How many women are granted the title of full professor? How many top administrators are women? What are the pay distributions?

In Canada, women earn only 79 cents on the dollar compared to men. Women make up 47 per cent of the labour force, but only 17 per cent of corporate officers are female and only 14 per cent of corporate board members are female. Even though women are half of the population, only 22 per cent of the MPs in Ottawa are female. The situation is better in Quebec politics and corporations, but there's no gender equality yet in the world we live in.

We have many statements from politicians, philosophers, human rights advocates and even religious leaders, all committing to some ideal of gender equality. But real, on-the-ground, actual egalitarianism we have yet to see. Anywhere.

Norma Baumel Joseph

in Montreal

If we have made any progress as a society, there are still many venues to investigate. We need to look at our own community. How many of our community presidents and leaders are women? How do our institutions function? Where are our institutions when it comes to lay leadership and equality? Do we pay the same for professional services of male and female workers? Studies indicate that our agencies and federation do not.

According to our tradition, God created male and female equally in the divine image – at the same point in time, with equal intention and equal sanctity (Genesis 1:28). If there are physical differences between men and women, they're not to be exercised by diminishing a person's sanctity or dignity in any way. Our attitude and treatment must reflect human equality and respect for God's image.

How can we avoid the sexism of the workplace or school that I lived with in the 1960s?

Of one thing I am sure. Many believe that we're on a progressive road, that our daughters will have it better than we did. But I'm not so sanguine. In some ways women are in a better place than they were in 1921. But in other ways, we are not as free or as respected as was Asnath Barzani, a 17th-century woman who was head of a yeshiva – in Kurdistan, of all places. I will write about her elevation in my next column.

Harry Truman rallied to the Zionist cause

With Franklin Roosevelt's death in 1945, the United States lost a great president. Harry Truman, his underestimated successor, was suddenly thrust into the limelight. The issues he faced were daunting, least of all the simmering problem in Palestine, which was fiercely contested by Jews and Arabs and administered by Britain under a League of Nations mandate.

As tensions inexorably rose in Palestine, Truman – a former U.S. senator with a pro-Zionist record – was caught up in a political struggle of epic proportions. A Baptist inspired and guided by the Bible, he was emotionally drawn to the notion of Jewish statehood, which the majority of American Jews supported. But as a politician who was duty-bound to take broader U.S. interests into account, he had no alternative but to seriously consider the pro-Arab views of some of his top officials. Consequently, Truman hesitated at crucial moments, confounding both camps.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

When push came to shove, Truman acted decisively, with the United States becoming the first country to recognize Israel's independence and sovereignty. It was a pivotal moment in the history of the Middle East and the annals of U.S. foreign policy.

The high drama that consumed the former haberdasher from the state of Missouri is the subject of *A Safe Haven: Harry S. Truman and the Founding of Israel* (HarperCollins), written by the husband-and-wife team of Allis and Ronald Radosh, who claim that Palestine was "the one constant crisis" of his presidency. Truman's daughter, Margaret, went one step further, saying that Palestine was "the most difficult dilemma of his entire administration."

True enough.

Truman's predecessor, Roosevelt, was supposedly in favour of a Jewish "commonwealth" in Palestine. In actual fact, he pursued a policy of obfuscation, trying to please Arabs and Jews simultaneously. A statement Roosevelt forwarded to the king of Saudi Arabia, Ibn Saud, in 1943 formed the nub of his views: Roosevelt assured him that no decision regarding Palestine would be taken "without full consultation with both Arabs and Jews."

Until then, the United States had no clearly defined policy toward Palestine, generally regarding it as a British responsibility. When Truman assumed office, his only knowledge of what Roosevelt had in mind for Palestine came from his public pronouncements. He had obviously been kept out of the loop.

As a senator, Truman – whose familiarity with the Old Testament attuned him to Zionist longings – signed a resolution calling for "the restoration of the Jews in Palestine." Truman's pro-Zionist inclinations were bolstered by his enduring friendship with Eddie Jacobson, a Jew who had been his partner in a Kansas City clothing store and who, though not a Zionist, was acutely sensitive to the atrocities that had been committed during the Holocaust. Truman's pro-Zionist sentiments, however, crashed up against the State Department, whose preferred policy for Palestine was a British trusteeship under a United Nations charter.

Truman had to deal with the Palestine file after learning of Roosevelt's promise to Ibn Saud, who, like all Arab leaders, staunchly opposed Jewish statehood, and after reading an alarming report submitted by one of his envoys, Earl Harrison, on the plight of 100,000 Jewish refugees, mainly Holocaust survivors, languishing in displaced persons camps in Germany and Austria.

Observing that they lived in grim conditions, Harrison concluded that they wished to be settled in Palestine. Touched by their situation, Truman agreed that they should be allowed to proceed to Palestine. But the State Department, as well as the British government, argued that Palestine lacked the capacity to absorb them.

Bombarded by Jewish appeals on behalf of the refugees, Truman soon grew tired of the intense lobbying. "The Jews," he said in a frisson of exasperation, "have no sense of proportion" and are "very, very selfish."

Meanwhile, Truman had to consider a new report, the Morrison-Grady plan, which called for two partially self-governing Arab and Jewish provinces in Palestine. Truman initially backed the plan, but when Zionist supporters told him that it would result in the creation of "a Jewish ghetto" in Palestine, he had a change of heart and shifted his allegiance to partition. The Arab League rejected the plan outright. The Arabs sought an end to the British mandate and further Jewish immigration, and demanded a unitary state in which Jews would be a protected minority.

With the Morrison-Grady scheme sidelined, Truman lent his support to the majority recommendation of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine, which called for partition.

The State Department, which advocated a trusteeship, demurred, claiming that partition would undermine American relations with the Arab world, prompt the Arabs to align themselves with the Soviet Union and jeopardize Arab oil supplies.

Not surprisingly, American Zionists pushed for partition. Eddie Jacobson was recruited to persuade his old friend on the merits of partition. "Harry, my people need help, and I am appealing to you to help them," he wrote in a missive.

Harry Truman

It's debatable what impact Jacobson had on the president. What is certain, as the authors contend, is that Truman rallied to the cause of partition after the Arab League threatened to invade Palestine once the British departed. Facing a new reality, the State Department tried to adjust the borders of the proposed two states by placing Safed and the southern Negev in the new Arab state. Eventually, Washington retracted these revisions.

The United States joined 32 other nations, including Canada, in voting for the 1947 UN partition plan, yet Truman was still conflicted. As he put it, "The Jews are bringing all kinds of pressure on me to support the partition of Palestine and the establishment of a Jewish state. On the other hand, the State Department is adamantly opposed to this."

Despite the historic developments at the United Nations, anti-partition forces in the State Department finally prevailed and trusteeship, even if only on a temporary basis, became the United States' new position on Palestine.

But on May 14, 1948, the concept of a trusteeship was rendered irrelevant when David Ben-Gurion announced Israeli statehood. Eleven minutes later, the United States formally recognized Israel on a de facto basis.

Truman declined to lift a U.S. embargo on the sale of arms to the Middle East, a State Department initiative, but the Federal Bureau of Investigation looked the other way and permitted weapons to be smuggled into Israel through U.S. ports.

In addition, Truman immediately agreed to grant Israel's president, Chaim Weizmann, an audience in the White House and vetoed the appointment of an Arabist as Washington's first ambassador to the Jewish state.

Truman announced de jure recognition of Israel on Jan. 31, 1949, and, some four months later, granted the new state a $100-million loan.

Although he was rightly hailed as a friend, Truman upset Israeli leaders by refusing to lift the arms embargo and pressing for a return of Palestinian refugees to their former homes in Israel.

Nonetheless, as the authors observe in this thoughtful and thorough book, Truman has "a place of honour in the history of the Jewish people." They speculate that Roosevelt would not have been as generous in his support as Truman and claim that Israel might not have survived its first difficult years without Truman's assistance.

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Meals on Wheels volunteers provide human contact

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

Volunteer drivers for Circle of Care's Kosher Meals on Wheels do much more than bring food to clients, says the program's co-ordinator.

"Sometimes they deliver meals straight to the refrigerator and check if the food has piled up. There is also a safety protocol, so if no one answers the door or the client looks unwell, the driver has a procedure to follow," said Inna Dantchenko.

It may be the only human contact a client has all day, she said. "It is so important for an isolated person to have a little visit. We're not a pizza delivery service."

With close to 1,700 meals a week going out to clients, however, they're having trouble getting enough volunteers, she said.

Arnold Foss, director of communications for Circle of Care, said the demographics of volunteers have changed.

"In the '80s, there were a lot of stay-at-home mothers, and people retired at age 65. These were the people who were volunteering. We don't have that base now. They are all working. If we want to keep the program afloat, we need creative ways to volunteer."

He said that people who cannot commit weekly can substitute for a regular driver during summer or winter vacations.

"We also encourage organizations to get involved, so they can send out two people, for example, every week. We're very flexible. If you have any time at all, let us know.

"Recruiting volunteers is our primary need. Food is life, and for some clients, we are the main source of nutrition. Our food comprises about 40 per cent of a person's daily nutrition. If they have eggs, cheese, milk and bread, in addition to our meals, they are basically OK," he said.

David Bergart, a member of Temple Har Zion brotherhood, has been delivering meals for 15 years, and said that he has served a client a meal on a tray if he thinks they wouldn't eat on their own. "I certainly don't drop it and run," he said.

Michael Lewis, a native of Capetown, South Africa, began delivering meals as soon as he arrived in Canada about 4-1/2 years ago. "I was interviewed and had a police check and away I went. It immediately got me involved in the community."

Foss said that with the lack of volunteers, staff and managers have had to deliver meals. "On Fridays, especially, we have our biggest load. We send gefilte fish, challah, horseradish and a sip of wine."

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'Not a platform for hatred'

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In fact, the panel's 21-page executive summary only mentions QuAIA by name once.

Instead, after nine months of debating and community consultations, the panel urged that all Parade participants "be required to sign an enforceable undertaking not to portray messages or images that condone or promote violence, hatred or negative stereotypes against any group."

The panel also recommended that Pride set up a "dispute resolution process" that would be binding for all participants.

Francisco Alvarez, co-chair of Pride Toronto, said his organization is in the process of implementing this recommendation by assembling a pool of "qualified dispute resolution officers."

"We are quite certain that when we are set up to do this... [complaints about QuAIA] will go through the dispute resolution process, and the final outcome will be determined by an independent arbitrator, not by Pride Toronto. Pride will abide by this decision, whatever it may be," Alvarez wrote in an e-mail.

Regarding Ford's threat to withhold funding if QuAIA participates this year, Alvarez said Pride will fight that decision if it happens.

"If the city later decides to cut funding to one of its major annual community and tourist events, one that generates millions in tax revenues and hotel, restaurant and retail profits for Toronto businesses, we will be prepared to contest that decision, and, if necessary, reduce the scope of the festival. But we are hopeful that we will continue to receive the city's support."

Justine Apple, Kulanu Toronto's executive director, said she supports Ford's funding stance and anticipates that QuAIA will again be allowed to march in the parade.

She confirmed that Kulanu would also take part again this year and that her organization would seek community-wide Jewish support, as it did in 2010. She said Kulanu plans to meet with Congress and UJA Federation next month.

"Pride is about the celebration of gay rights. It's not a platform from which to spew hatred and intolerance. QuAIA's messaging is clearly discriminatory, divisive and inflammatory and has no place in the parade," Apple said.

She added that Kulanu is pleased that Pride is forming the dispute resolution committee.

"Pride is trying to be more transparent by listing groups that apply for the parade by putting their names on their website. At that point, other groups can look at that and see if they don't like who's scheduled to march" and file a complaint, she said.

Apple said that Kulanu will be "out and proud" at this year's parade and remains "excited" to be part of it.

Fed. govt. gives shul accessibility grant

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Diane Finley, Canada's minister of human resources and skills development, announced last Friday that Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue and 296 other community projects across the country will receive grants in the coming year to improve accessibility for people with disabilities.

The Toronto shul will receive $75,000 in matching funds to install an elevator that will service three levels of the building.

The grant is from the federal government's Enabling Accessibility fund, which is providing a total of $14.2 million for projects to improve accessibility through renovation, construction and retrofitting of buildings; modification of vehicles; and enhancement to technologies. It represents the maximum grant available from the fund.

Beth Emeth's lower level, which is currently accessible only by stairs, houses Gan Yeladim Day Care and Kadimah Educational Centre, which serves adults with special needs.

Gan Yeladim supervisor Shelley Wise said she was thrilled by the grant. With the elevator, the daycare will become accessible for children in wheelchairs, as well as to parents or visitors with physical challenges. She recalled that a staff member once had to take time off work because her foot was in a cast and, more recently, a parent hurt her leg. "[An elevator] services everybody," Wise said.

Kadimah supervisor Marcel Cohen, who applied for the grant with Wise, said that several Kadimah students use walkers. "It's very perilous for them to come down the stairs." He added that an elevator would allow for new students to join Kadimah as well.

Beth Emeth's Rabbi Howard Morrison told reporters, "Forty years ago it wasn't on our moral compass to think about the ideals we are thinking about now."

Last summer the shul's chapel was renovated and is now fully accessible, he said. As well, he added, two years ago, a bimah ramp was installed in the main sanctuary.

Finley told reporters, "Our government values the abilities of all Canadians and celebrates our progress as a society towards the full inclusion of people with disabilities."

The grant projects also create jobs, empower people with disabilities, and increase their financial stability, she added.

Reena receives Ontario Trillium Foundation grant

Compiled by CJN Staff

A recently announced grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation will help the Reena organization move a step closer to making its Reena Community Residence now under construction at the Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Campus in Vaughan, Ont., a reality.

Some of the $150,000 two-year grant will be used to hire staff to oversee the formulation of intake and direct service protocols to develop an interdisciplinary, integrated model of service delivery for people with physical, cognitive and developmental disabilities and the frail elderly, and to develop a more inclusive community.

Thornhill MPP Peter Shurman recently visited Reena's Henry and Toby Battle Centre to announce the grant. "Reena is one of those organizations that truly understands the meaning of community, friendship and dignity," Shurman said. "Through its programs, hundreds of families... have benefited."

Seen at Reena's Henry and Toby Battle Centre are from left Laurine Schmelzle, chair of the Reena board; Ontario Trillium Foundation volunteer Feria Bacchus; Thornhill MPP Peter Shurman; Vaughan Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua and Sandy Keshen, president and CEO of Reena.

Planning for the $23-million four-storey housing complex began in 2005, with several community agencies, including UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, the Kehilla Residential Program, Jewish Family and Child, and Circle of Care. The vision was for supportive housing on the new Lebovic Campus, where residents with special needs would live together, but also be supported by a seamless delivery of service and be integrated with the other programs on the campus.

The residence is adjacent to the Schwartz/Reisman Centre, which offers recreational, cultural and educational programs, as well as a wellness centre and Mount Sinai's ambulatory health-care facility.

Reena was established almost 40 years ago by parents of children with developmental disabilities on the principle that those with a disability have the right to live with dignity within their community. For more information on Reena, visit www.reena.org/. For more information on the Lebovic Campus, visit www.tomorrowcampaign.com.

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Canadian Egyptian Jews discuss unrest in Egypt

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

While Egyptians continue to take to the streets to demand a new democratic government, Egyptian Jewish expatriates living in Toronto are following the unfolding events carefully.

Dan Yarhi, who immigrated from Cairo in 1957 when he was six years old, said he has been following the developments in Egypt over the past six weeks. Based on his own experiences, he can understand why the Egyptians have lashed out against the military government.

"As a kid, I heard them in the streets chanting "Kill all the Jews" and then we were forced to leave... We were ousted, we were given two suitcases and five Egyptian pounds and everything else was taken by the army," Yarhi said.

"I don't trust the army now, and the Egyptians of today are displaying that they don't trust the army."

Since the protests began in late January, Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak was ousted from his post and former air force general Ahmed Shafiq, the man Mubarak appointed as prime minister before he left office, was also pushed by the Egyptian public to resign.

"Arabs seem to have to have an enemy. Right now, it's the army," Yarhi said.

"But [the protesters] have no structure. They are still going to end up with the same unemployment, the same problems with food, the same problems with corruption.

"Whether [Egypt is ruled] by this guy or that guy, it doesn't matter. It will just be a matter of time before the hand goes under the table and you have to give money. That is just the culture."

Egyptians massed in large numbers in Tahrir Square in Cairo. *[Israel Sun photos]*

Emil Cohen, who immigrated from Egypt to Israel in 1960 when he was 11 years old, before moving to Toronto as an adult, agreed that the fact that the protesters are not organized is a problem.

The protests in Egypt remind him of the Iranian Revolution in 1979 – also known as the Islamic Revolution – which was brought on by massive protests against the oppressive, corrupt leaders.

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'Democracy starts with education'

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As a result, Ayatollah Ruholla Khomeini, an Islamic fundamentalist, rose to power.

"It starts with the educated and then it gets hijacked," Cohen said.

He added that just a week after Mubarak stepped down, the Muslim Brotherhood, an Islamist movement that was banned under Mubarak's rule, organized a march for hundreds of thousands of people.

The Muslim Brotherhood, an international organization that promotes implementing *sharia* law, is currently Egypt's most organized group.

"Already, they are hijacking it... If the situation in Egypt mixes with religion, the outcome will not be good,"Cohen said.

He said the question is whether the Egyptian population sees themselves as Muslims first and Egyptians second, or Egyptians first and Muslims second.

Yarhi said that he anticipates that Egyptians will be given the right to a democratic election, but a democracy in Egypt may look very different from those in the western world.

"They don't know what democracy is. You can make a scarecrow and stuff it full of straw and say, look this is a human being... but it's not. It is just a sum total of its stuffing... What they're going to stuff this with is not necessarily what democracy is," Yarhi said.

"You just hope for the best, but you're guarded. I know it's not going to be what everyone in America thinks it's going to be," he said, adding that corruption is very much ingrained in Egyptian society.

Cohen wondered if democracy is the right thing for a population that has a high illiteracy rate, some estimating it at more than 30 per cent.

Women, young and old, showed their disdain for Hosni Mubarak and his regime.

"Democracy starts with education," Cohen said.

Yarhi said that while Cairo is a developed city with a population of nearly eight million, just a short distance out of the city, "it's the middle ages.

"As soon as you get onto the farms and into the deserts, it is the way it was since time immemorial and nothing changes there. These people don't have electricity, let alone the Internet, let alone can read a newspaper, but the newspapers are all controlled, so even if they did read them, they'd have no inkling," Yarhi said.

The situation in Egypt is one that will take generations to correct, he added.

"The young people who have an education other than the Qur'an... if they [stop] listening to the mullah, maybe [something will change]."

Meanwhile, Yarhi said he's worried about what the political unrest in the Middle East could mean for Israel.

"Ultimately, in a matter of six months, a year, two years... people will start pointing fingers, and they'll start pointing fingers at Israel. Because they are the problem, because they are doing well," he said.

Cohen, on the other hand, said he's not worried about Israel "one bit.

"They can't do anything to Israel. They can sing and dance, and they can even send some rockets here... But we are bound by answering in kind. No more than that."

While Cohen doesn't predict that this could lead to war with Israel, he said, "Egypt will have to fight an internal war to decide who they want to be. That is the key. It is finally time for them to say who they are for real... where they are headed."

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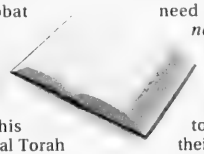
A similar scene can be found in the Torah portion of Vayakhel, although with quite a different ending. At the outset of the construction of the Mishkan, the Tabernacle, the *nesiim*, the heads of each tribe, waited until the completion of construction before volunteering their wealth. Even though this may seem commendable, the Torah, in rebuke of this attitude, removed the letter "yud' from the word *nesiim*, which is normally spelled with two yudin.

The obvious question is why? Most probably, what the leadership donated was worth more than the total of all the other donations. In a related story in the Talmud (Kiddushin 31a), we see that the sages were willing to pay great sums for the precious stones that adorned the priestly garments. Why then were the *nesiim* punished?

Perhaps by looking at the rebuke, we can understand the reasoning. When the letter "yud" is added to a Hebrew word, it creates a plural. The *nesiim* did not share with the multitude of the Nation of Israel in the building of the Mishkan. They hesitated in their fulfilment of this mitzvah and thereby missed it completely.

Last week, we celebrated a Shabbat known as Shabbat Shekalim. It received this name because the special Torah portion concerning the commandment of the giving of the half shekel is read publicly. This obligation was incumbent equally on both the affluent and the underprivileged during the month of Adar. The prosperous could not give more and the unfortunate no less. The commentaries explain that this mandatory donation was collected for the benefit of the entire nation, since it was used for the purchase of the daily sacrifices of atonement. The shekel was the great equalizer – it had to be given by everyone, on time and for the benefit of the nation.

Rabbinic Reflections



The *nesiim* should have anticipated the possibility that, in their enthusiasm and devotion to Hashem, the people might contribute everything themselves – which, in fact, is what happened in the case of the Mishkan.

Covering a deficit is a wonderful offer if one is concerned about the recipient. But in the case of the Mishkan, the recipient was the Creator of the universe. He did not need the assistance of the *nesiim* or anyone else. The commandment to donate to the Mishkan was a singular privilege granted to the Jewish people for their own benefit.

Tzedakah is a great mitzvah, but like all other commandments, it's based on godly principles and ethics. Perhaps the underlying message is that when it comes to mitzvot that embody kindness and empathy, such as tzedakah, we may be receiving more than we're giving.

Rabbi Meir Rosenberg is executive director of Mizrachi Canada and rabbi of Congregation Ayin L'Tzion in Thornhill, Ont.

Prison insights

In an almost unbelievable application of the verse, "Love your neighbour as yourself," our sages teach that one must give a convicted killer a "pleasant death." Even those who commit capital crimes must be dealt with humanely.

Thus, Judaism has no concept of death row, and in the rare circumstances when a death penalty was to be administered, it had to be done on the morrow of conviction.

Such an attitude may help explain why – strange as it sounds to us moderns – the Jewish penal code apparently does not have a jail system. Monetary restitution was required for violations of civil law, exile to another city for criminal negligence (with a relative allowed to kill one who leaves his new abode). Those considered a threat to society – and the Talmud makes little mention of such occurrences – were dealt with on an ad hoc basis.

With little left but a lifetime in jail, Bernie Madoff has expressed his view that the banks were well aware of his Ponzi scheme but chose to turn a blind eye as the profits rolled in. He has also claimed that he too is a victim, but of his own making. He is like many sinners – it is only after the fact that they reflect on what they have done. And that's often too late.

As for the role of the banks, while the "testimony" of the convict is not admissible, I have no reason to doubt that Madoff's words are, in fact, true. It is the rare person and even rarer business that concerns itself with the possible moral wrongdoings of others – often they are little concerned with their own wrongdoings. Biblical notions of rebuke, or the prohibition to partner in a business transaction in which, while my actions may be legal and moral, others involved are less so, play little role in the modern marketplace.

Money Matters

Rabbi Jay Kelman CA

Minding our own business is a mantra that allows us to deal with others without a second thought. One does not steal $50 billion on one's own, and the signs of the fraud and opportunities to expose it before it caused so much damage were ignored. As both the Jewish and secular legal systems mete no punishment for those who could prevent harm but choose not to do so, we can only rely on moral suasion.

In the realm of morality, it is quality not quantity that matters most. Jewish law recognizes no distinction between petty and grand larceny. If we understand that stealing is an affront to God, then numbers don't really matter.

From this perspective Bernie Madoff is little worse than your white collar criminal who may "only" steal a million dollars or so. Both those who steal a penny and those who take a billion dollars lose their ability to be trusted in any and all matters of Jewish law, whether civil, criminal or religious. While their words carry no legal weight even a moral leper can at times have moral insight into the actions of others. We would be wise to listen.

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Israel identification among young Jews debated

Has support for the State of Israel been eroding among non-Orthodox American Jews? A few years ago, respected scholars Steven Cohen of Hebrew Union College and Ari Kelman of the University of California published a study that argued that it has. An equally respected team – Theodore Sasson, Charles Kadushin and Leonard Saxe, all affiliated with Brandeis University – challenged that hypothesis, arguing that there is no evidence of erosion of support for Israel among American Jews.

In late 2010, the journal *Contemporary Jewry* took the unusual step of publishing an entire volume of 24 academic articles, all dedicated to this debate. Understanding that the question was hardly "academic" and is indeed of interest to many Jews, the journal even made the volume available free on the Internet (www.contemporaryjewry.org/24.html).

Views & Reviews

Martin Lockshin

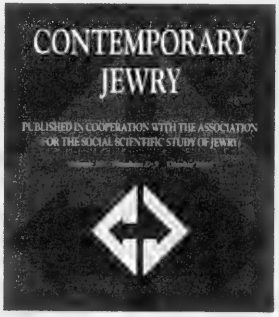
The volume is fascinating reading, especially if you (like me) have an interest in the question of what can and cannot be legitimately learned from survey data. Both competing teams and most of the other scholars who joined the fray in this volume were, for the most part, looking at the same survey data but interpreting it differently. One side saw convincing evidence that American Jews today feel less connection to Israel than in the past. The other side concluded that younger American Jews do not identify with Israel as much as older Jews do, and that this pattern has existed for decades: Jews identify with Israel more as they mature. For this second group, this pattern sufficiently explains the low levels of support for Israel found among young American Jews in recent surveys. The scholars in the journal do not reach a consensus, although, simply counting the opinions, it seems that a few more scholars lean toward the so-called "distancing hypothesis" than toward the "identity comes with aging" hypothesis.

An interesting side issue was the debate about whether survey data is the best way of deciding an issue like this or whether softer data (like interviews) has a place in determining what is really happening. As a non-sociologist, I had always assumed that survey data would surely trump more impressionistic arguments, but apparently sociologists do not take this for granted.

Morton Weinfeld of McGill University mentions that if distancing is present in the United States, it is certainly less of a factor here in Canada. Nevertheless I know that there is clearly some alarm even in the Canadian Jewish community about the question of the next generation's identification with Israel.

My former colleague at York University, Alex Pomson, who is now at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, has some sharp insights into recent developments related to this issue in North American Jewish schools. Pomson writes in this journal that Jewish schools are now being told to "teach" identification with Israel to their students. But the ideal way of cultivating such support, he says, is through experiential and informal education. Schoolteachers, generally trained to provide formal education, may not be as successful at this task.

Pomson compares recent developments in "Israel education" in North America to what happened in "bar/bat mitzvah education" in previous decades. He cites a study by York University's Stuart Schoenfeld that argues bar/bat mitzvah education used to be left to the family and the community, as part of the education for life for a young person who would become an observant member of the community. But bar/bat mitzvah education is now generally the task of the Jewish school, and is often geared to one-time performance in synagogue, never to be repeated. So also, says Pomson, education for supporting Israel, which generally used to come from the family and the community, is now assigned by parents and community leaders to the schools. Teachers are somehow expected to prepare young people, who do not really know what a university campus is, for a one-time performance: being Israel advocates during the three or four years when they will come face to face with forces on campus that are inimical to the Jewish state.



My favourite analysis of the distancing hypothesis in the journal was that of Chaim Waxman, formerly of Rutgers University, now retired in Jerusalem. Waxman points out that isolating identification with Israel from other factors of Jewish identity does not make sense. The 1990s witnessed a shocking 20 per cent reduction in membership in major Jewish organizations in the United States. This is not just disaffection with formal religion; Jews today are less likely to be members of secular Jewish organizations, too. They are less likely to marry other Jews. They are less likely to support such statements as "Jews in the United States and Jews around the world share a common destiny" or "I have a special responsibility to take care of Jews in need around the world." Waxman writes: "Younger Jews are generally less involved in Jewish life, and less committed to Jewish philanthropy."

What we are witnessing in the United States and to a lesser degree in Canada, then, is a general reduction in all types of Jewish identification. Is it any surprise that Israel identification and support are also eroding?

A more difficult question is: could young Jews' disillusionment with Israel be the cause of their distancing from other aspects of Jewish identity? While we all might know a young person who says that his/her disaffection with Judaism results from mixed feelings (or worse) about Israel, actually some evidence supports the opposite conclusion. Studies of Taglit -Birthright, the Israel trip for young people program, show that this ostensibly Israel-oriented informal education venture mostly impacts (positively!) on other aspects of the participants' Jewish identity. For example, Birthright participants have a lower intermarriage rate, even if their rate of aliyah is not significantly higher than that of the population at large.

In other words, it is not the case that we have a large number of Jews who relate positively to their Judaism but have little or no identification with Israel. Rather we have large numbers of Jews who are disaffected with or indifferent to their Judaism. Educational ventures to save our young Jews from anti-Israel forces may be of some value. But perhaps they deflect us from the more crucial task of educating for all aspects of Jewish identification.

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Students stand up to Israeli Apartheid Week

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Jewish and pro-Israel students are busy doing their part to counter the messages being put forth by Israeli Apartheid Week organizers.

IAW, an annual series of anti-Israel events that began in 2005 at the University of Toronto and has since spread to more than 40 cities around the world, is currently underway and will run until March 14.

But pro-Israel students at universities across the country are determined to provide their campus communities with information, speakers and cultural events that will help people see Israel beyond the conflict.

Emily Berg, Hillel's Israel affairs program co-ordinator at York University, said Hillel is pushing forward with a three-pronged approach made up of "tabling," lectures and cultural events.

"The tabling is more about hard-core advocacy, and it is going to address the political situation and the allegations and accusations made against Israel," Berg said.

A campaign titled "What's your peace plan?" – which will run alongside IAW until March 11 – offers information about Israel's obstacles to peace, while presenting Jewish and pro-Israel student as being pro-peace.

"We want to take the conversation away from the negativity and bring it more back to peace and have more productive conversations and open the dialogue in a civil way," Berg said.

Hillel also booked speakers to lecture at York, Ryerson University and the University of Toronto about Israel's achievements and its success as a thriving democracy.

On March 3, York hosted an event called "Pluralism, Diversity and Minority Rights in Israel" in which five Israeli students who were either Ethiopian, Arab Christian, Muslim or Druze spoke on a panel about living as a minority in the Jewish state. The same event was held the following day at Ryerson.

Ishmael Khaldi

A number of York student groups, including Hasbara at York, Jewish Students' Law Association and Hillel, collaborated to host Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism Jason Kenney, author and senator Linda Frum, and Young Zionist Partnership founder Paul Cooper on March 10, as part of Democracy Week.

Beca Bookman, Hillel's Israel affairs chair at U of T, said that in addition to presenting students with "welcoming, open and honest conversation about politics, security and peace" through tabling sessions in Sidney Smith Hall – U of T's busiest building on campus – Hillel is also hosting Karen Held on March 9.

Held is a doctor who volunteered in Haiti with IsraAID, an Israeli humanitarian aid organization, following the devastating earthquake last year.

On March 10, Michael Coren, the host of the nightly *Michael Coren Show* on CTS Television, will lecture at Ryerson and will interview Ishmael Khaldi, a Bedouin and an Israeli diplomat, who speaks out against the concept of Israeli apartheid. The following evening, Khaldi also speaks at Beth Tikvah Congregation.

Gregory Levey

Gregory Levey, a journalist, Ryerson professor and author of *How to Make Peace in the Middle East in Six Months or Less Without Leaving Your Apartment*, will be at York on March 14 to give a light-hearted talk about his book and his experience as a former speech writer for the Israeli government.

As for the cultural aspect of Hillel's three-pronged approach to shedding a positive light on Israel, Layla Lavan, an Israeli version of the local all-night event Nuit Blanche, will showcase Israeli music, fine arts and fashion.

Layla Lavan, which will be held at On the Rox Club on March 13, is an Israeli fair that will feature Israeli cuisine, crafts and photography, a fashion show that will present Shenkin West and Marge Designs, and musical performances by Israeli acts including Eatliz and Automatic Toys.

For more about the Hillel events, check out Hillel of Greater Toronto on Facebook.

David Plotkin, a 21-year-old McGill University sociology student, and Hasbara's campus co-ordinator for Montreal and Ottawa, said that pro-Israel students have been working hard to defend themselves against some of the claims being made by IAW organizers.

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Campaign within a human rights framework

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"The three messages that we promote are that Israel wants peace, Israel doesn't have a partner for peace at this time, and especially in Canada, we really push the shared values of Canadians and Israelis," Plotkin said.

At Carleton University, Hasbara partnered with the Israel Awareness Committee to offer students an Israel advocacy training session last Sunday.

Plotkin also established a new student group called the McGill Friends of Israel and, with the help of Hasbara, organized a tabling campaign called "Support Human Rights? Support Israel."

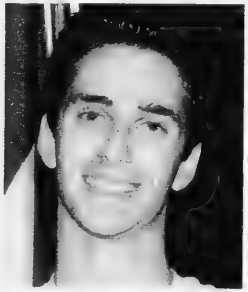
Plotkin hopes the campaign, which will run the week of March 14, will "enlighten students about Israel's freedom of expression, the judicial process, freedom of the press and religious freedom.

"We know the narrative on campus is really strongly about human rights these days, so we're trying to work within that framework and show that Israel is a model of human rights in a region that doesn't necessarily have that."

In addition to the tabling sessions, a screening of *The Case for Israel*, a film based on the book by Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz, will be presented at McGill on March 10 by political science professor Harold Waller.

To learn more about Hasbara, visit www.hasbarafellowships.org.

Paige MacPherson, a fourth-year political science student at Dalhousie University who is the vice-president external of Canadian Federation of Jewish Students (CFJS), said her organization is also offering students ideas and support to respond to anti-Israel sentiments on campus.



David Plotkin

CFJS' Size Doesn't Matter campaign (see more about this campaign on the Heebonics page) "highlights Israel beyond the conflict and shows the beautiful exciting place that we all know Israel is," MacPherson said.

Another CFJS initiative is the Truth Campaign, which "challenges the inversion of history that we've seen coming from the other side and it provides short, thoughtful responses to the IAW rhetoric and propaganda that they're providing," MacPherson said, adding that videos, poster and information can be found at canadianfederationofjewishstudents.com.

Ashley Faintuch, a 22-year-old University of Winnipeg marketing student and the Stand With Us Emerson Fellow in Winnipeg, is leading Israel Peace Week there during the week of March 14. The peace week is an international initiative of Hasbara.

Faintuch, who is one of 40 student leaders trained by Stand With Us to run Israel education events and combat anti-Israel rhetoric onspecially

campus, hopes Israel Peace Week will spread awareness about human rights and democracy in Israel.

"[The campaign] will compare the Israeli democracy to the democracy, or lack thereof, in neighbouring countries as well as apartheid South Africa," she said.

"Integrated in the campaign will also be the message that Israel has no partner for peace, and we will talk about Hamas and Iran... and the human rights and democratic abuse they perpetrate among their own people."

Students who are interested in learning more about pro-Israel strategies and programs can visit the

> **'Especially in Canada, we really push the shared values of Canadians and Israelis'**

Stand With Us website at www.standwithus.com. They can also download slogans for signs, and flyers for tabling events.

Off campus in Toronto, city councillor James Pasternak released a statement last week that condemned IAW as an "offensive and repugnant event" and said the organizers are "advancing a preposterous analogy of the Israel-Palestinian question, the history of the apartheid regime in South Africa" and "undermining the peace process."

MacPherson said that despite IAW's presence on campuses across the country, the campaign has been a failure.

"All it has achieved, essentially is the creation of a toxic, intimidating environment for students on Canadian campuses. It's not intellectual, it's not academic, there is no room for discourse. Essentially, it's just propaganda. Nowhere in their campaign do they mention the word peace."

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Photography students see Israel through a different lens

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

When a group of recently graduated Humber College photography students travelled to Israel and Jordan last year to hone their photography skills, they were also exposed to the culture, history and politics of a region they knew little about.

The 23 creative photography graduates who took part in the 15-day tour last May are currently exhibiting their work at the Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery in Toronto until March 23, in a show titled *Through the Eyes: Israel and Jordan.*

Brenden Wilson, a 20-year-old freelance photographer who went to Israel with the group last year said he was blown away by Israel's beautiful landscapes.

He said that before the trip, he "definitely assumed Israel would be more desert-like... But the beauty of the country really got to me and it made me realize that there is much more to this country than what the pundits have to say."

Humber photography professor Neil Fox, who initiated the annual field trips six years ago, said that while the tours offer students amazing landscapes to photograph, part of his objective is to expose them to cultures that are completely foreign to them.

"Each of the countries we visit, I want them to experience it," said Fox, who has lead past trips to Morocco, Vietnam and Ecuador.

This is the second time he has lead a group to Israel.

Young said that this photo, of the Tomb of Jesus Christ in Jerusalem, was taken from a tricky angle to avoid the tourists surrounding the monument.
[Kelvin Young photos]

"It's a particular favourite of mine. I lived in Jerusalem for three years," he said. "I think it's a great country to go explore, to photograph and to learn about."

Fox said that when it comes to Israel's culture and politics, most of the students went into the trip with very little understanding of the country, but that changed once they experienced it.

"It's very common that when people first go to Israel they are afraid that they're not going to be safe, but when they get there, they are amazed by how safe they actually feel.

"It occurs to them that this isn't the way they've heard it on the news and we get into a dialogue about why that is and what the current political situation is... They come away realizing that it is a very complex issue and that it is not the way they had thought about it before."

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This photo was taken in a desert in Petra.

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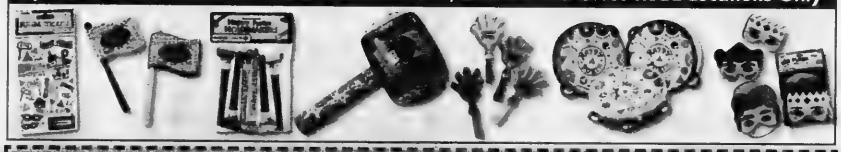

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A tour of Israel 'from tip to tip'

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Kelvin Young, another Humber grad who went to Israel with the group, agreed that the trip "opened up our eyes by bringing us to very unique places.

"I personally was not very aware [of Israel], and many others were not very aware," said Young, who contributed seven photographs to the exhibit.

He said they toured Israel "from tip to tip," visiting Tel Aviv, Netanya, Northern Galilee, Jerusalem, Eilat, the Dead Sea and Masada, as well as Wadi Rum and Petra in Jordan.

Wilson said that while he did have superficial knowledge of Middle East politics, he was surprised by the similarities between Canada and Israel.

"Everyone has their opinions on Israel and the Palestinians, and I guess what you don't really hear about and see in the media is that everyone just sort of lives their lives regardless," Wilson said.

"What got me is how similar it was to where I live."

Fox said the exhibit, which held its opening reception late last month and featured an address by Oded Grofman, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Canada, will be of interest to anyone who knows and loves Israel.

"For anyone who knows the country well, I think they'll enjoy very much looking at all the different perspectives of the land," Fox said. "There is a huge variety of images, styles and forms. The students were encouraged to pursue whatever images they chose and they chose what they felt was significant to them."

He added that he hopes the exhibit will not only be a point of interest to the Jewish community, but also help the students build a bridge to a community that they may not have associated with before.

For more information about the exhibit, call the Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery at 416-789-7011 ext. 300.

This image from Gan Hashlosha National Park is one of those featured in a photography exhibit titled *Through the Eyes: Israel and Jordan. [Brenden Wilson photos]*

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Winchevsky meeting with CJC, federation in limbo

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) have replied to a request for a meeting by the Winchevsky Centre, following a decision by Congress and the federation to disassociate themselves from the secular Zionist organization. However, it's still not clear whether a meeting will take place.

The organizations' decision resulted from a Feb. 1 event at the centre that featured an anti-Zionist speaker.

In a Feb. 3 e-mail, Sheldon Goodman and David Spiro, co-chairs of the federation's committee on public affairs, and Frank Bialystok, chair of CJC, Ontario region, informed Maxine Hermolin, the centre's executive director, that they were severing ties.

They concluded, "If you would like to discuss this, please contact Howard English [of UJA Federation] or Len Rudner [of CJC]."

Hermolin and board members of Toronto United Jewish People's Order (UJPO) – which is housed in the centre and co-sponsored the event – interpreted the e-mail as an invitation, David Abramowitz, president of UJPO Canada, told *The CJN*.

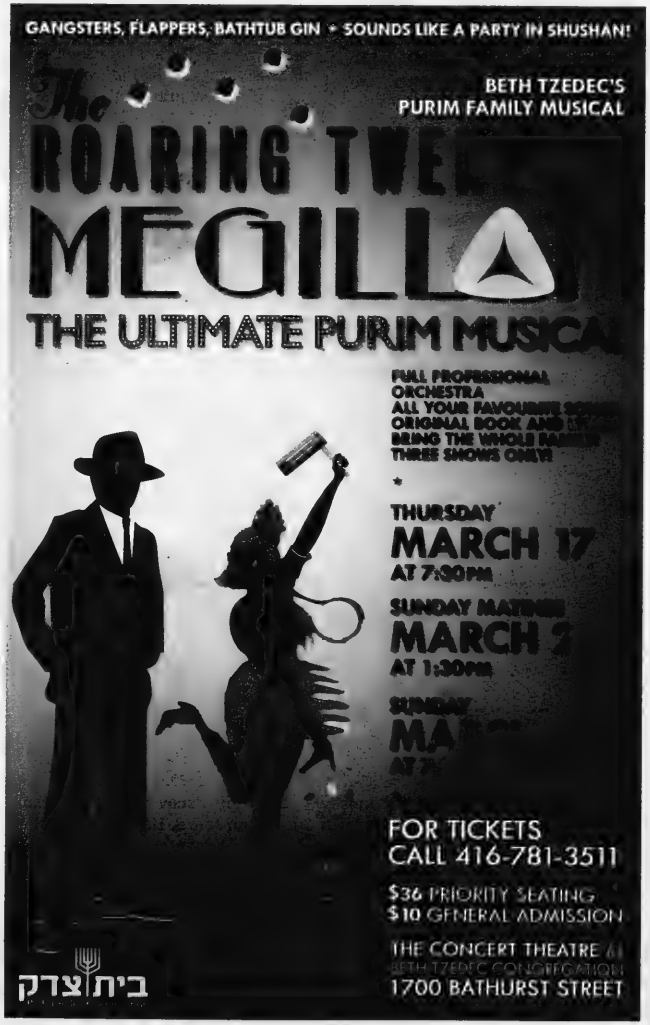
Thus, three days later, on Feb. 6, Hermolin e-mailed back to request a meeting. "Please contact us at your earliest convenience to arrange this," she wrote.

However, it wasn't until Feb. 28 that she received a reply. English told *The CJN* at the time that the delay was due to "a lot of discussion" about the issue.

David Spiro

The brief e-mail acknowledged receipt of Hermolin's letter, concluding in its second and final paragraph, "The positions of the Winchevsky Centre, UJA Federation and Canadian Jewish Congress regarding the event Never Again for Anyone have already been well articulated in correspondence between our organizations and the event has already taken place. Therefore, could you please indicate the proposed subject matter for this meeting beyond a review of those positions?"

Abramowitz said the board of Toronto UJPO is contemplating an appropriate response. Because they thought that Hermolin was responding to an invitation to discuss the issue, and because there hasn't been any negative fallout, the response was still under discussion at press time.



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HELPING THE HOMELESS: Grade 6, 7 and 8 student council members at Associated Hebrew Schools packed lunches for the homeless in the Out of the Cold program. The lunches included a personal note of inspiration from a student council member. They also packed bags of toiletries that included a toothbrush, toothpaste, soap and shampoo, which were collected in a school-wide drive. Pictured, back row from left, are Romy Segall, Mila Schneider, Reena Feldman, Stephanie Stockhamer, Ariel Ontman, Samantha Moses, Stephanie Shriqui, Jessica Silverman and Josh Goldman; and, front row from left, Ori Mezuman, Josiah Cohen and Mia Kobrin.

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Association of Jewish Seniors general meeting at Shaarei Shomayim. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. At 10 a.m. **Judith Wahl** discusses "What is Happening to Our Hospitals." Members free, guests $2. Call **Tammy**, 416-635-2860.

Friday, March 11

ONEG SHABBAT

Or Hadash Synagogue, Newmarket, holds an Oneg Shabbat, with a dairy potluck dinner. 6:15 p.m. Service led by **Rabbi Michal Shekel** follows. info@orhadash.org.

Saturday, March 12

SHABBAT SERVICE

B'nai Shalom Congregation of Halton-Peel, Mississauga, Oakville, Burlington and area monthly Shabbat service, 10 a.m. Conservative egalitarian congregation. For details and location, 905-901-9889 or info@bnaishalom.ca.

Sunday, March 13

PRE-PURIM PARTIES

Leo Baeck Day School and URJ Camp George present preschool pre-Purim parties, featuring children's musicians **Mark Weinstock** and **Rabbi Noam Katz**. North campus, 36 Atkinson Ave., 10 a.m.-noon, south campus, 1950 Bathurst St. 3-5 p.m. Free tickets with pre-registration. RSVP **Robyn Buchman**, 905-709-3636, ext. 224, or rbuchman@leobaeck.ca.

RUDY AND ESTHER

Shaar Shalom Singles present an evening of music of Broadway, cabaret and popular songs, followed by a casual mix 'n mingle. 7:30 p.m. $8 includes coffee and cake. Call **David**, 416-224-9494.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Pride of Israel Synagogue's health and wellness series continues with **Dr. Joseph Kellerstein**, discussing "An Introduction to Naturopathy and Homeopathy." 7 p.m. Series, $12, $5 per session. 416-226-0111, ext. 10.

ACTIVISM AND ADVOCACY

A conversation between **Elliott Malamet** and **Rabbi Avi Weiss**, senior rabbi of Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, N.Y. Shaarei Shomayim, 7:30 p.m. Info: 416-633-5770 or www.torahinmotion.org.

Monday, March 14

A REFUSENIK'S STORY

Former prisoner of Zion **Yosef Begun** speaks at the Bernard Betel Centre. Lecture and movie. 12:30-2:30 p.m. No charge. Call 416-225-2112, ext. 124.

Tuesday, March 15

ISRAEL AND THE LAW

Temple Har Zion adult education committee presents **Prof. Lorraine Weinrib**, U of T Faculty of Law. 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16

PASSOVER WHIMSY

Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles presents a workshop to create whimsical wall hangings or Passover recipe book covers. Templates and fabrics supplied. Guests $5. Shaarei Shomayim, 8 p.m.

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Other News

MEKOROT CLASS

Mekorot Institute of Torah Study presents **Rabbi Michael Skobac** on "Perek Shirah: Meditations on the Songs of God's Creations." For men and women. Mondays, March 14-April 4, 9:45-11 a.m. Prosserman JCC. 416-877-2050.

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Hospice Thornhill's The Gathering Place offers a free, day respite program for those dealing with a life-threatening illness. Therapies, friendly environment, snacks and small meal. **Bettina Bros**, 905-764-0656, ext. 223.

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MEGILLAH MUSICAL

Beth Tzedec presents a Purim family musical, *The Roaring 20s Megillah*. Performances March 17, 7:30 p.m., March 20, 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. General admission $10, limited priority seating $36. Call 416-781-3511.

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Anne and Louis Pritzker Wellness Library needs volunteers to help visitors check books in and out, sort and shelve materials, assist with special projects and help with accessing online health information. Good command of English and computer skills needed. Training in library procedures provided.

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JEWISH INFERTILITY GROUP

JIFT (Jewish Infertility Friends of Toronto), an intimate peer-to-peer support group, discusses issues of infertility. 6 meetings in North York. Confidentiality assured. First meeting March 22, 7:30 p.m. For information and location, JIFT.group@gmail.com. No fee.

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP

Kehillat Shaarei Torah presents Models of Women's Leadership, a Biblical Perspective. Speakers **Rebbetzen Goldie Plotkin**, **Chana Sargon**, **Dr. Janna Nadler.** $25 in advance, $30 at the door. Lunch. March 27, registration 9:30 a.m. 416-229-2600, ext. 15, education@shaareitorah.com.

FOR SENIORS

MNjcc Active Seniors, 416-924-6211, ext.155. Computer courses for seniors, 2 levels – beginners, and beyond the basics, small classes, 8 Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m. Active Seniors Choir – everyone welcome – Tuesdays 1-2:30 p.m. until June, $50 for 16 weeks, $3 drop-in. **Harriet**, ext. 133, or music@mnjcc.org.

Temple Sinai Seniors. Tickets on sale now for *My Fair Lady*, Shaw Festival, May 11, members $70, guests $75. Also *Billy Elliot*, June 22, members $80, guests $85. **Marcie**, 416-487-3281.

Bernard Betel Centre, 416-225-2112. March 15, **Amiel Sabari** speaks on "Beauty and Power in Megillat Esther: the story of Purim," 10-11:30, members $3, non-members $6. March 16, mah-jong tournament, 1-4 p.m., members $3, non-members $5. March 17, **Dr. A. Green** "How to Get the Most from Your Visit to the Family Doctor." 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park, 55+. Call **Valerie**, 416-395-7881. Casino Rama, March 16, departs 10 a.m. Lunch and Laughter, March 23, noon. Tuesdays, drop-in art classes, 10 a.m. Thursdays, line dancing, 10 a.m. Thursdays, social bridge, 12:30 p.m. Sunday dances resume March 27, 7-9 p.m. Seniors woodworking, skilled craftsmen, repairs. Call 416-630-6487.

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday social afternoons. Bridge, mah-jong, rummikub. Refreshments $2. Call **Pearl**, 416-635-6317, or **Sheila**, 416-665-3333.

Beth Tzedec Seniors. 416-781-3511. Haverim program continues through March, 1:30 p.m. New Horizons for Havurah, with **Rabbi Miriam Margles**, March 21, 1:30 p.m. $3.

PROSSERMAN JCC

Sherman campus, 4588 Bathurst St. 416-638-1881, www.prossermanjcc.com.

U of T **Prof. Zindel Segal** discusses "Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction," for teens to seniors. March 31, 7-9:30 p.m. Lipa Green Centre. Afterward, talk to experts on nutrition, fitness and smoking cessation.

The Feminist Seder, April 10, 7-10 p.m., the role of women in the Passover story, from a feminist and spiritual perspective, **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein**. Miles Nadal JCC, a co-presentation. $50 + HST, advance registration only.

Registration for spring family programs begins March 13. Classes for ages birth-12 years, including sports, dance, yoga. Call **Monique Shapiro**, ext. 4012.

Seen But Not Heard, pre-Purim evening of voice, movement, art and learning, March 15, 7:30 p.m., Gladstone Hotel. Kolel, with the Koffler Gallery exhibit *Graphic Details: Confessional Comics by Jewish Women*. Members $12, non-members $15.

Meditation and Spiritual Writing, with **Barb Rosen**. 8 weeks, starting March 14, 1-2:30 p.m. and March 15, 7:30-9 p.m. Members $48, regular $62 + HST.

Treasures in Jewish Literature – **Janna Nadler** reviews *The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit*. March 15, 1:30-3 p.m. Members $16, others $18. Pay at the door.

Jokers Club, March 16, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Purim hamantaschen drop-in party, March 17, 1-2 p.m. Entertainment. No charge.

MILES NADAL JCC

750 Spadina Ave., 924-6211, mnjcc.org.

Toronto Jewish Film Society presents *Green Fields* (*Grine Felder*), March 20, 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker actor **Jack Newman**. Yiddish with English subtitles. Admission $15; ages 18-35, $10, for 7:30 p.m. show only. Info at ext. 606.

Small business workshops, with coach **Debbi Arnold**, Friday mornings 9:30 a.m.-noon. $40 per workshop. 416-762-7171 or www.daconsult.ca.

Harold Green Jewish Theatre presents *Zero Hour*, an animated portrait of comedian **Zero Mostel**. Al Green Theatre, March 26-April 16, 2 p.m. and/or 8 p.m. Stars **Jim Brochu**. $40-$65. 416-366-7723.

Vital Theatre presents *Angelina Ballerina: The Musical*. Al Green Theatre to March 19. New shows added for March break – March 14 and 15, 1 p.m. Fridays, 4:30 p.m. Some weekends, 1 p.m. $29.50. Information and tickets 416-642-8973.

In the Beginning: a Jewish Playwrights Festival – four plays by four Jewish playwrights presented on four nights, June 13-16. Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company accepting submissions. Deadline March 15, 5 p.m. inthebeginning@hgjewishtheatre.com.

Koffler Centre of the Arts, 4588 Bathurst St. www.kofflerarts.org.

March Break Kids Art Workshops, March 15-18. Includes Kid Inventors, cARTooning Jam, Mining Koffler, Pottery for Kids. For info, or to register, **Alexandra Sipos-Kocsis,** akocsis@kofflerarts.org or 416-638-1881, ext. 4269.

What's New is now online. You can find it at cjnews.com

YESHIVA BOYS HELP DANI: Yeshivat Or Chaim students from left Benny Gal, Mikey Laszlo and Boruch Margolis won $5,000 for DANI, an organization that helps young adults with developmental challenges. The boys did a presentation on DANI for the Toskan-Casale Foundation's Youth and Philanthropy initiative, which supports local, community-based social service agencies. Seen with the students is DANI co-founder Kathy Laszlo.

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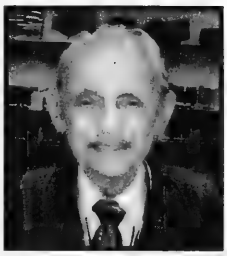
Harry Walsh was Canada's oldest practising lawyer

Myron Love
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Harry Walsh, Canada's oldest practising lawyer as well as one of the greatest criminal lawyers this country has ever produced, died Feb. 23 at age 97 as a result of complications from a fall in his home.

His passing came less than two months after he was awarded the Order of Canada for his contributions, largely in the legal sphere, to Canadian society. He was a leader both in eliminating the death penalty in Canada and in introducing a legal aid system across the country, achievements in which he took great pride.

OBITUARY



Harry Walsh

At his funeral on Sunday, Feb. 27, Walsh was remembered as a mentor, a humanist, a man whose memory was undimmed by time and as a loving father and zaide.

In a letter he sent from his home in Toronto, Rabbi Peretz Weizman remembered Walsh as a "gifted individual" who combined a "brilliant mind" with a "golden heart."

"He was a pillar of the Bnay Abraham Synagogue," Rabbi Weizman's former synagogue in Winnipeg, the rabbi said.

Walsh was born in West Kildonan, the first-born son of immigrants Philip and Faigel Walsh, who operated a dairy farm. Walsh was one of seven siblings, all of whom predeceased him.

Philip Walsh died in 1928, leaving 15-year-old Harry as the "man in the family," charged with helping to support his family. His grandson, Zachary, related how Walsh sold newspapers and worked in a candy factory to pay his way through law school.

As a criminal lawyer, Walsh handled thousands of cases over his career. Colleague Greg Brodsky noted that he never turned a case down because a client couldn't pay.

For most of his career, Walsh practised with the late Archie Micay. Since 1999, he had the pleasure of being able to practice with his son, Paul, and he came into the office every day up until his accident.

In addition to his contributions to the law, Walsh was also a strong supporter of the Jewish community in Winnipeg and Israel. He took great pride in being one of the founders of the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

"We received a note from Harry in mid-January," says Marsha Cowan, the foundation's CEO. "In it, he expressed his admiration and support for all our activities. He was a wonderful man and a great role model."

While he supported a wide range of Israel-based organizations, his major passion in Israel was the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. He and his late (second) wife, Irene, were among the founders of the local chapter of Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and served as the chapter's first presidents.

(Walsh's first wife, Ruth, died at a young age.)

"Harry and Irene visited Israel 33 times," says Carla Vickar, executive director of the Winnipeg chapter of Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. "They co-founded the Harry Walsh QC Career Development Chair in Jewish Law and Morality. Harry was active right up until a couple of months ago. He will be truly missed by our Ben-Gurion family."

At his funeral, Walsh's daughter, Arlyne, who lives in Toronto, recalled a father who loved to sing.

"He always said that what matters in life is how you will be remembered, by whom and for what," she said. "He was my hero."

Optometrist was active in Sydney, N.S., community

Joel Jacobson
Atlantic Correspondent

Garson Lecker, a community-minded, active member of the Sydney, N.S., Jewish community, passed away March 3, a few weeks shy of his 90th birthday.

A well-respected optometrist, Lecker had served as president and vice-president of Temple Sons of Israel in the Cape Breton city, and in later years, he served as gabbai while rarely missing a Friday evening or Saturday service. He was also a member of the congregation's choir for 55 years and was the Cape Breton representative on the Atlantic Jewish Council.

Temple Sons of Israel president Martin Chernin praised Lecker's commitment to optometry, but added about his Jewish community connections, "He was a gentleman and was always there to help if anyone needed help."

Lecker was born in Winnipeg but came to Sydney when he was stationed there during World War II. It was there he met Edith, his wife of 65 years.

As an optometrist, he brought travelling clinics to rural areas of Cape Breton from the 1940s through the 1980s. Lecker was also president of the Canadian Association of Optometrists from 1975 to 1977 and spent 12 years on its national council. As well, he served as president of the Nova Scotia Association of Optometrists.

Garson's daughter, Sheri Lecker, of Halifax, said it was an honour for her father to be able "to open the shul doors, turn on the lights and the heat for the congregants."

Even though he was born in Winnipeg, Sheri said her father grew to know and love Cape Breton and had a passion for the people, both in the Jewish and the wider communities. He was a member of, among others, the Rotary and Kinsmen clubs, as well as the Masons.

She said he was active and healthy until about 15 months ago, when he developed heart problems, ironically starting on the bimah at shul.

Irwin Mendleson, a native of Sydney who now practises optometry in Halifax, called Lecker, "well-mannered, precise and respectable. He was a fine gentleman."

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There's no moment to seize if other side isn't keen

Since Israel isn't directly involved in the internal Arab revolts that are creating upheaval in the Middle East, it hasn't been the focus of recent media attention. To be sure, there have been several reports about how Israel might be affected by events whose outcomes remain unclear. Principal among these is the fate of the Israel-Egypt peace treaty.

Still, Israel has mainly been of peripheral interest – at least until now. There are indications that this might be changing.

Increasingly, we're seeing stories and commentaries that take the following line: given the bold, progressive move toward freedom in the Arab world, it's also time for Israel to also seize the initiative and make peace with the Palestinians.

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

What's striking is that this argument is not being pushed by Israel's inveterate critics, who are never at a loss to bring Israel into the picture. Instead, it's being pursued by some who are supportive.

For instance, the *National Post* (March 1) reprinted Richard Cohen's *Washington Post* column from the previous day. Cohen devoted the first part to discussing the extreme antisemitism that has featured prominently in Arab nationalism. He mentioned former grand mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin al-Husseini, the Palestinian leader of the "Arab Revolt" against Zionism in the 1930s and '40s who spent World War II in Berlin as Hitler's guest. Cohen also discussed the Muslim Brotherhood and its spiritual leader, Sheikh Yusurf al-Qaradawi, who recently addressed more than one million Egyptians in Cairo, where he called for the "liberation" of the al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem.

"The Arab world is saturated in Jew-hatred," Cohen wrote. "Nowhere in the Middle East is peace with Israel popular. Nowhere in the Middle East is antisemitism considered aberrant or weird," he continued, adding that Arab nationalism mixed with antisemitism (which might be unleashed even more than before in Egypt and other Arab countries undergoing populist revolts) is "a combustible and unstable compound."

However, in what can only be described as a breathtaking non-sequitur, in the very next paragraph, Cohen argued: "Consequently, now would be the propitious time for Israel to settle with the Palestinians." As though it were entirely up to Israel! And as if Israel hadn't tried on previous occasions (Camp David, Annapolis) to strike a two-state deal with the Palestinians – something both former Palestinian Authority president Yasser Arafat and current PA leader Mahmoud Abbas have rejected (notwithstanding the recent Al-Jazeera/*Guardian* spin on the "Palestine Papers" to make Israel look like the rejectionist party).

Cohen acknowledged that nothing Israel could offer the Palestinians would satisfy extreme Arab nationalists or the Islamists of Hamas and Hezbollah. Yet he didn't even pause to ask whether the bitterly divided Palestinians are prepared to compromise with Israel. (Following the leak of the "Palestine Papers," which included accounts of proposals being considered during the Annapolis talks in 2007-8, embarrassed Fatah officials denied before their outraged public that they were prepared to settle on final status issues.)

Mahmoud Abbas, left, and Yasser Arafat in the days before Arafat's final illness. *[RNS file photo]*

Nor did Cohen bother to ask whether a more weakened Fatah leadership would be willing or could stand up to extremist elements among Palestinians and the broader Arab community, whose animosity towards Jews and Jewish sovereignty is intensifying. After all, Abbas refuses to engage directly with Israel and instead is trying to use the international community (including the United Nations) to impose a solution on Israel – in which case, Abbas need not compromise.

Yet Cohen concluded: "Still, the creation of a Palestinian state...will take some air out of this particular balloon and, possibly, improve Israel's deteriorating moral standing in Europe and elsewhere."

If only.

To be sure, Israel needs to do all it can within its means to advance peace. A number of Israeli journalists have made this very point. Even Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has recently said that Israel cannot ignore international opinion.

But at the same time, one cannot ignore the historic and diplomatic record – as too often happens when journalists fail to do their homework – and pretend that peace is at hand as long as Israel makes all the expected gestures.

Paul Michaels is communications director for the Canada-Israel Committee.

Tories not apologizing for ethnic ad campaign plan

Jews being 'stereotyped,' Liberal MP

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

The Conservative government will not apologize for targeting ethnic communities as part of any election strategy it uses.

Last Friday, the government mistakenly sent a letter to the NDP outlining its electoral advertising plans to court the immigrant vote in the country in various "very ethnic" ridings, including the South Asian, Chinese and Ukrainian populations, and Jewish voters in the ridings of Mount Royal in Montreal and Eglinton-Lawrence in Toronto.

Accompanying the letter was a PowerPoint document titled "Breaking Through: Building the Conservative Brand," which outlines the Conservatives' ethnic media ad strategy. It lists both Mount Royal and Eglinton-Lawrence as part of the government's "Top 10 ridings with an ethnic group comprising 20 per cent or more of the population."

The strategy also tells Conservative party members: "There are lots of ethnic voters. There will be quite a few more soon. They live where we need to win.

Jason Kenney

Need to positively brand [the Conservative Party of Canada] in target communities."

A government spokesperson told *The CJN* it remains a Conservative priority to "support" Canadians of all ethnic backgrounds.

Irwin Cotler

"We will continue this important work and will make no apologies for it. We won't take communities for granted."

The strategy letter was sent out by the office of MP Jason Kenney, minister of citizenship, immigration and multiculturalism, on ministry letterhead.

The staffer who sent the memo has since resigned, and Kenney has apologized for using government resources to promote Conservative party affairs, a violation of parliamentary rules governing ethical standards. Liberal MP for Mount Royal Irwin Cotler was incensed at what he called a "cynical exercise" by the Conservatives, accusing the Harper government of perpetuating ethnic stereotypes.

"Clearly, Jews are the only ethnic group being targeted in Mount Royal," Cotler said. "We are being defined as 'a very ethnic group' which is a cynical and manipulative stereotyping of a group."

Cotler said Jews and other ethnic communities are not "monolithic" in their voting patterns and beliefs.

Referring to the Conservatives' oft-cited support of Israel as part of its allure to the greater Canadian Jewish community, Cotler said that issue is only one of many that resonates with voters.

"As if Jews don't care about health care, the environment or childcare… [Many] Jews do care about Israel, which is fine, but they should not be singled out for fundraising purposes, which is yet another stereotypical ascription."

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Law firm to appeal taxi ruling for free

David Lazarus
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Arieh Perecowicz stopped fretting about the cost of appealing his recent conviction for carrying contraband items in his taxi the moment he heard last Tuesday morning that a prominent law firm would take it on pro bono as a possibly precedent-setting Charter case.

"I'm ecstatic," the 66-year-old taxi driver told *The CJN* only minutes after the Montreal law firm of Borden Ladner Gervais (BLG) notified him. "I feel like a new person – reborn."

Arieh Perecowicz

The law firm agreed to represent Perecowicz in Quebec Superior Court at no charge in an effort to overturn his recent Municipal Court conviction for having items in his taxi not related to his job under Bylaw 98 of Montreal's municipal taxi code.

They included Jewish religious items, even though Perecowicz had testified that he kept them in his cab as part of his religious "belief."

Municipal Court Judge Dominique Joly, however, decided that Perecowicz did not "discharge his burden of proof" in his religious freedom argument.

Careful not to reveal his hand, lawyer Mark Phillips, who will represent Perecowicz in court, would only say that "Charter grounds" with respect to religious freedom would be raised in the appeal.

"BLG is one of the leaders in pro bono work," Phillips wrote in an e-mail exchange with *The CJN* last week. "There are a number of criteria, [but] in short, we take on cases where we feel it is important to make a contribution to the community for a good cause, [and] where the client is unable to pay our normal fee."

He said his next step would be to file a notice of appeal.

Perecowicz said he was on pins and needles over the Feb. 26-27 weekend as a special BLG committee considered the merits of taking on the case for free. He said that even though he was determined to appeal his conviction, he couldn't afford it on his own and had no legal representation.

"This shows that this is a case with national importance," Perecowicz said. "It is not only about my rights, but everybody's rights."

Perecowicz had visited the law firm a week earlier to discuss the merits of the case with BLG's pro bono committee. He was accompanied by Abby Shawn, chair of Quebec Jewish Congress' (QJC) human rights committee.

"We're very pleased with [BLG's] decision," Shawn said in an interview from Florida. "Obviously they find from a legal standpoint there's a lot of interesting questions both on an administrative and human rights constitutional level."

Shawn said that while the freedom of religion and freedom of expression issues raised in Perecowicz's case bore some resemblance to a well-known local case almost a decade ago, in which Jewish owners of condos were forbidden to erect sukkahs on their balconies, there are other issues at play now. (In 2004, the Supreme Court sided with the condo owners.)

"On [religious freedom and freedom of expression], there's definitely some precedent," Shawn said.

"But when you're talking about the real issue, the specific issue in this case about what you're allowed to exhibit in a taxi, whether a taxi is a 'man's castle,' [as well as] how much of your religious freedom you're allowed to exercise and how much the state is allowed to step in and limit those freedoms – I think that that's really going to have be decided really specifically on the facts of this case."

Phillips has significant experience in constitutional litigation.

He most recently won a case on religious freedom grounds in which private Catholic Loyola High School was ruled to be exempt from the ethics and religious culture program imposed on all Quebec schools by the Education Ministry.

Phillips said that in May, he will be arguing a case before the Supreme Court in which "certain parents are seeking an exemption for their children from the same program."

Ayelet Yakira Galena

Search on for bone marrow match for baby girl

David Lazarus
Staff Reporter

People in Montreal, Toronto and elsewhere are being asked to have their cheeks painlessly swabbed in a concerted effort to find a bone marrow match and donor as soon as possible for a 15-month-old baby girl diagnosed just a few weeks ago with a deadly bone marrow failure disorder.

"It is extraordinarily rare disorder," said prominent Montreal Rabbi Reuben Poupko, whose daughter, Hindy Poupko Galena, and son-in-law, Seth Galena, received the devastating news about their daughter, Ayelet Yakira Galena.

In Toronto, a "Get Swabbed for Ayelet" bone marrow drive is set for March 13, from 2 to 10 p.m. at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation at 613 Clark Ave. in Thornhill.

Montrealers can join the Héma-Québec Stem Cell Registry by visiting, hema-quebec.qc.ca and clicking on, "The registry of Life…in 3 easy steps" under the "Stem Cells" heading, and joining the registry. A cheek swab test kit will then be sent to them.

Individuals can also make donations on Ayelet's behalf to Gift of Life, at www.giftoflife.org/dc/Ayelet-Galena/blog.aspx.

Ayelet's family lives on Manhattan's Upper West Side. Yeshiva University, Hindy's alma mater, has already held a bone marrow drive on the baby's behalf, and others are in the planning stages.

Interviewed in late February about her daughter's situation on WCBS radio in New York, Hindy, a professional with the city's Jewish Community Relations Council, said, "every day is a risk because [Ayelet's] immune system is basically running at 50 per cent."

The baby was born prematurely, weighing two pounds, nine ounces, with an already-compromised immune system. But her rare and potentially fatal disorder was diagnosed only last month.

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Hebrew U, U of M researchers to fight fetal alcohol syndrome

Myron Love
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Researchers from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the University of Manitoba will team up to fight fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS), the Winnipeg chapter of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University (CFHU) announced last week.

On Feb. 28, CFHU's Winnipeg chapter held a press conference to announce the venture, the latest such research collaboration between Hebrew U and a Canadian university.

"We are really excited about this," said chapter president Faith Kaplan.

The collaboration will focus on the role of nutrition and genetic and socio-economic factors in FAS, Kaplan said.

Of particular interest is the work of Dr. Abraham Fainsod, a professor of genetics and biochemistry at Hebrew U, who for the past 12 years has been studying the effects of vitamin A on alcohol consumption and biochemistry.

Kaplan said Fainsod's studies indicate that vitamin A and alcohol counteract each other. Therefore, taking vitamin A during pregnancy makes it harder for the body to absorb alcohol and may protect the child.

"It's a brilliant and potentially simple preventative treatment," Kaplan said.

But Fainsod was quick to point out to reporters here last week that taking vitamin A shouldn't be seen as a licence to drink while pregnant.

Too much vitamin A can cause birth defects that mimic the effects of alcohol, he said. And scientists haven't yet figured out what the correct balance might be.

Kaplan noted that Fainsod will be collaborating with Dr. Ab Chudley, the father of FAS research in Manitoba.

"They are excited to be working with each other," she said. "This research could make a difference worldwide."

She said the province of Manitoba will contribute $750,000 to the initiative over the next five years, with CFHU matching that amount.

She noted that Manitoba has a high incidence of FAS, so the research will be of particular importance here. Even moderate consumption of alcohol early in pregnancy can result in a child with FAS. In vitro exposure to alcohol can stunt development of individual brain cells and major parts of the brain.

"We will be holding a major fundraising event in support of this initiative on May 16," Kaplan said. "We will be presenting Joe Bova with a Scopus Award at a gala dinner."

Hebrew U's Scopus Award is the highest honour conferred by the university to individuals who demonstrate leadership and involvement in humanitarian causes. Kaplan said Hebrew U president Menahem Ben-Sasson will be on hand to present the award to Bova.

(Bova isn't Jewish, but the recently retired construction magnate has enjoyed a close working relationship with the Jewish community over the years and had a significant impact on Winnipeg as a whole.)

Three years ago, the Winnipeg chapter of CFHU launched the first joint research venture between Hebrew U and a Canadian school.

That project brought together Prof. Ofer Mandelboim, of Hebrew U's Lautenberg Research Center for General and Tumor Immunology, and Winnipeg's Dr. Frank Plummer, a world-renowned specialist on HIV/AIDS, who together are searching for a vaccine for the disease.

The latest collaboration is one of a number of joint research projects being undertaken by leading Hebrew U researchers and their Canadian medical counterparts in Montreal, Edmonton and Vancouver, as well as Winnipeg, under the umbrella of the Hebrew U's new Institute for Medical Research Israel-Canada (IMRIC), an institute for which CFHU has pledged to raise $50 million.

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David Frum to speak in Winnipeg

WINNIPEG — Internationally known political analyst David Frum will be making his first official appearance here next month.

He will be in the city on April 28 to deliver the sixth annual Sol and Florence Kanee Distinguished Lecture for the Jewish Heritage Centre (JHC) of Western Canada.

The annual program was inaugurated in 2006 in honour of Sol Kanee's 95th birthday. Kanee was one of the leaders of the Jewish community in Winnipeg, as well as one of the world's outstanding Jewish leaders of the 20th century. He died in April 2007.

The Sol and Florence Kanee Distinguished Lecture is one of the best-attended annual Jewish community events, as well as being the JHC's only major yearly fundraising event.

Among the speakers in whose footsteps Frum will follow are the historians Sir Martin Gilbert and Deborah Lipstadt and, most recently, Dore Gold, a former Israeli ambassador to the United Nations and adviser to both prime ministers Ariel Sharon and Benjamin Netanyahu.

"David Frum is widely known in the United States and Canada as a respected political commentator who has had the ear of power," says Gerry Posner, who is co-chairing the evening with Sheldon Mindell. "He was a speech writer for president [George W.] Bush and coined the phrase 'axis of evil.'"

The Toronto-born Frum is the author of six books, and he is a regular columnist for several newspapers and news services in Canada and the United States. He appears frequently on American Public Media's show *Marketplace*. Although he is a registered Republican, he led the successful opposition to Bush's attempt to appoint Judge Harriet Miers to the American Supreme Court (liberals and conservatives questioned her qualifications and record). — ***M.L.***

Nova Scotia, Israel hope to increase ties

Joel Jacobson
Atlantic Correspondent

HALIFAX — Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter and Israel's ambassador to Canada, Miriam Ziv, are preparing for closer ties between their governments.

While in opposition a few years ago as leader of Nova Scotia's New Democratic Party, Dexter attended a Canada-Israel Committee mission of Canadian government leaders to Israel. He was entranced with the people and the advances made in various fields, including science and technology, agriculture, business and education.

Now that he's premier, Dexter is hoping to lead a trade mission to Israel this year to increase business and research ties between Nova Scotia and the Jewish state. No date has been set, but discussions are underway.

The premier's chief of staff, Dan O'Connor, met with Ziv last week and came away with enthusiasm for the potential between the province and Israel.

Ties between the Port of Halifax and the Port of Haifa in Israel, as well as research and commercialization of renewable energy sources, are a few areas of potential joint interest, O'Connor said.

"Israel is one of the world's leaders in [research and development] and commercialization of academic work, and that is obviously of interest to Nova Scotia, which proportionately has such a large academic community," O'Connor said.

While in Halifax on March 3, Ziv told a small lunch gathering that Israel is already collaborating with Canada's federal government on three areas of joint interest: renewable energy, water and brain research. The National Research Council of Canada is co-ordinating the projects.

"Canada is a huge country with so many provinces, so the engagement with the provinces is very important to us as well," Ziv said.

She said that she is going "to see how we can expand the relationship between the State of Israel and the province of Nova Scotia."

It was Ziv's third visit to Halifax. She met with the premier during her previous visit in November 2010.

Also in November, the National Research Council hosted a joint technology innovation summit between Canada and Israel in Toronto attended by representatives of universities, industry and government from both countries. A second similar summit is to take place in Israel later this year.

In a statement to *The CJN* earlier this week, Ziv said she is continuing to "work closely" with the provinces on familiarizing them with all Israel has to offer.

"Ever since I arrived in Ottawa, a key part of my outreach strategy has been to engage with provincial governments, Jewish communities and universities across the country," Ziv said, noting that last year, the premiers of Ontario and Manitoba visited Israel, producing "tangible results, like the formation of the Ontario Brain Institute and its partnership with Israel, and a commercial agreement to help create links between Hebrew University and the University of Manitoba.

"I look forward to continuing to work with the government of Nova Scotia, as well as Canada's other provinces, in advancing relations between Israel and Canada."

With files from Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf

Correction

In the article "Israeli rocket scientist shares passion in Barrie" (March 3), the name of the Lyon Sachs Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the University of Toronto was incorrectly identified. We regret the error.

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Persian food from a new perspective

Norene Gilletz
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There's no better time to experience an authentic Persian meal than on Purim. *Persian Food from the Non-Persian Bride* is Reyna Simnegar's first cookbook, and it's an intriguing and fun read.

Reyna's family history dates back to the Spanish Inquisition, when her family fled from Spain and eventually landed in Venezuela. Reyna was born in Caracas and moved to Los Angeles in 1995 to study at UCLA. There she met her Persian husband, Sammy, and when he decided to move to New York City to attend graduate school, Reyna decided to follow him. Sammy's mother, afraid that her son would starve in New York without authentic Persian food, hosted Reyna for a week and taught her the intimate secrets of Persian cuisine. The rest is culinary history.

In spite of being from two different cultures, Reyna and Sammy eventually married and now live in Brookline, Mass., with their five lively boys.

Reyna writes, "It was crucial for me that all my recipes be as easy to make as possible without sacrificing taste. Marinate it overnight? The last thing I want to do with my evening is to be rubbing chicken legs with sauce! Forget it!

"I have witnessed with horror how much oil can go into Persian food. All my recipes are designed to keep the fat out of your food. Feel free to use my recipes as a starting point and make your own repertoire of recipes that will suit your family's needs. There is life beyond kugel!"

Reyna's recipes show step-by-step how to create meals for all occasions regardless of how pressed for time and how inexperienced you may be. Illustrated with more than 100 full-colour photographs that accompany each recipe, the book includes indispensable lists of must-haves and menus for all of the Jewish holidays.

The day before Purim is a fast day known as the Fast of Esther. In Iran, Persian Jews traditionally broke the fast with delicious Persian halvah, which is also one of the staple foods to give away in mishloach manot bundles. Whereas we use graggers when Haman's name is mentioned, back in Iran they used to use firecrackers!

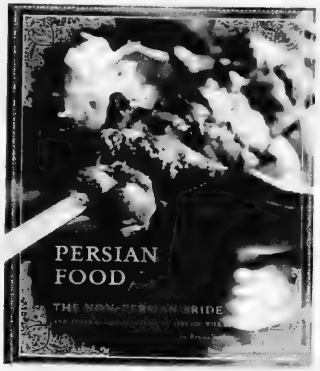
Reyna's personality shines through on every page and the photographs are gorgeous. Her delightful cookbook will inspire you to broaden your culinary horizons and enter her wonderful world of Persian food, simplified. She suggests easily available options if you are unable to find ingredients that are not always available.

When Reyna and I spoke on the phone, she suggested the following recipes for your enjoyment!

PERSIAN HALVAH

Persian halvah is not like the regular halvah you are used to. The word halvah refers to several dense and sweet desserts made with nuts or flour. In contrast to the more popular Israeli halvah made of sesame paste, in Iran, halvah is flour-based with a hint of rose water. I actually think Persian halvah is way better! It has a soft, play-dough consistency that is agreeable to the palate. The taste is heavenly and exotic! Persian halvah is intertwined in many areas of the life of Persian Jews, especially its connection to Purim.

It is important to mix the dough very well. If too many flour lumps remain, process in the pot with an immersion hand blender until a thick paste is achieved. To serve, flatten dough into a shallow platter and garnish with slivered pistachios and almonds. Since this dough is very pliable, children can enjoy helping shape halvah with cookie cutters in a myriad of shapes and sizes.



Syrup
1 1/2 cups water
1 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. saffron
1 tsp. cardamom powder
1/4 cup rose water
Dough
2 cups flour
1 cup canola oil
slivered pistachios and/or almonds for garnish

To make the syrup, bring water and sugar to a boil in a 4-quart saucepan. When sugar has dissolved, turn off the heat; add saffron, cardamom and rose water. Stir and set aside.

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In the article "The unique proposal story" (Bridal supplement, Feb. 17), the name of the restaurant should have been Howie T's Burger Bar.

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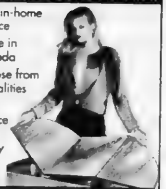

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Dipping the veal in this pesto a real treat

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In another 4-quart saucepan, toast flour over high heat for no more than 3 minutes, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon to avoid burning. Watch carefully – as soon as the flour becomes light brown, reduce heat to medium and add oil. Cook for 1 minute, stirring constantly.

Add syrup and mix rapidly. Almost immediately bright yellow dough, similar to play dough, will form.

To serve, flatten dough into a shallow, round platter and garnish with slivered pistachios and almonds, or cut into shapes and garnish. Yield: 9-in. round halvah.

VEAL OR LAMB CHOPS WITH PERSIAN PESTO

You can substitute the veal chops for lamb chops or chicken breasts. By the way, make extra pesto because your guests will like it so much they will want to dip every bite of veal in it!

Pesto

4 garlic cloves
1 cup parsley, washed and chopped
1 cup dill, washed and chopped
1/2 cup olive oil
3 scallions chopped
1 lime, juiced or 2 tbsp. bottled lime juice
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 tsp. ground cumin
1 tsp. lemon omani (dehydrated limes) or the zest of a lime

6 large veal chops
1 tbsp. ziadune (nigella) seeds or black sesame seeds (optional garnish)
fresh parsley

Preheat oven to broil. Spray 2 large baking trays with canola oil. Set aside. Using a small food processor, mix all pesto ingredients together until fully combined.

Place the chops on the baking trays and spread pesto on both sides. Reserve some pesto for garnish. Broil the chops for 8 minutes. Carefully remove pans from oven, turn over the chops and broil for 5 more minutes or until nicely browned.

Serve on a platter, garnished with some of the pesto sauce, ziadune seeds and fresh parsley. Yield: 6 servings.

TOMATO PERSIAN RICE (POLO GERMEZ)

Simnegar called this her favourite rice. "However, the children love it as well. When people ask me how many kids I have, I usually tell them I have five boys (thank God.) That was the case until one day I caught my husband eating this rice and snatching some from the children's plates while they were not looking. From then on, if people asked me how many kids I have, I answer, 'I have five boys and a husband!'"

Make sure to have a colander ready in the sink to drain the rice. When cooking the tadig, make sure the paper towels are safely away from the heat.

3 cups basmati rice, checked and rinsed
1 (28-oz.) can crushed tomatoes
3 cups water
1/2 cup canola oil
1 1/2 tbsp. salt
1/4 tsp. ground saffron (optional)
1 large onion, diced

Fill a 6-quart nonstick saucepan with rice, tomatoes, water, canola oil, salt, saffron and onion. Mix together. Cover and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer for 10 minutes.

Uncover and place 2 paper towels (one on top of the other) over the rice. The ends will extend outside the pot. Replace the lid tightly. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 30 minutes.

Turn off the heat and tilt the lid to allow the steam to escape so that the crunchy bottom does not become soggy.

Serve on a shallow platter, mounding the rice into a pyramid. Yield: 8 servings.

Norene Gilletz is a cookbook author and food consultant. For more information, visit www.gourmania.com or contact her at goodfood@gourmania.com.

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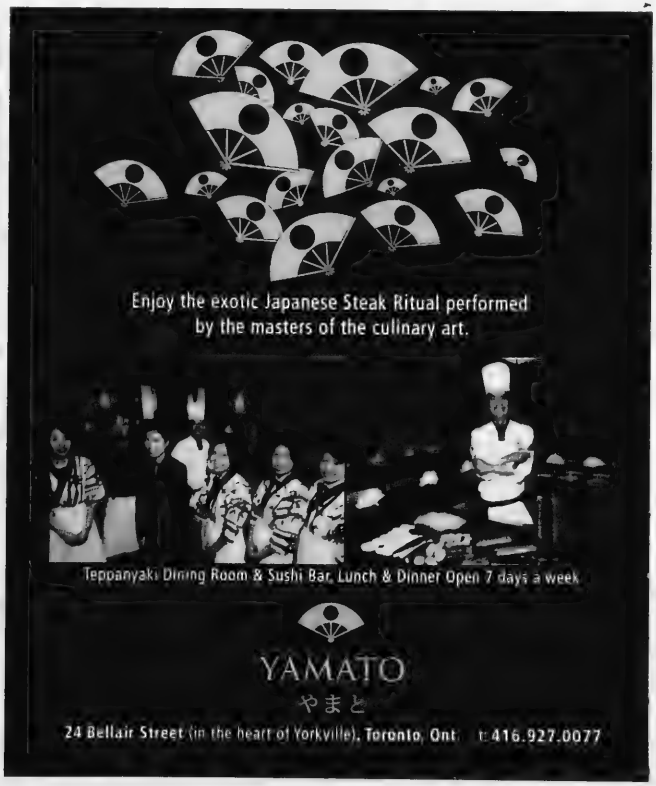
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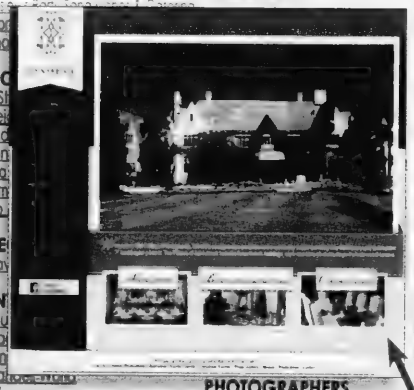

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Nazarian Foundation a paragon of Persian Jewry and philanthropy

Cyrus Neekpour
Special to The CJN

Since the birth of the Jewish state in 1948, migration of Jews from different parts of the world to their new homeland has generated fascinating stories of perseverance, dedication and love.

These stories continue to be a source of inspiration for the descendants of early Jewish migrants whose contributions to the development of Israel as a modern state have been fundamental.

The Nazarian family has a special place in the collective Jewish journey, both for Persian Jewry and for young Israelis who need to know how the story of Israel started to unfold.

The CJN recently interviewed Sharon Nazarian Baradaran, the president of Y&S Nazarian Family Foundation, based in Los Angeles, Calif.

The Nazarian Foundation was founded in 2000 by Younes Nazarian and his wife, Soraya, and is presently run under the leadership of Baradaran, the third of their four children.

Sharon Nazarian Baradaran

Baradaran, the mother of three, is an executive, academic and ardent supporter of Israeli and Persian Jewish causes. Born in Iran, Baradaran has a PhD in political science from the University of Southern California.

Nazarian Enterprises, part of the foundation, is run by David Nazarian, the eldest sibling. SBE is an entertainment group that owns several high-end hotels, restaurants and nightclubs run by the youngest of the siblings, Sam Nazarian, who *Business Week* magazine once called the "emperor of cool."

But the seeds of Nazarian success in philanthropy and business were sown decades ago by the hard work of Younes Nazarian.

A native of Tehran, he migrated to the newly established Jewish state at the age of 17. He returned to Iran at a time of economic prosperity under the Shah, a period that also marked great economic achievements by Jewish Iranians.

Nazarian prospered in road construction and equipment, and later married Soraya. The family remained in Iran until the social upheaval of 1978 that overthrew the Shah's government and turned the lives of millions of Iranians upside down, including many Persian Jews.

The family first relocated to Israel, where they spent one year before making their journey to Los Angeles.

Baradaran said her parents are a source of inspiration for many in the Jewish community, both in the United States and Israel.

She is inspired by her mother, Soraya, she said, who is one of the founders of the foundation and a gifted sculptor with great passion for the arts and culture.

Her passion for the arts, said Baradaran, is manifested by investments in music and dance academies in Israel, as well as inner-city art programs in Los Angeles.

The beauty of Soraya's efforts, she said, lie in the use of the arts as a tool for teaching tolerance and confidence-building in different communities of different ethnic and religious backgrounds, not just Jewish communities.

The Y&S Nazarian Family Foundation has invested in institutions of learning at all levels, nurturing new programs that enhance the learning experience of students. One of the foundation's recent contributions was the Younes and Soraya Nazarian Center for Israel Studies at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA.) The foundation has been particularly focused on public policy research concerning the state of Israel, such as long-term strategic planning, including energy policy, safety/police/law enforcement and the development of the Galilee and Negev regions.

But the philanthropic works of the Nazarian family extends beyond the foundation. In 2003, the Nazarians founded the Ima Foundation as their regional office in Tel Aviv. The work of the Ima Foundation, named after the family's paternal grandmother, is focused exclusively on Israel by investing in the future of Israelis through education as the most important vehicle to narrow the country's social and economic gaps.

Baradaran displayed her knowledge of political economy by offering a unique perspective on Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and his administration. She said that Ahmadinejad's rhetoric against Israel should be seen within the context of Iran's internal political dynamics.

For Ahmadinejad, Baradaran said, it's important to have an external threat acting as a source of Iran's many socio-economic problems.

Regarding Israeli-Iranian tensions, she said the intense strategic rivalry between the two countries has the potential to get out of control with disastrous consequences. Therefore, it's important that Israel and the West embrace policies that further contribute to the decline of the Iranian regime's status on the world stage and uncover its ideological bankruptcy.

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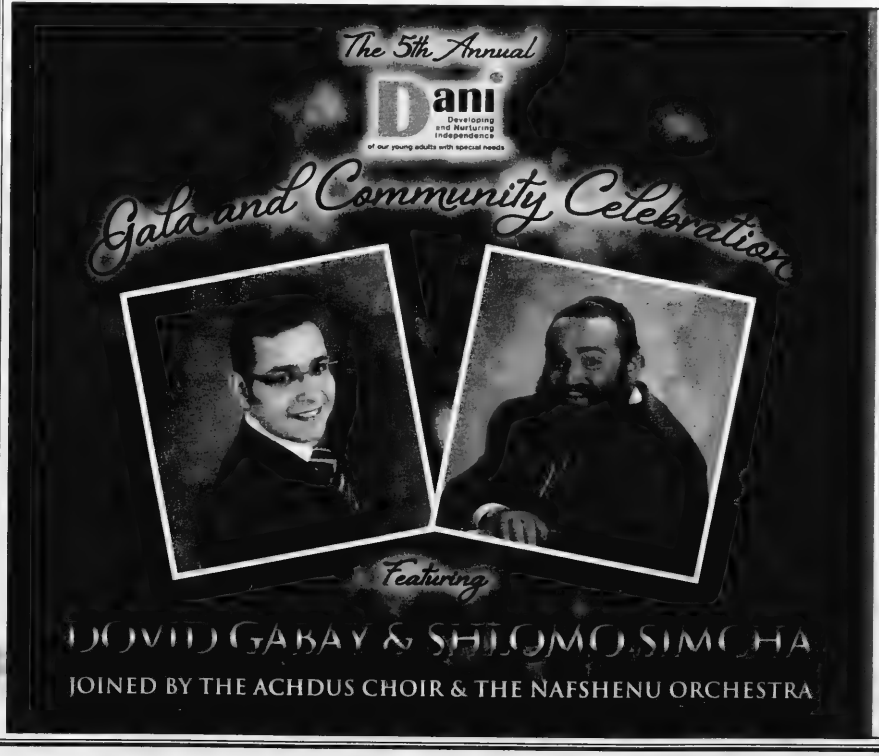
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New project in Israel will serve special needs adults

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Rabbi Judith Edelman-Green is bursting with ideas for a project she anticipates will become a reality within a few years.

Rimon Village – an outgrowth of the Rimon Community, a non-profit organization that the rabbi founded in 2006 – will house and serve special needs adults in Kvar Sava, north of Tel Aviv, including deaf adults who are also developmentally disabled. The city has granted it two acres of land.

Ground-breaking for the $11-million campus is expected to take place in December. Plans include a synagogue, a sports centre with a therapy pool, bicycle paths for adult tricycles, a room where residents can invite their parents for Shabbat dinner, and a tallit-making workshop that will provide employment to residents.

Because the Israeli government provides operating costs for adults with special needs, only the building needs to be funded, Rabbi Edelman-Green told *The CJN* on a recent visit to Toronto that included a series of informal parlour meetings. About one-third of the cost has been raised so far.

From 1995 to 2004, Rabbi Edelman-Green was national director of the Masorti Movement's Bar/Bat Mitzvah for the Special Child program, which she founded. That work ultimately led to her involvement with adults who have special needs. The Rimon Community has 70 people on its books, she said.

The name Rimon, which means pomegranate, is symbolic in part because of the 613 seeds said to be in the pomegranate, representing all the mitzvot, she explained in an interview at the office of Kolel: The Adult Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning.

As well, the pomegranate is one of the seven species of the land of Israel. "That's a statement," the rabbi said. "You may not be a date or a fig, but you can be a pomegranate and be part of it. It's also red, vibrant and very beautiful."

Ordained in 2009 from Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem, the 52-year-old Wisconson native has lived in Israel for 26 years. Her husband, a physician, is British. The couple, who have three children, met as high school students when her father took a sabbatical in London.

Rabbi Edelman-Green, who considers herself above all a Jewish educator, has always been passionate about Jewish studies, she said.

With two master's degrees – one in Jewish studies from the Masorti movement's Schechter Institute for Judaic Studies, and one in Jewish thought from Ben-Gurion University – Edelman-Green decided to study for the rabbinate because she felt the special needs community "needed a rabbi as their advocate."

The rabbi – who was ordained Reform, but considers herself non-denominational – works with families from haredi to secular.

She said she prefers to focus on abilities, rather than disabilities.

Rabbi Edelman-Green envisions a place built around Jewish values. To the best of her knowledge, it will be the only one of its kind in Israel.

"We'll have a beit midrash for people who can't read. How do you teach Torah to someone who can't study books? As well as having a physical place to study, we'll take people out to our little strip of land and do agriculture."

Rabbi Judith Edelman-Green
[Frances Kraft photo]

While working the land, residents will learn appropriate blessings, and about Jewish values like setting aside crops for the poor.

Among the types of work she plans to offer is the opportunity to befriend the elderly. She noted that Meir Medical Center is nearby, and said that residents would bring therapy dogs to visit elderly and sick patients.

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Fines often deter mothers

Family Matters
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Question: How many mothers have been sent to jail or fined for not letting their children see their father? Are fathers getting more rights or are the courts biased to the mother? If you have a court order to see your children can you call the police to enforce the order? In a previous article you mentioned that you can record your phone conversations but will the court allow such evidence? When do the courts start listening to the children and how often are the children's wishes granted?

Answer: Although courts are reluctant to send mothers to jail, they are far less reluctant to fine them. However, if a mother is indeed proving to be difficult a judge issues an order for her to comply with a threat that the next time she will be imprisoned. At the same time the court often orders the mother to reimburse the father for his legal costs, usually a few thousand dollars. An accumulation of these costs alone can dissuade a mother from acting unwisely. After a number of such warnings and fines the courts have, on occasion, jailed mothers. It is therefore more the court process and the attendant fines and/or costs that lead to results, rather than jail itself.

In the course of such proceedings, additional methods such as a court application to switch the child's custody can also be effective. You can call the police to enforce an access order only if the order specifically asks the police to assist in the enforcement. Courts have become increasingly sensitive to the rights of fathers and their need to have maximum contact with their children.

However, much depends upon how well their case in represented in court, which often means how much money you have or how much Legal Aid will fund (if you qualify). At the same time if abuse is an issue, and the woman is well represented, the courts will carefully protect a child or his mother. But once again arranging for qualified legal representation is key.

Yes, the court will allow as evidence conversations you have tape recorded on your own phone.

Courts consider a child's wishes based on his maturity and needs, not his age, and not directly. However, the court will listen very carefully to any child who has attained the age of 13. A child must be represented by the government through the "children's lawyer" appointed by the court.

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Prejudice is starting to yield to inclusion

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

About two per cent of the Israeli population – an estimated 200,000 people – are "mentally challenged," according to Haim Gurfinkel, general manager of Ami, an organization in Be'er Sheva that serves adults with developmental disabilities.

Ami's Beit Cohen (named for Montreal funder Leonard Cohen – not the poet) serves 74 adults with Down Syndrome and other developmental disabilities. They live in six buildings that are arranged in a circle. "It's like a neighbourhood," Gurfinkel told *The CJN* on a visit to Toronto in November.

Beit Cohen shares some aspects of the to-be-built Rimon Village.

Although there is no Jewish component on site, residents have jobs like gardening or animal care, or they do kitchen work in the army. The compound has outdoor adult-sized playground equipment, and a typical day includes exercise as well as work.

Haim Gurfinkel *[Frances Kraft photo]*

Some of Ami's 350 clients are housed at Beit Cohen; others are in apartments that the organization rents for them.

Beit Cohen – like the proposed Rimon Village – is unusual in Israel because, typically, high functioning developmentally disabled adults live in apartments, and those who are lower functioning live in institutions or with elderly parents, Gurfinkel said.

"They're warm people," he said of the clients, all of whom he said he knows personally. But they sometimes face prejudice and isolation. "It's also part of our work to change this mentality," Gurfinkel said. "We fight in court... if a hotel doesn't want to take us [for example]. The law is good, but the people don't understand. It's not a 'sexy' cause."

Rabbi Judith Edelman-Green has seen prejudice, but only rarely. "I think there is a change going on in society. I do hear parents talking about prejudice, but I also hear a lot about inclusion."

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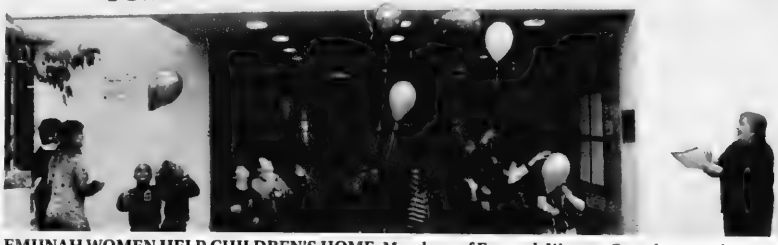

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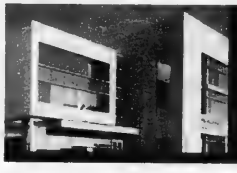

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Emotional states affect our eating habits, author

Rena Godfrey
Special to The CJN

Many of us choose to eat just because we feel like it, but not because we're actually hungry. What are we thinking about when we decide to inhale a mega-sized hamburger or decadent chocolate brownie? Or, are we not thinking at all?

Ara Wiseman, a Toronto-based nutritionist and lecturer, is the author of *Feed Your Body, Feed Your Soul*, a nutrition self-help book that reveals the connections between the foods we eat and our overall health and well-being. Wiseman focuses on how our emotional states affect our eating habits, and she said she's confident that readers will benefit from her 13 years of private practice in nutritional and spiritual counselling.

"Most of us have lost the connection between what we are eating, why we are eating, who we are feeding and how we feel inside. Eating can be a distraction – junk food laden with fat, sugar and chemicals, can suppress emotions providing false emotional comfort. We forget what it feels like to be nourished," she said.

"If you see yourself as healthy and vibrant, you will choose to eat foods that are healthy and alive, but if you see yourself as overweight and heavy, you will likely select foods that are heavy and laden with sodium, sugar or unhealthy fat."

Wiseman said she believes first and foremost in establishing a healthy relationship with food. "The most important ingredient in achieving a balanced diet is awareness and an understanding of the impact that our food choices have on our health," she said. "A balanced diet equates to a balanced approach to life where you consider the energy of the food you are about to consume. Therefore, the thought of eating junk food or fast food would have no appeal – over time it destroys cells and tissue while robbing your body of nutrients."

Wiseman said that nutrient-dense foods should be included in our daily lives to ensure optimum health. She recommends fruits and vegetables – raw, grilled or steamed – homemade vegetable soups, stir-fries, whole grains, legumes, squash, chlorophyll-rich plant foods, greens, raw nuts and seeds, sunflower sprouts, broccoli sprouts and sprouted grains.

Feed Your Body, Feed Your Soul encourages the reader to reflect on his or her own personal eating habits, which Wiseman asserts is the first step in achieving a healthy and happy life.

"If you pause every time you are about to eat and ask yourself, 'Am I nourishing myself with this food I'm about to eat?' it will help you become more mindful of your choices. When you approach your goals with love and understanding, the solutions will come to you more easily," she said.

"We need to take responsibility for our health. Enjoy the movement of your body and be grateful that you can walk, run, bike, swim, skate, work out, and do yoga. When we are full of gratitude, it is hard to not to be happy."

Feed Your Body, Feed Your Soul is available on Amazon.com, and in Toronto at the Whole Foods Market, Qi Natural Foods on Eglinton Avenue West, The Big Carrot and at Nature's Emporium, Aurora. www.arawiseman.com

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New program offers after-school activities to sick kids

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

Chai Lifeline's Shining Star programs gives children who are sick or have special needs a chance to feel part of the crowd.

Offered once a week at the Prosserman JCC, the program offers kids ages four to 12, and their siblings, the opportunity to take part in activities together.

Rabbi Mordechai Rothman, director of Chai Lifeline Canada – an organization that provides emotional and financial support to families battling life-threatening and chronic pediatric illness – said the idea for the program came about when he saw the children at summer camp and realized how happy they were there.

"I wanted them to have the same fun at an afternoon program. They watch their siblings take part in activities, but there was really no place for them to go, so we created a program for them."

It also gives parents the opportunity to have a dinner at home, he said, "and let them regroup – their kids get door-to-door transportation – in order to be the best parents they can be. The benefits of the program are two-fold."

The program started in September – the Prosserman JCC donates the space – as a pilot with about 15 kids, "but we have seen positive results. The kids are having fun and making friends. We feel we're giving them something every week."

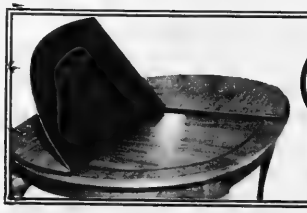
Children take part in Chai Lifeline's Shining Star program activities.

Activities are tailored to everyone, he said, so "even those in wheelchairs can take part."

He said that some participants who are older than the others come in to help out, "so they are also taking advantage of what we have to offer."

Rabbi Rothman said that it is a privilege for him to be part of Chai Lifeline. "This job is amazing for me. I go to work every day and feel good about what we do. I get to see the good side of people, I see a smile on a child's face, and I see parents' relief. There is nothing more powerful."

For information on Chai Lifeline Shining Stars, call 647-430-5933.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Coalition to press UN on Iran human rights

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JERUSALEM — The United States will strongly support a Swedish effort to have the UN Human Rights Council appoint a special investigator into rights violations in Iran, U.S Ambassador Eileen Donahoe said on Friday.

She told a news briefing the idea had backing from a wide range of countries in the 47-nation council – including members of the self-styled non-aligned group (NAM), who normally unite to shield each other from criticism.

Earlier this week, Swedish State Secretary for Foreign Affairs Frank Belfrage told the five-year-old rights body his country was deeply concerned by "the worsening human rights situation in Iran."

He said the number of executions in Iran so far this year had reached alarming proportions. "The most horrendous methods of killing human beings are still being used. Taking a person's life by stoning them is nothing less than barbaric," he added.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton told the council that Iran pursued "violence abroad and tyranny at home." Iranian rights activists wanted a UN investigator, she added.

"The resolution that is being pursued has a lot of support from across the regions because Iran is an extreme case," Donahoe said on Friday. "We will be working with Sweden very hard on this."

UN rights chief Navi Pillay says there has been a wave of arrests of opponents and critics of the Iranian government, apparently prompted by popular uprisings in nearby Arab states, and the text will refer to this.

If passed, it would set up a post of special rapporteurs, or investigators, to monitor Iran's compliance with international rights agreements it has signed and to report regularly to the council.

Co-sponsors of the resolution include the Maldives, an Indian ocean archipelago which is a member with Iran of the 57-nation Organization of Islamic States (OIC), and Zambia, part of the African group, Donahoe said.

OIC and African countries are part of the wider – and majority – NAM bloc in the council, as well as in the UN General Assembly, which, with the support of Russia, China and Cuba, can usually control its agenda.

But the bloc broke apart last week when a European Union resolution condemning attacks on unarmed protesters by Libyan government security forces and recommending Libya's expulsion from the council was approved by consensus.

That resolution had been formally supported by four OIC states. The General Assembly agreed unanimously to suspend Libya's membership in the Geneva rights forum.

Diplomats said it would still be hard to get an Iran resolution passed as most members of the NAM group and their Russian and Chinese supporters strongly oppose having UN special investigators looking into one country's affairs.

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IAEA equivocates on Iranian nukes

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VIENNA — The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency said Monday that he cannot guarantee that Iran is not trying to develop atomic arms.

Speaking at the start of a 35-nation IAEA board meeting, Yukiya Amano, who heads the UN nuclear watchdog, said he cannot give Iran's nuclear program a clean bill of health because Tehran is refusing to co-operate with an IAEA probe of its programs.

Amano also said that Syria is stonewalling an investigation of a site suspected to have been a secretly built reactor that would have produced plutonium once finished. Israeli warplanes destroyed that structure three years ago.

On Sunday, western diplomats said that Iran and Syria's alleged nuclear activities were high on the agenda for the IAEA board meeting in Vienna on Monday, but no action against them was expected to take place for now.

The IAEA recently received new information concerning possible military nuclear activities in Iran, it said in a report late last month, without giving details.

The report also highlighted previous allegations about seven Iranian research or development projects for a nuclear warhead that officials in Tehran have refused to explain. Iran says the intelligence is fabricated.

In its Syria report, Amano said the country has not allowed additional inspections either of a suspected nuclear reactor that Israel bombed in 2007 or of three possibly related sites that his inspectors have not yet visited.

The IAEA is aware that according to intelligence information, one of the sites could have been set up to make reactor fuel, diplomats said.

However, Syria decided a week before the board meeting that it would allow a visit to a fourth location, a civilian chemical plant that produces uranium as a by-product.

While diplomats acknowledged that Syria's blocking undermines the IAEA's authority, they questioned what a resolution or a so-called special inspection would achieve at this point.

A diplomat said Sunday it was difficult to take action on Syria also because of its complex connection with Middle Eastern politics, referring to the tendency of developing countries on the board to support Israel's perceived enemies.

Besides these questions of tactics, diplomats said their capitals are not focused on these two nuclear issues right now, but rather on the political upheavals in the Middle East and North Africa.

In related developments, Zimbabwe's foreign minister told the Iranian ISNA news agency last Thursday that his country was willing to work with Iran on extracting uranium resources meant for Tehran's nuclear program. Last month a new intelligence report claimed that Iran was expanding its covert global search for the uranium it needs for its nuclear activities and a key focus is Zimbabwe.

The report is in line with international assessments that Iran's domestic supplies cannot sustain its nuclear program that could be turned toward making weapons.

Speaking of the issue during an official visit to Tehran, Zimbabwean Foreign Minister Simbarashe Mumbengegwi told ISNA that "Zimbabwe holds rich resources, but the problem we face is lack of budget, finance and required technical equipment to take the very rich resources out and use them."

Mumbengegwi then criticized western attempts to sanction Iran over its nuclear program, saying that "those making claims on Iran's enrichment work hold nuclear weapons and hostile nuclear program.

"Any country has the right to use peaceful nuclear energy based on international rules," he added. Regarding the sanctions imposed both on Iran and his own country, the Zimbabwean foreign minister said that restrictions "against the two countries are not accidental.

"Western states follow the approach of sanction towards countries which do not yield to their domination and act against their interests," Mumbengegwi said, adding that "any impartial observer can testify that the southern African country [Zimbabwe] is one of the most democratic countries in the continent and has never violated human rights."

The Zimbabwean official also said that any "sanction should be approved by the UN General Assembly since it involves many countries and it should not be allowed that few countries misuse other ones."

Iran says it is enriching solely to power a future network of nuclear reactors. But it has been targeted by UN sanctions because enrichment can also create fissile warhead material and because of its nuclear secrecy and refusal to co-operate with IAEA probes into its activities.

Israel viewed negatively: poll

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LONDON — A poll conducted by the BBC revealed last week that Israel is one of the most negatively viewed countries in the world, ranking at the bottom of the chart along with Iran, North Korea and Pakistan.

In 2011, 22 out of 27 countries leaned toward a negative view of Israel, headed by Egypt, Turkey, and Indonesia. The countries which had the most positive view of Israel were the United States, Russia, Ghana, and China.

Participants were asked in a questionnaire, "Please tell me if you think each of the following countries is having a mainly positive or mainly negative influence in the world," giving the options "mainly positive, mainly negative, depends" and "neutral."

The order of popularity of the 16 countries, based on 27 countries that were surveyed, was Germany, United Kingdom, Japan, Canada, France, United States, Brazil, China, South Africa, India, South Korea, Russia, Israel, Pakistan, North Korea, and Iran.

Despite Israel's extremely low ranking, it has actually made a slight improvement in its world standing since 2010, and a more significant improvement since 2007. According to the poll, positive views of Israel increased by 2 per cent while negative views remained mostly same as in 2010.

However, while positive ratings by the United States have remained stable in the poll since 2010 at about 43 per cent, many more Americans chose to rate Israel negatively in 2011, marking an increase of 10 per cent since 2010.

Moreover, negative perceptions of Israel grew stronger in Britain, Canada, Indonesia, Australia, Portugal, Spain, and Kenya.

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Pope praised for views on death of Christ

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JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu praised Pope Benedict XVI for his exoneration of the Jewish People for the death of Jesus Christ.

Pope Benedict, in his new book, portions of which were published March 2, tackles one of the most controversial issues in Christianity, using biblical and theological analysis to discredit the belief that the Jewish People as a whole were responsible for Jesus' death.

Netanyahu sent a message to the Pope last Thursday, thanking him for dispelling the belief "which was used as a basis to hate Jews for hundreds of years.

"It is my hope that this display of clarity and courage will strengthen the relations between Jews and Christians around the world," the prime minister's message stated.

Netanyahu also expressed hope that Pope Benedict's exoneration in Part 2 of *Jesus of Nazareth*, would "aid the advancement of peace" for generations to come.

Jewish scholars also praised the argument laid out in the Pope's new book. While the Vatican has for five decades taught that Jews were not collectively responsible, Jewish scholars say that Pope Benedict's exoneration will help fight antisemitism today.

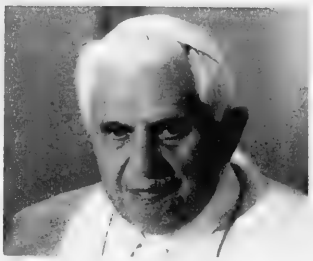
Michael Marrus, the Chancellor Rose and Ray Wolfe professor emeritus of Holocaust studies at the University of Toronto, noted that "although Pope Benedict's 'exoneration' is really just a reaffirmation of the Vatican II Council's historic [1965] statement, *Nostra Aetate*, it is welcome nevertheless.

"It is also a reminder that with Catholicism, as indeed with Judaism and all the world's great religions, sacred texts are subject to interpretation, and these interpretations can advance the cause of reason and justice. And as with Judaism, this process is not always easy or unanimous. Slowly, however, the world changes, and we hope for the better," Marrus added.

Pope Benedict's first volume of *Jesus of Nazareth*, his first book as Pope, offered a very personal meditation on the early years of Christ's life and teachings. This second instalment, set to be released March 10, concerns the second half of Christ's life, his death and resurrection.

Pope Benedict XVI's theological analysis contradicts traditional Catholic interpretations that have been used throughout history to justify antisemitism.

Jewish organizations are hailing Pope Benedict XVI's unequivocal repudiation of the claim that the Jewish People can be held forever responsible for the death of Jesus.



Pope Benedict XVI

The landmark document, *Nostra Aetate*, opened the door to formal Catholic-Jewish dialogue. But in his latest book, Pope Benedict employs a detailed scholarly analysis of Catholic teaching to make the point clear.

The Anti-Defamation League called it "an important and historic moment" in Catholic-Jewish relations that would build on *Nostra Aetate*.

"Now we must ask: 'Who exactly were Jesus' accusers? Who insisted that he be condemned to death?'" Pope Benedict writes in a passage regarding Jesus' condemnation to death by Roman governor Pontius Pilate.

Noting that the Gospel of St. John states that it was "the Jews," he asks, "How could the whole people have been present at this moment to clamour for Jesus' death?" John's use of the term, he writes, "does not in any way indicate – as the modern reader might suppose – the people of Israel in general, even less is it 'racist' in character. After all, John himself was ethnically a Jew, as were Jesus and all his followers."

What John meant by "the Jews," Benedict writes, was the priestly "Temple aristocracy."

In another passage, Pope Benedict explicitly rejects the notion that the statement reported in the Gospel that "his blood be on us and on our children" meant an eternal curse against the Jewish People. Instead, the Pontiff writes, "it means that we all stand in need of the purifying power of love which is his blood. These words are not a curse, but rather redemption, salvation."

Elan Steinberg, vice-president of the American Gathering of Holocaust Survivors and Their Descendants, said the Pope's book marks "a landmark moment" in Catholic-Jewish relations.

"Pope Benedict's theological repudiation of the deicide charge not only confirms the teachings of Vatican II, which formally rejected collective Jewish guilt, but seals it for a new generation of Catholics," Steinberg said.

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IDF pleased with system

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The Israeli military takes an offensive approach to battle. If war breaks out, military units are sent to the front line to face the enemy. The Armored Corps is a vital component. It attempts to capture and hold strategic positions behind enemy lines and supports the infantry troops. A high survival rate of the Armored Corps during war is tactically vital in battle, as well as for troop morale.

In December, the IDF tested the Windbreaker system. Originally, a fully armed missile was to be used, but because of pressure from the bereaved families of fallen soldiers and doubts about the system, an unarmed missile was used. The test was successful.

Senior IDF officers are pleased with the first-ever successful deployment of the system in a battle situation. According to some officers, the Windbreaker system changes the military equation in the region. Several groups in Gaza are known to hold hundreds of different antitank missiles.

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Israel Briefs

Is interim deal in the plans?

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reportedly is considering seeking a long-term interim peace deal with the Palestinians that would include the establishment of a Palestinian state with temporary borders. The impetus for an interim deal comes as peace talks between the two sides have broken down. The possibility of working out an interim deal was published last week in several Israeli newspapers citing unnamed sources in the Prime Minister's Office. *Ha'aretz* reported that the plan would include a Palestinian state. During the interim peace, Israel and the Palestinians could continue to negotiate a final status deal, according to the reports. "Of course, Israel would prefer a final status peace agreement, but that has become all but impossible because of the Palestinian refusal to negotiate," an unnamed government official told CNN. "We are looking at options for steps forward that will help lead to a two-state solution and move the process forward." The Quartet on the Middle East – the European Union, Russia, the United Nations and the United States – met last Wednesday in Brussels to discuss how to advance the peace process. Netanyahu did not send a representative to the meeting after being told there would be no meeting between the Israeli and Palestinian representatives. The Palestinians have said they will not resume talks with Israel until all settlement construction is frozen in the West Bank and eastern Jerusalem.

No Holocaust education for Hamas

Hamas said it will stop the United Nations from teaching Palestinian children in Gaza about the Holocaust. The history of the Holocaust is set to become part of a human rights curriculum in Gaza schools run by the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) that are attended by more than 200,000 Palestinian children, the *Guardian* reported. "We cannot agree to a program that is intended to poison the minds of our children," said a statement from Hamas' ministry for refugee affairs. "Holocaust studies in refugee camps is a contemptible plot and serves the Zionist entity with a goal of creating a reality and telling stories in order to justify acts of slaughter against the Palestinian people." The Hamas statement said that the UNRWA should focus on teaching about human rights of Palestinians, the *Guardian* reported.

Egypt won't restore gas to Israel

An Egyptian company will not resume delivering natural gas to Israel as expected, one month after its pipeline was sabotaged. The East Mediterranean Gas consortium, which supplies 45 per cent of the gas needed to produce Israel's electricity, has missed four promised deadlines to reinstate the gas supply since the pipeline was damaged in a terrorist explosion Feb. 5. The attack was part of the uprising in Egypt that ousted president Hosni Mubarak. The Israel Electric Company has requested permission from Israel's Environmental Protection Ministry to use diesel and fuel oil to run the power plant, *Ha'aretz* reported.

Protest against children's evictions

Relief organizations staged a demonstration in Tel Aviv last Friday in a renewed effort to prevent the deportation of foreign workers' children, which is expected imminently. The deportation of families that do not meet the criteria set by the Israeli government is expected to commence in the coming week. Hundreds of people demonstrated at a Tel Aviv park, calling on the government not to deport or incarcerate children that were born in Israel. The demonstration was organized by relief organizations, including the Center for Assistance of Foreign Workers, the Civil Rights Union, Doctors for Civil Rights and others. A counter-protest took place at the entrance to Meir Park, where the relief organizations were demonstrating, with south Tel Aviv residents shouting, "Enough with the baby visas!"

With files from JTA and Ha'aretz

Israel works to improve conditions for Palestinians

Alan Elsner
The Israel Project

JERUSALEM — Amid all the talk of Jewish settlements in the disputed territories, Israel's quiet work to help improve conditions for Palestinians often goes unnoticed.

The effects of these efforts are apparent in the substantial economic improvement in the West Bank, including nine per cent GDP growth in 2010, lower unemployment and record tourism.

Among the steps taken to boost the Palestinian economy:

• Despite security risks, in the past two years Israel has dramatically reduced the number of roadblocks in the West Bank from 44 to 16.

• Israel has invested tens of millions of shekels in upgrading the crossings between Israel and the territory. Roughly 5,000 vehicles pass through the crossing on weekends, while weekday traffic volume through the crossing is 500 to 800 vehicles per day.

• The number of entry permits to Israel for Palestinians rose 11 per cent in the first half of 2010 to 22,910, compared to the same period in 2009.

• Israel is working with partners in the international community to establish industrial zones in Bethlehem and Jericho and is helping the Palestinian Authority to establish an industrial zone in Jalameh.

• Israel recently granted an additional megahertz of bandwidth to the new Palestinian cellular telephone provider Wataniya.

• A large electric project has been approved, with financing from the European Investment Bank (EIB). Substations will be built in Jenin, Ramallah, Nablus and Hebron at an estimated cost of 100 million euros.

• In the last two years, Israel's Customs Authority held several training sessions for Palestinian customs officials. An agreement for co-operation regarding computerized information is expected to be signed in the near future between the two customs authorities.

Construction activity in the West Bank increased by 22 per cent in 2009. *[Flash90 photo]*

• In co-ordination with Quartet envoy Tony Blair, Israel recently approved a package of measures – the "Blair-Netanyahu Package" – designed to further boost economic development in the West Bank, including building schools and medical clinics and expanding the Palestinian security presence in seven cities.

• Tourism has sharply increased. During the last Christmas holiday, Israel enabled entry to Bethlehem to more than 100,000 Christian pilgrims, a record.

Meanwhile, during the past three years, terrorism and violence emanating from the West Bank has decreased significantly, due to Israel's security fence, Israeli military operations targeting terrorist infrastructure and improved co-ordination with Palestinian security forces.

Several Palestinian companies have thrived in the improved economic climate, including Palestine Telecommunications, which reported first quarter profits of $23.2 million (all figures US), followed by Palestine Development and Investment at $10.9 million, Bank of Palestine at $8.8 million, Palestine Electric Company at $3.8 million, and Al Quds Bank at $1.9 million.

Here are some West Bank economic developments, by the numbers:

• 6.8 per cent: increase in total Palestinian GDP in the West Bank and Gaza in 2009 (8.5 per cent in the West Bank; one per cent growth in Gaza).

• 2.9 per cent: GDP growth recorded in the first quarter of 2010 compared to the fourth quarter of 2009.

• nine per cent: fall in unemployment in the West Bank, from 18.1 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2009 to 16.5 per cent in the first quarter of 2010.

• 22 per cent: increase in construction activity in the West Bank in 2009.

• 12 per cent: increase in the West Bank service sector.

• 12 per cent: increase in industrial production in the West Bank in 2009.

• 12.5 per cent: rise of the Palestinian stock market in 2009.

• 17 per cent: increase in total Palestinian trade in 2008 over 2007.

• 150: roadblocks in the West Bank removed during 2008 and 2009.

• 27: checkpoints removed during the same two years.

Israeli house prices approach bubble territory

Dafna Maor
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JERUSALEM — Are Israeli housing prices in the bubble range? According to a report by Global Property Guide, housing prices rose at the third-fastest rate in the world in 2010, with an inflation-adjusted 13.4 per cent increase.

The country with the fastest-rising prices was Latvia, with a 19.1 per cent increase. It was followed by Singapore at 13.6 per cent, and then Israel. In comparison, U.S. home prices dropped 5.3 per cent, while those in Ireland plunged 11.6 per cent last year. Furthermore, the pace of the U.S. housing market's decline is picking up – prices fell more in 2010 than in 2009.

"The housing market recovery has stalled" in certain parts of the world, according to the report. Housing prices fell in real terms in 21 of the countries surveyed by Global Property Guide, and rose in only 15.

Eastern European housing markets are still declining, although less than the previous year. A number of Asian nations are still seeing moderate housing recoveries, the report said.

"Despite tighter lending policies and repeated warnings from the central bank, housing prices continue to rise in Israel at double-digit rates. Although the rate of increase has somewhat eased, the monetary authorities are clearly worried," wrote Global Property Guide about the local market.

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Museum full of stories about Jewish prairie life

Irena Karshenbaum
Special to The CJN

CALGARY — Every person has an idea of what constitutes an adventure. Some would consider a trek through Tibet as being pretty exciting. Others a shopping trip to Milan. Personally, visiting the archives of a museum is my idea of fun. Having loved museums all my life, I was thrilled when I was recently invited to see Calgary's Glenbow Museum's Jewish cultural collection.

Lorain Lounsberry, senior curator of cultural history at Glenbow, was my tour guide. Walking through the massive warehouse, I soon realized how much work Lounsberry had to do to prepare for my visit. It was no simple matter of walking into the archives and just finding stuff there. The location of the objects had to be researched in advance given the size of the collection.

Among its many collections, Calgary's largest museum houses a cultural history collection of about 100,000 objects that tell the story of how we live our daily lives. The collection covers many ethnic and religious groups including about 200 items from the Jewish community of southern Alberta.

Items are archived according to how they were used. We start under the category of "faith" and look at Israel Ziselman's tallit. There are tfillin, kippot, and pharmacist Gerry Nep's B'nai Brith cap.

The most amusing item belonged to Boris Rochman, who after having served in a hard labour camp in Siberia, managed to come to Calgary in 1957. Eventually, he bought Harry's News & Tobacco Shop and successfully invested in other real estate ventures. He donated his tie clip to the museum with the following letters: YCDBSOYA. What does it mean, I ask? We laugh at the answer: You Can't Do Business Sitting On Your Ass.

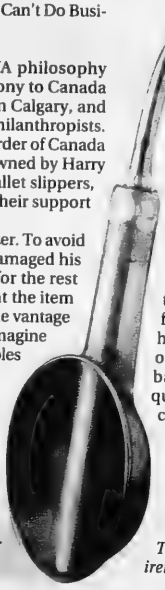
So true.

Other practitioners of the YCDBSOYA philosophy were the Cohen Brothers who brought Sony to Canada after World War II. Harry Cohen settled in Calgary, and he and his wife, Martha, became major philanthropists. They were the first couple to receive the Order of Canada together. The archives hold a few items owned by Harry and Martha Cohen, including bronzed ballet slippers, which they received in 1987 in honour of their support of Alberta Ballet.

The oddest item belonged to Jacob Switzer. To avoid military service in the Russian army, he damaged his own hearing and had to use an ear horn for the rest of his life. It is believed that Switzer bought the item in Warsaw sometime around 1916. From the vantage point of a 21st-century mind, it's hard to imagine sticking something into your ear that resembles a trumpet.

Since I love clothes and accessories, my favourite items are handbags once owned by Marcia Goldberg, who was a driving force behind Calgary Hadassah and the National Council of Jewish Women for almost four decades starting in the 1920s. A few of her luxurious pieces have been left with the museum. I can almost see Mrs. Goldberg stepping into her car in her lace-up boots, purse in hand, dress shimmering, wearing a fur coat and driving to the Palace Theatre to hear violinist Jascha Heifetz perform.

Tie clip owned by Boris (Berek) Rochman, Collection of Glenbow Museum



Ear trumpet used by Jacob Switzer, Collection of Glenbow Museum

There are connections to the Jewish Prairie farming experience, something that's close to my heart. The museum holds the original, and now very fragile, *parochet* (the curtain that covered the Ark)from the Beth Jacob Synagogue in the Sonnenfeld Colony in Saskatchewan. Ladies of Rimon Calgary, a Jewish needlework guild, used this original *parochet* to create a replica that is now used in the Little Synagogue at Calgary's Heritage Park. The *parochet* was once owned by Sam Frohlich of Edmonton, who also donated the Torah Ark from the Sonnenfeld Colony to the Little Synagogue on the Prairie Project.

Lounsberry explained that the museum is open to collecting more items, but it accepts only about five per cent of artefacts that are offered. "The item has to fit into the collecting plan to guide the growth of the collection, to keep it focused, and it must be based on human history. Sometimes people are quite surprised as to what we do collect and don't collect." Lounsberry added that the key to acquisition is, "the story behind the item."

If you have an object that you would like to have considered for Calgary's Glenbow Museum's cultural history collection, please contact Lorain Lounsberry at 403-268-4152.

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Sheen demands apology from ADL

JTA

LOS ANGELES — Actor Charlie Sheen is demanding an apology from the Anti-Defamation League for saying that his rant against the executive producer of his hit TV sitcom was "borderline antisemitism."

A letter from Sheen's attorney Marty Singer demands a retraction because, it says, Sheen's only intention was to "address the man rather than his television persona," the TMZ website reported last week.

Sheen, in a radio interview Feb. 24 and in a letter posted on the TMZ website, called the *Two and a Half Men* executive producer Chuck Lorre a "contaminated little maggot," said he was a "clown" and "stupid," and referred to him several times as Chaim Levine.

Lorre's given name is Charles Michael Levine.

"By invoking television producer Chuck Lorre's Jewish name in the context of an angry tirade against him, Charlie Sheen left the impression that another reason for his dislike of Mr. Lorre is his Jewishness," Abraham Foxman, ADL's national director, said in a statement. "This fact has no relevance to Mr. Sheen's complaint or disagreement, and his words are at best bizarre, and at worst, borderline antisemitism."

Singer's letter points out that Lorre referred to himself by the name Chaim on a vanity card in February, in which he also reportedly writes about "a lifetime of distancing himself from Judaism." The letter also says the ADL should denounce Lorre for acknowledging his "disdain for the Jewish religion."

Sheen went on the defensive, denying his statements were antisemitic. He said in his letter to TMZ that he was "referring to Chuck by his real name because I wanted to address the man, not the bullshit TV persona."

"So you're telling me, anytime someone calls me Carlos Estevez, I can claim they are anti-Latino?" Sheen continued, referring to his given name. On Feb. 25, following reports of substance abuse by Sheen, CBS canceled filming of the final four episodes of the popular sitcom's season and may cancel the show altogether.

EYE ON ARTS

By BILL GLADSTONE

HILLEL PRESENTS NIGHT-LONG CELEBRATION OF ISRAEL

Hillel of Greater Toronto presents an Israeli-style Nuit Blanche – Layla Lavan ("white night" in Hebrew) – as an all-night cultural celebration of Israel promoting pride, Israeli creativity, arts and fashion.

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Film Explores Vichy Deportations: The Toronto Jewish Film Festival presents *La Rafle* (2010, with English subtitles) as part of its Chai Tea series. Directed by **Roselyn Bosch**, with **Jean Reno** and **Melanie Laurent**, the feature film focuses on the dark chapter in French history that occurred when Vichy police in Paris rounded up more than 13,000 Jews, including children, and held them in a sports stadium in July 1942.

The story follows 10-year-old Joseph Weismann and his family in the Velodrome and a subsequent transit camp. "One of the most effective dramas of recent years to deal with the human cost of Vichy's collaboration with the Nazis." SilverCity Richmond Hill, 8725 Yonge Street, Yonge and Hwy. 7. Sunday, March 13, tea at 4 p.m., film at 5 p.m. $15. 416-599-TIFF (8433). www.tjff.com

Haim Goldenberg

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Yiddish Screen Classic: Toronto Jewish Film Society presents *Green Fields (Grine Felder)*, the 1937 classic Yiddish comedy-drama by director **Jacob Ben Ami** about authentic people trying to survive on the land amidst an inhospitable, non-Jewish environment. In Yiddish with English subtitles; with guest speaker **Jack Newman**. $15, $10. Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, Sunday, March 20, 4 and 7:30 p.m. Rush seats on sale 15 minutes before each screening. No advance ticket sales.

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Literary Notes

• **Cynthia Holz**, author of four widely acclaimed novels and a short story collection, reads from a new novel, *Benevolence*, at the Authors at Harbourfront series March 16, with British author **Jonathan Coe** on the same bill. *Benevolence* is due from Knopf Canada this month. 235 Queen's Quay West; $10. readings.org

• **Joseph Kertes,** founder of Humber College's creative writing program and author of the award-winning novel *Gratitude*, has been short-listed as one of five creative non-fiction finalists in the 2010 CBC Literary Awards for his submission, *Records*. Winners are to be announced March 24.

• Finalists for the $100,000 Sami Rohr Prize in Jewish Literature, due to be awarded May 31, are **Allison Amend** for *Station's West*, **Julie Orringer** for *Invisible Bridge*, **Nadia Kalman** for *The Cosmopolitans*, **Austin Ratner** for *The Jump Artist*, and **Joseph Skibell** for *A Curable Romantic*. The first runner-up receives $25,000.

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Theatre Events

• Harold Green Jewish Theatre presents *Zero Hour*, the hilarious Broadway comedy written by and starring **Jim Brochu** in an animated portrait of the great comedian **Zero Mostel**. Directed by **Piper Laurie**. $40 to $65. Al Green Theatre, Miles Nadal JCC, March 26 to April 16; opens March 28. An exhibition of drawings and paintings by Mostel is on view in the JCC gallery from March 21 and likewise opens March 28. 416-366-7723, www.stlc.com

• Holy Blossom Temple continues its series of talks with **Robert Cushman**, as the *National Post* theatre critic interviews **Dean Gabourie**, assistant artistic director of the Stratford Festival, on March 10, 7:30 p.m. Cushman speaks with the Shaw Festival's **Jackie Maxwell** on March 16 and Canadian Stage Company's **Matthew Jocelyn** on March 24. $50 for series, $15 per session (students $12). 416-789-3291, ext. 511.

• Soulpepper Theatre Company remounts *The Time of Your Life*, **William Saroyan**'s Pulitzer Prize-winning play with **Stuart Hughes** and **Joseph Ziegler** reprising their Dora Award-winning roles. Directed by Soulpepper artistic director **Albert Schultz**, the play is at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts, 55 Mill St., Building 49, Distillery District. $28 to $65. Previews March 16, opens March 18. www.soulpepper.ca, 416-866-8666. $22 tickets available for 21 to 30-year olds at www.stageplay.ca

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Music Notes

• Friends of Yiddish presents the third annual Yiddish Sing-Along with **Mitch Smolkin** and **Nina Shapilsky**. Refreshments; members free, guests $5. Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Sunday, March 13, 2 p.m. RSVP to Sandy, 416-736-8073 or Joel, joels@sackepr.com

• **The Vistas Quartet**, consisting of four musicians from the Royal Conservatory's Glenn Gould School of Music, perform a concert of light classics. $12, $15; refreshments. Congregation B'nai Torah, 465 Patricia Ave. Sunday, March 27, 8 p.m. 416-226-3700, ext. 21.

• **Mark Eisenman**'s CD *The Chant* is available for download from iTunes, itunes.apple.com. His website is www.jazzpiano.ca.

Pete Seeger clarifies position on Israel boycott

JTA

SAN FRANCISCO — Folk music icon Pete Seeger, quoted last week as saying that he supports a boycott of Israel, told JTA that his position on Israel is constantly evolving.

Earlier in the week, the pro-boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement group Adalah-NY reported that Seeger met recently with representatives from the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions and told them that he "supports" the anti-Israel BDS movement.

Seeger told JTA that he "probably said" that, but added that he's still learning a lot about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and his "opinions waver with each piece of information" he receives.

The 92-year-old musician also said that contrary to the Adalah-NY report, he doesn't regret taking part in last November's online peace rally "With Earth and Each Other," which was mounted in support of the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies in southern Israel.

The Arava Institute, which brings together an international student body to explore solutions to cross-border ecological problems, particularly those affecting Israel and its Arab neighbours, is "very important," Seeger said.

He added that similar initiatives aimed at reducing tensions between neighbours "should exist all over the world."

One month before the online event, Seeger told JTA that he was resisting calls from the BDS movement to call off his participation. He cited the need for dialogue to bring an end to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"I understand why someone would want to boycott a place financially, but I don't understand why you would boycott dialogue," Seeger said at the time. "The world will not be here in 50 years unless we learn how to communicate with each other non-violently."

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Young detectives solve problems in Purimville

Mordechai Ben-Dat
Editor

Adults have Benny Cooperman and Hercule Poirot. Young adults have Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys. Now younger readers have Jacob and Sarah, two fearless, young detectives who follow their hearts and their desire to do good for others, to fight danger and to solve impossible mysteries.

Toronto author Karen Fisman has brought back the two intrepid heroes of *Adventure in Latkaland* to deal with the puzzling and potentially disastrous *Problems in Purimville* (JoRa Books).

Someone or someones with mischief in their hearts are befuddling the important preparations for Purim. Costumes that children delight in wearing on the holiday have been mixed up and muddled: ballet tutus instead of pirates' hats! And the sweet, yummy hamantashen that children depend upon for snacking have been sabotaged: brussel sprouts instead of jam!

Purim without the appropriate costumes.

Purim without the delicious hamantashen.

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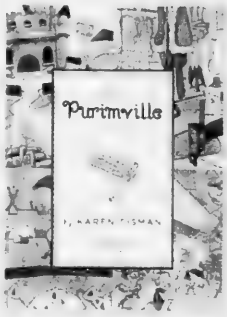
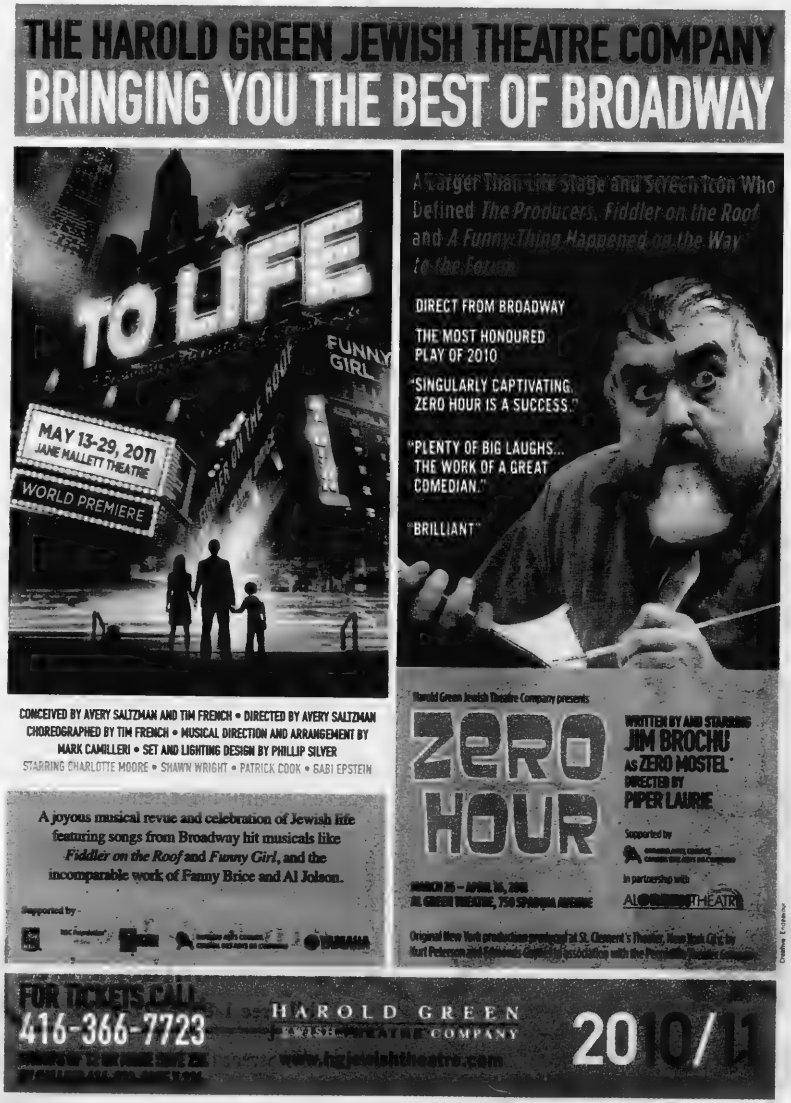
The celebration of the holiday for every child around the world is threatened. Purim must be saved.

Thus, Jacob and Sarah embark on their second adventure. Setting aside their fears and, of course, finding the magic means by which to travel to Purimville – where all Purim costumes and hamantashen are made – they are determined to solve the mystery of who is so mean, so uncaring, to want to spoil the fun of the festival.



Fisman tells a story with sparkling imagination. The make-believe is as smooth as fresh ice on a frozen pond. Together with brightly coloured illustrations by Wendy Faust, she creates a fanciful tale that entertains with child-appropriate episodes of danger and drama even as it teaches values of goodness, persistence and courage.

Jacob and Sarah take us on a new, playful journey from *Latkaland* to *Purimville*. And the ride is fun and good reading for all of Purim's children.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Dior designer denies antisemitism

JTA

PARIS — Fashion designer John Galliano denied accusations of antisemitism and racism that cost him his job, but he also apologized for his behaviour and "personal failure."

"I must take responsibility for the circumstances in which I find myself," Galliano said in a public statement last week, adding that he's "seeking help."

On March 1, the Dior fashion house announced that it was firing its star creator after a video surfaced this week showing Galliano praising Hitler, and a second complaint of antisemitism was filed against him regarding events that took place last October.

"I have fought my entire life against prejudice, intolerance and discrimination, having been subjected to it myself," said his statement, which was released by his attorney. "In all my work my inspiration has been to unite people of every race, creed, religion and sexuality by celebrating their cultural and ethnic diversity through fashion. That remains my guiding light.

"Antisemitism and racism have no part in our society. I unreservedly apologize for my behaviour in causing any offence."

Galliano was taken into police custody Feb. 24 after an altercation with two customers at a Paris bar, who claim the designer harassed them with slurs, including "dirty Jewish face, you should be dead" to Geraldine Bloch, 35, according to reports.

"I completely deny the claims made against me and have fully cooperated with the police investigation," Galliano wrote in his statement. He has taken legal action against his accusers for defamation.

The designer claimed he was the victim of prejudice, not the instigator of it. He said he was verbally and physically assaulted over his "look" and clothing.

Paris prosecutors announced that Galliano would be tried in court for "public injury toward individuals due to their origin, their religious affiliation," according to a statement. Galliano could face up to six months in prison and a $31,000 fine for hate and antisemitic speech.

After the video of Galliano praising Hitler appeared online, actress Natalie Portman, who is the face of Dior perfume and is Jewish, said she would not be associated with Galliano.

"I am deeply shocked and disgusted by the video of John Galliano's comments that surfaced today," she said. "In light of this video, and as an individual who is proud to be Jewish, I will not be associated with Mr. Galliano in any way."

A humorous guide to 'educating' your man

Laura Stricker
Special to The CJN

By the end of her book, Rebecca Eckler will have saved you $4,400 and approximately 17 hours in therapist time and money.

That's because in her new book, *How to Raise a Boyfriend* (Random House), Eckler, a journalist and author, includes advice and insights from her psychologist "Freud" on why men are the way they are.

How to Raise a Boyfriend suggests treating the man in your life much like you would a child, in order to teach them respect, communication and manners, and grading them on their success.

Indeed, the inspiration for the book came from her seven-year-old daughter, a boy her daughter went to school with and Eckler's boyfriend at the time.

"I was dating a guy who was in his 40s and also I was raising a child by myself. I was exhausted all the time, and I kept looking at my daughter and looking at my boyfriend – she was so much more polite and courteous and she was so generous and thoughtful and sensitive – everything I wanted him to be."

Eckler's encounter with the boy from her daughter's school, who was six at the time, came when they were in an elevator together and he insisted she get off the elevator first. She wondered why a six-year-old child had such good manners, but her 40-something boyfriend did not.

The book, coming in at 184 pages, is an easy read. The chapters are short, well written and quite funny. In addition to Freud, it features appearances from Eckler's esthetician, Helena, some of her ex-boyfriends and the grade-A husband, who Eckler says is actually three men.

The appearances from her ex-boyfriends are one of Eckler's favourite parts of the book.

"They just wanted to rant, because they think us women are crazy. They had so much fun getting it off their chests," she said

Many of my friends (myself included) have at one time or another expressed the desire to change or tweak something about their partner and so the concept of the book rang true. The tips at the end of each chapter are generally good, offering ideas for how to fix a particular offending behaviour without being annoying about it.

A lot of the stories the women Eckler interviewed told about their men make the men look really bad (like the husband who was planning to travel with his wife on her business trip, saw the line at the airport, changed his mind and went home). However, many of the complaints the women in the book have make them look petty and needy.

For instance, one woman complains that her husband never puts his dishes in the dishwasher. Maybe I'm just incredibly easygoing (not really), but to me that is not a big deal in the slightest.

Eckler agrees with me on that count.

"Every woman has their different things. I personally don't care if you leave your dish out. To me that's not a big deal," she said.

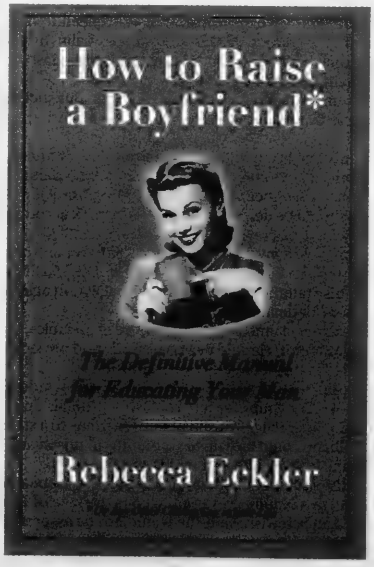
Rebecca Eckler

"I learned so much about myself and how I needed to change. I say [the book] is for clueless men, but it's also for clueless women," she continued, adding that she's "less of a naggy bitch" after writing the book.

The one place the book loses me is with Eckler's list of stereotypical and old-fashioned "pink" and "blue" jobs. The "pink" jobs, supposedly the ones women do, include doing laundry, cleaning the fridge and making sure the house is stocked. The "blue" jobs, for men, include carrying the groceries inside, cleaning snow off cars and taking out the garbage.

Now, my mother has been with her boyfriend for 10 years, and they started living together a little more than a year ago. In that household, she does both the blue and the pink jobs – sometimes with me there helping her out. Maybe in some relationships the pink and blue jobs are actually pink and blue jobs, but it isn't always so cut and dry.

Overall, *How to Raise a Boyfriend* is a book that I think a lot of women will find easy to relate to and funny. And for the men out there, it's an interesting way to get a glimpse into the female psyche – one they'll probably never get from their girlfriends or wives.



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Maple Leaf Mike Brown plays with 'testosterone'

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Mike Brown was one of the those players for whom the NHL trade deadline was just another date on the calendar. After signing a three-year $2.2 million (US) contract extension with Toronto about a month ago, it was clear he figured in the Leafs' plans for the future.

Brown, 25, is pretty happy with the deal. The Leafs, he said after a practice at the team's Etobicoke training facility, are on the way up. It's got great management and coaching, and the city is a great place to play in, the Chicago native said.

For its part, management reciprocates the sentiment. "We are extremely pleased to have Mike under contract for the next three years," said Maple Leafs general manager Brian Burke, on signing Brown to the extension. "His blend of character, energy and toughness has proven to be a good fit in the overall structure and makeup of our team."

Burke, it seems, has always had a fond spot for Brown. He's the kind of player the Leafs' head man has said Toronto needs – tough guys who play with the "proper levels of pugnacity, testosterone, truculence and belligerence."

Brown and Burke go back a long way – at least in hockey terms. Shortly after Burke left the Vancouver Canucks, his lieutenant, Dave Nonis, selected Brown from the University of Michigan in the fifth round of the 2004 NHL Entry Draft.

Brown played three seasons for the Canucks' AHL affiliate, the Manitoba Moose, before he was traded to the Anaheim Ducks. Coincidentally, Burke was the manager there when the Ducks acquired him.

After two years in Anaheim, he was traded to the Leafs this past summer for a fifth-round pick in the 2010 draft. Surprise, surprise. Burke was the general manager in Toronto at the time.

Burke has made it clear he wanted the Leafs to get tougher and not get pushed around by opponents.

Brown fits that to a T, and unlike other tough guys, he's not a liability when he gets ice time. He's generally a plus in the plus/minus statistic, and he provides the rough, sandpaper-like quality that Burke loves.

"My whole life I was told to get to the puck, to skate hard and fast, get in on the forecheck." His goal is to get a good hit on the opponent's defencemen "so they look behind them to see if I'm coming," Brown said.

Sometimes, the hits are not so clear cut. He was suspended for three games earlier this season for a blind-side hit on Phoenix Coyotes defender Ed Jovanovski. And, no stranger to the penalty box, Brown has had plenty of five-minute fighting majors. There's no shortage of Mike Brown fighting videos on YouTube, including heavyweight tussles with Darren McCarty and Milan Lucic.

It's just a matter of "standing up for the team," Brown explained.

Right now, Brown and the rest of the Leafs are fighting for a playoff spot. Only three points out of eighth place last week, the rest of the season promises to be a tight race that goes down to the wire. It's a time of year Brown relishes. "Everyone's playing with a lot of passion right now. The only way to get into the playoffs is to push it and lay it on the line."

As for his own contribution, in 31 games this season – he's missed a bunch due to injury – Brown has two goals and four assists, but he was plus three.

With his trademark mustache, high energy game, and willingness to drop the gloves, he's become a fan favourite.

Mike Brown

A native of Chicago, Brown's formative hockey years were spent with the U.S. National Team Development Program. His early years were also spent around motorcycles – perhaps that explains his horseshoe or "biker" moustache. His father, Barry, owns Chicago Harley-Davidson and Mike "grew up around it."

"I build 'em" in the off-season," he said, but he won't ride them anymore – at least not while he's still playing.

"When I'm done playing," that's another matter, he added.

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Iran claims Olympic logo spells 'Zion'

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Iran is protesting the logo for the 2012 Olympic Games, saying it spells the word "Zion."

Mohammad Aliabadi, head of Iran's National Olympic Committee, accused the British Olympic organizers of "racism" in a letter to International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge, the Iranian ILNA news agency reported.

The emblem, which features jagged shapes representing the numbers 2012, has been criticized in the past for its design, which organizers say is modern and intended to catch the attention of young people.

"The use of the word Zion by the designer of Olympics logo in the emblem of the Olympics Games 2012 is a very revolting act," Aliabadi wrote, warning that if it was not changed it could "affect the participation of several countries, especially like Iran which insists on following principles and values."

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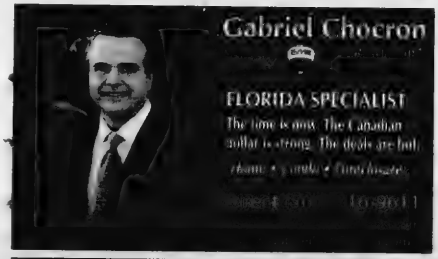

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Berlin museum documents Nazis

By Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Nazi Germany's persecution and murder of Jews is documented in a museum in Berlin that was officially inaugurated last May to coincide with the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II.

The Topography of Terror, which complements the city's central Holocaust memorial, is located on the site of the former headquarters of the Gestapo and SS, Adolf Hitler's key instruments of terror and repression during the Third Reich.

The buildings were largely destroyed by Allied bombing raids in 1945. The ruins were demolished shortly afterward.

The museum was developed in several stages.

For many years, the site, which marked the boundary between the U.S. and Soviet occupation zones during the Cold War, lay forlorn, neglected and ignored.

But in 1987, two years before the fall of the infamous Berlin Wall and on Berlin's 750th anniversary, a makeshift, open-air exhibition, consisting of photographs, documents and the remnant of a Nazi prison, was opened to the public.

Protected from the elements by a canopy, it was managed by a foundation whose mandate was to devise plans for a permanent exhibition.

Due to financial problems and planning errors, the project lay dormant.

But several years ago, work began on a single-storey pavilion to house a museum and library. During the inaugural ceremony, then-German president Horst Koehler placed Topography of Terror into its historical context.

"No other place is linked as much with the Nazi crimes as this one," he said. "When we become aware of what the perpetrators did we realize that freedom, human rights, tolerance and democracy are values that should not be taken for granted."

Through permanent and temporary exhibitions, the museum charts the history of the Holocaust in minute detail.

Andreas Nachama, its director, hopes it will teach future generations of Germans about "the true character" of Nazi evil.

This photograph of SS officers on an inspection tour of Oslo can be found in the Topography of Terror Museum in Berlin.

And now for something completely different: HEEBONICS

Israel advocates prove that size doesn't matter

Laura Stricker
Special to The CJN

Four young adults are eating dinner together. The two women at the table are bored, with one failing to stifle a yawn. She slips off one of her high-heeled shoes and gently caresses the other woman's leg. On the other side of the table, one of the male diners gets friendly with the guy sitting across from him.

This video, and others like it, are part of the Size Doesn't Matter (SDM) campaign created by the Canadian Federation of Jewish Students (CFJS). The goal of the campaign is to reach out to university students and young adults, most of whom are not Jewish and are not interested in Israel and Middle East politics.

Since being uploaded on YouTube Feb. 9, the *Israel: Small Country, Big Pride* video, showcasing Israel's progressive attitude toward the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer) community, has received more than 6,000 views.

The campaign began a year ago, in February 2010, with the creation of the *Israel: Small Country, Big Paradise* video. The video features a scantily clad couple in bed, with the woman calling something "small," while staring at her boyfriend's lap. What she's actually referring to is a map of Israel. This video has received nearly 400,000 views on YouTube.

Paige MacPherson, vice-president external of CFJS, says the reaction to the SDM videos has been "fantastic.

"Since the *Israel: Small Country, Big Pride* video went live, we have been contacted by students at a number of

campuses around the world – including at the London School of Economics — who want to use SDM on their campus."

The reason for the campaign's success, MacPherson adds, is because it was created for students by students.

"It's shown to be the single most effective advocacy tool ever executed on Canadian campuses. The success of the SDM campaign shows that thousands of students want to know about Israel beyond the conflict — about Israel's shared values with Canada, such as women's rights and LGBTQ rights."

Rael Katz is the president of Hillel's Israel Awareness Club at the University of British Columbia. He says the materials provided by SDM have been very useful in attracting UBC's "predominantly apathetic students.

"SDM has helped us reach out and connect with the many students who are not politically interested. They have provided us with large amounts of informational packages, free giveaways for tabling events, eye-catching posters and slogans and online material that is easy to refer students to.

"[The] tabling materials proved very successful in attracting these students to our club's table. Once that original barrier is crossed, a simple fact or two about Israel's nightlife, diversity or any other areas SDM touches upon is all that is needed to provide indifferent students with the correct image of Israel."

Some of the other areas SDM focuses on, both in printed materials and on the website, www.sizedoesntmatter.com, includes Israel's leadership in the medical, communication and technological fields and the country's many environmental initiatives, as well as its diversity and stance on gay rights.

SDM's *Small Country, Big Pride* video, has been effective in making known Israel's stance on gay rights, MacPherson says.

"So far, [*Small Country, Big Pride*] has been a success. Canadians are proud of Canada's progressive stance on LGBT rights. Taking into consideration that Israel is one of the leading countries in the world when it comes to LGBTQ rights, it is natural that the Size Doesn't Matter campaign focuses on letting Canadians know about this important shared value.

"We recently ran focus groups on the... video, and the feedback was very positive. Our data and focus groups show that this video is an effective advocacy tool."

The campaign's focus on LGBTQ rights made it easy to form a relationship with Pride UBC, a resource group for LGBT students, staff and faculty, Katz says.

"After the launch of SDM, we formed a close relationship with Pride UBC and hosted a joint event last year. Pride UBC has a strict, non-political mandate, and SDM made it easier to present Israel outside of its politics. Although the event itself was not in conjunction with SDM, the materials helped."

The focus on Israel from a non-political standpoint has attracted attention from a large number of campuses across the country, says MacPherson.

"The Size Doesn't Matter campaign has been extremely successful in reaching out to the... students who are not interested in Middle Eastern politics. Many non-Jews are included in this group of newly interested students who want to know about Israel beyond the conflict.

"Students enjoy using Size Doesn't Matter as an advocacy tool and the Canadian Federation of Jewish Students is excited to offer that."

Check out the SDM videos at www.heebonics.ca.

More news for young Jews on heebonics.ca

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גדלתי בבית חילוני לחלוטין. כשאבא שלך הוא ילד ניצול שואה, ואמא שלך גם לא ליקקה דבש כילדה במשפחה לא מתפקדת, אין הרבה מקום לאלוקים. כשהכרתי את מאיר, בחור מבית מזרחי חובב כיפות למיניהן, זה היה לי נורא זר. ככל שהוא ניסה יותר להכניס הביתה קונספט של בית כנסת, ככה אני ניסיתי יותר להכניס הביתה פיצה עם פפרוני. וכך חיינו לנו בשלווה מוסווית היטב, הוא עם התפילות והמיכשולים, אני עם הזלילות והחילולים. בשבילי בית כנסת היה מקום קודר, עם אנשים לא מקבלים ועם חומה לאו דווקא מטאפיזית, המונעת ממני להסתכל על חתיכים. ואז הגענו לקנדה. "שתדעי לך, שפה אני אהיה אפילו יותר דתי מאשר בישראל!" היה הארגומנט המפחיד ביותר בכל מריבת סלון שיגרתית. (שלי היה "אני מוצאת לי מאהב קנדי!" אם אתם דווקא חייבים לדעת). בראש השנה הראשון שלנו, הוא ישב ובכה לי במיטה, עם טיעונים שהגיעו עד סבתו המנוחה והקדושה (שומרת השבת) ממצריים, וכך נאותי להגיע לבית כנסת כלשהו, על פי בחירתי.

בחרתי ב"בית אמת-בית יהודה". אמרו שהרב שם חתיך, ואתם כבר יודעים שאני תמיד בעד בחורים יפים.

ישר כשנכנסנו, סבבו אותנו אנשים שמחים. משפחות מטופחות, נשים לבושות חליפות מכנסיים (!) או חצאיות מיני(!), גברים חיכניים, וכמובן הרב הווארד מוריסון. כשעשו ביננו היכרות, למודת סבל ועלבון מרבנים ישראלים, נמנעתי ממבט ישיר וכמובן, מלחיצת יד. "מה, אין לחיצת יד בשבילי?" חייך הרבי עם עיניו הכחולות. ומיד נשביתי. נכנסתי לאולם החגיגי, התישבתי ליד משפחה צעירה, והקשבתי לתפילות (נו, אז זה לא היה ה"היי-לייט" של האירוע, אבל זו רק אני, האתאיסטית הקטנה מדברת). שמחתי לשמוע שהרב מדבר בדרשות שלו על סרטים, על אירועים אנשים עוברים, ואפילו על אוכל טוב (תמיד שובה את ליבי). כשניגשתי אליו אחר כך, הוא נזף בי בחיבה "למה את פונה אלי כאל הרב מוריסון? קוראים לי הווארד, ומי שמחליט שהוא מחבב אותי, קורא לי האווי". אני מייד החלטתי.

אז אני לא אומרת שנהייתי משוגעת על בתי כנסת, או שהתפילות מדברות אל ליבי. אבל יחס שוויוני אל נשים, חיוך מקבל והמון סבלנות- זה נכנס לי בדיאלוג ישיר אל הלב. וזה גם קנדה בשבילי, כי יצא לי לבקר בנוסף במספר בתי כנסת אורטודוקסים ("בית אמת" הוא קונסרבטיבי. אה? איך אני כבר מעודכנת בזרמים?) והשד לא היה נורא. נכון שהרבנים לא לחצו לי את היד, אבל דיברו, הסבירו, התלוצצו. כרגע מבחינתי, הדת יכולה גם להיות משהו ממש לא מאיים. אבל אל תגידו למאיר. בשביל מה לגרום לו סתם נחת?

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1/2 tsp pepper
1 tbl mustard
3 tbl. ketchup

Saute onion & garlic in olive oil 5 min. Add shredded carrots; saute another five min. on medium. Turn off heat. In bowl, combine remaining ingredients by hand, add in sautéed mixture.

SAUCE:
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1 1/2 tsp pepper
2 tbl lemon juice
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My friends, the garbage

Urban Writer

Avrum Rosensweig

My initial column about the Toronto Police Service was written last November. In it, I wrote about the fear the Toronto Jewish community used to have about criticizing our city and its politicians and police force. I discussed our growth and how we're now much better positioned to challenge activities around us, including the actions of our city's police.

I wrote: "To this day I struggle with the impact a written piece criticizing Toronto would have on the Jewish people. I lug that baggage around, that trepidation. I ask, 'Will we be unprotected by the police should antisemitism slide its serrated blade out of its scabbard of hatred?' This hesitation and fear weighs heavily upon me, particularly because I have listened to horrendous testimonials of abuse men and women have suffered at the hands of local police officers."

I thought through, very carefully, my columns about the police, knowing the difficulty of presenting crucial and sensitive facts to our community in an environment that often discourages open dialogue, discussion and controversy. Our community is generally uncritical in thinking about itself, and we still worry about sticking out. A challenging piece about the cops makes us nervous.

Following my column last month titled, "The police: a need for change," a *CJN* letter writer stated that the police force deals with "much of society's garbage." Nice. I've spent a lot of time with that "garbage" – the homeless, impoverished and humiliated – and they tell me you've got to be very careful not to run afoul of the wrong police officer.

I know not every cop is bad. That's why the column focused on well-documented examples of police using excessive force and wrongly shooting people. It's that kind of behaviour that encourages mistrust. I wasn't "creating mistrust," as the letter writer said. It's already there.

Case in point: a Feb. 22 *Toronto Star* article, "Police ignore SIU probe," detailing examples of police inappropriately tackling, punching and breaking the bones of civilians. It quotes the Special Investigation Unit's (SIU) director as saying that police frequently don't respond to his letters detailing such breaches of the Police Services Act.

How as a community could we not be concerned about this?

There are proponents of the police who say that last summer's G20 Summit was just a bad day at the office, when the force was overworked and facing less-than-ideal conditions. Yet they fail to mention that these conditions were often created by police themselves – for example, an incident near the end of the summit in which 1,000 people were arrested, including pedestrians, journalists, shoppers and citizens exercising their legitimate right to protest.

The G20 was something the force was neither prepared nor trained for, and it lacked proper leadership. Premier Dalton McGuinty has yet to apologize for holding a secret provincial cabinet meeting extending police powers for the summit.

As Jews, we should be deeply disturbed by the actions of both our police force and government surrounding the summit. It should chill our sense of safety and security that many people were strip-searched and locked up, often without food and water, and sometimes for simply being present.

This is Toronto. To be a citizen of this city – voted by the Economist Intelligence Unit as the fourth-best city in the world to live in – means we must demand accountability from our police, and that they do a better job.

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Israelis mourn atrocity

Thousands of Israelis attended the funerals for five members of the Fogel family on Sunday. Rabbi Udi Fogel, 37, his wife, Ruth Fogel 36, and three of their children, Yoav, 11, Elad, 4, and Hadas, three months, were stabbed to death in their home in Itamar as they slept last Friday night. Israeli security forces were searching for the Fogels' murderers, believed to be two Palestinians. ***Please see related stories on pages 4 and 42.***

[Flash90 photos]

A modern-day Purim

Editorial

At the heart of the story of Purim, the holiday we celebrate in just two days, is a lie. Wicked, mendacious Haman, the prototypical hater of Jews, exploits the vanity of Achashverosh, the prototypical self-absorbed ruler by peddling the narcissist a gross untruth. "There is a certain people," the unctuous Haman begins, "that is different than all the other peoples you rule across your vast empire. They are dispersed throughout your kingdom. They have different laws than everyone else. And, they are disloyal to you. They do not obey your laws" (freely translated from the Megillah).

At the heart of this week's Israeli Apartheid Week (IAW) is also a lie. Last weekend, Canada's most celebrated political commentator, Rex Murphy, perfectly pinned that lie in its full perversity to the wall.

"IAW – as, alas, most know – is the annual festival of scorn and propaganda against the world's only Jewish state, a yearly attempt to depict Israel as being in the same moral sewer as South Africa in the days of apartheid.

"IAW tries to do much with big words like apartheid and genocide and racism, where they really do not apply at all. Israel is not perpetrating a genocide against the Palestinians. Nor is Israel a racist state."

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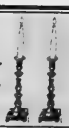

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June Diab Ruling

OTTAWA — A former University of Ottawa sociology professor will find out in June if he'll be extradited to France to face murder charges in a 1980 Paris shul bombing that killed four people. Hassan Diab, 57, says he's the victim of mistaken identity and denies all charges. His extradition hearing ended last week, and Judge Robert Maranger said he'd deliver a ruling June 8. He said the case hinges on controversial expert French handwriting analysis allegedly tying Diab to the crime.

Sentencing Delayed

CALGARY — A neo-Nazi teen who spray-painted antisemitic graffiti on two shuls and other Jewish sites in Calgary in September 2009 will be sentenced June 16, after meeting face to face with a Holocaust survivor. The youth, who was 17 at the time of the attacks, pleaded guilty last July to wilfully promoting hatred and mischief causing damage to a house of worship. It was Calgary's first hate-crime conviction. A sentencing hearing was adjourned March 4 because the Calgary Jewish Community Council wanted a particular survivor to be part of the legally mandated process, but the person was out of the country, the *Calgary Sun* reported.

New Security Funds

CALGARY — A Jewish school and a shul in Calgary are among three Alberta institutions to share $38,000 in federal funding for security infrastructure enhancements. Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Diane Ablonczy announced the funds for Akiva Academy and Chabad Alberta earlier this month. A Chabad synagogue was among a number of Calgary Jewish sites hit in a September 2009 graffiti attack.

WORLD

Ketubah For Kate

TEL AVIV — A British artist has prepared a ketubah for Britain's Prince William and his fiancée, Kate Middleton. Michael Horton, who has Israeli citizenship, designed the ketubah for the couple's April 29 wedding, the Associated Press reported. The language, in Hebrew and English, has been altered to be egalitarian and non-religious. Neither the prince nor Middleton are Jewish. Horton delivered the gift to the British ambassador to Israel in a ceremony March 17 in Ramat Gan.

Shabbat Opening

NEW YORK — A Jewish community centre in New York State has decided to open its fitness centre and gym on Friday evenings and Saturdays. The 36-member board of the Rockland JCC in West Nyack voted overwhelmingly to remain open on Shabbat.The new hours will begin April 1. The vote was announced in an e-mail sent to members this month. "The board sought to balance the expectations and needs of a very diverse Jewish community with our need to run a financially viable and accessible organization that would be around for many years to come," the e-mail said. No cash transactions or sales will take place during Shabbat, and Jewish staffers won't be forced to work on Shabbat. In recent years, several North American JCCs, including in Montreal, have decided to open on Shabbat.

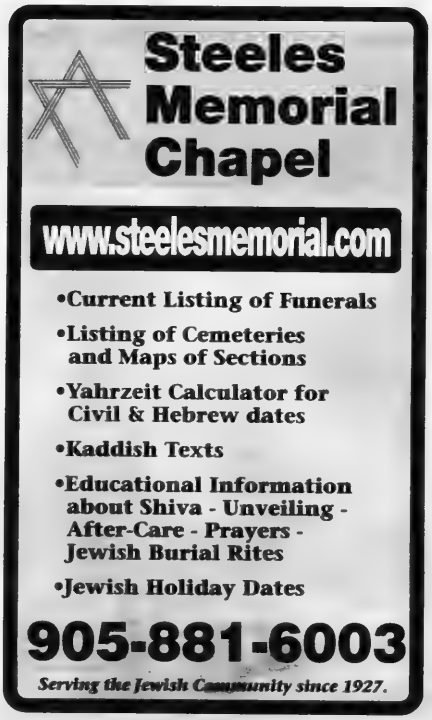
Irish Cabinet Swears In Lone Jewish MP

DUBLIN —Ireland's only Jewish member of parliament was appointed to the country's cabinet as the new government was sworn in.

Alan Shatter was sworn in March 9 as justice minister in a coalition of his centre-right Fine Gael party and the liberal Labour party. He represents Dublin South, where most of Ireland's Jews live. The appointment is the culmination of 30 years in national politics, during which he made a name for himself as a reformer of Ireland's conservative family laws.

Shatter, 60, is also well-known as a staunch supporter of Israel. While serving on the committee for foreign affairs during the month-long Gaza war in 2008-09, he had highly charged confrontations with anti-Zionist historian Ilan Pappe and anti-Israel Sinn Fein representative Aengus O Snodaigh.

Shatter is the second Jewish cabinet minister in Ireland's history. Mervyn Taylor served in the 1990s.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Queen's rector slams Ignatieff's anti-IAW views

'Unethical support for Israel' criticized

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

The Queen's University student government voted last week to hold a referendum to impeach Queen's rector Nick Day for his response to Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff's statement that condemned Israeli Apartheid Week.

Ignatieff's March 7 statement that denounced IAW, an annual series of anti-Israel events held on campuses around the world, is what prompted Day to write an open letter that admonished Ignatieff for his "unethical support for Israel" and for his statements that "betray a deep lack of intellectual integrity."

Ignatieff said that IAW "is a dangerous cocktail of ignorance and intolerance, both of which stand in the way of peace."

Day, who was censured by the university's student government last year for speaking out against Israel during a Remembrance Day speech, demanded that Ignatieff issue an apology or a retraction of his statement.

In his letter, Day wrote that he has attended several IAW events, and he has "never heard an antisemitic word, a single act or speech of hatred, nor anything even approximating an incitement to 'target Jewish and Israeli students for abuse on our campuses.' What I have heard are systematic, rational, and well-researched analyses of what is going on in the Occupied Territories and Israel."

He then accused Ignatieff of employing "cheap tricks of poor logic and manipulative rhetoric... to mobilize frenzy, stifle debate and insulate Israel, an internationally recognized violator of human rights, from criticism."

Taking his position a step further, Day said that if he continues to condemn the critique of the "genocide happening in Palestine, you and the party you lead are complicit in that genocide."

Day, who signed the letter as the rector of the university, and said that he "represent[s] the approximately 20,000 students of Queen's University," hit a nerve with many students who were offended by his letter.

In a letter addressed to Day, Queen's student Kerry Mendelsohn acknowledged his right to make his opinion known, but berated him for claiming to speak for her.

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Testing humanity

The sinews of our humanity were stretched last weekend to the full flex of compassion, tears and resolve.

The stunning images from Japan of the massive earthquake, the tsunami, volcanic eruptions and the threats of possible meltdown of nuclear reactors were as humbling as they were horrific. The chain of devastation unleashed by nature upon the people of Japan sent chills down our spine.

How does one defend against the relentless deadly lashing from walls of water more than 30 feet high?

Where does one look for the members of one's family swept suddenly into a sea that surrounds what once was home and hearth?

One cannot defend, one does not find, but one must always rebuild. Such is the imperative of life: to go forward. Never to give up.

Jewish communities around the world and the government of Israel are joining with the Japanese to help in rescuing anyone who may have survived the various disasters and in rebuilding that which was destroyed.

For example, Jewish Federations of North America, including of course those in Canada, are sending aid.

ZAKA, the Israel-based organization that locates and identifies victims of disaster, has offered its service to the government of Japan.

In addition, IsraAid, an Israel-based co-ordinating organization for 17 Israeli and Jewish humanitarian groups, has two teams of rescue personnel, emergency medical officers and water pollution specialists ready to deploy to Japan.

Most human beings try to help alleviate the suffering of fellow human beings. The gruesome images, however, from the community of Itamar in the northern West Bank of the slaughter of five members of the Fogel family were simply horrific. The ghoulish murder – while they slept in their beds on Shabbat – of Udi Fogel, 37, Ruth, 36, Yoav, 11, Elad, 4, and Hadas, three months, sent screams of anguish and disbelief piercing into our hearts.

What manner of individual is so twisted and misshapen by hatred that he plunges his knife into an infant, a child, a youngster?

What manner of national cause does not abjectly reject and cast out from among its champions those who embrace and pass off evil as a legitimate expression of "resistance to the Israeli occupation?"

From the editor's desk...

Against such malevolence Israel must – and always will – defend its citizens. Israel will always rebuild. It has no choice. Israel will never give up. It has no choice. Its enemies will one day understand this.

The inconsolability of these enormous sadnesses overshadowed somewhat the preparations earlier this week for the holiday of Purim. It was very difficult to focus on joyful matters as we are instructed to do at this time of the year by our sages.

But we find room in our hearts for both: the unique celebration of the holiday and the overwhelming sorrow of the Japanese and of the Fogels.

That is not to say that comically surreal events were not also reported by news channels last week.

Perhaps the most head scratching was the story reported by JTA that Syria is seeking to replace Libya on the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC). Libya was suspended from the 47-nation body on March 1, the first time a country has been suspended since the council was founded in 2006.

Syrian President Bashar Assad said his country would seek membership on the council in the May 20 elections.

Assad is as familiar with the notion of protecting human rights as he is with the idea of respecting all religions, which is to say, not at all.

Notwithstanding his lack of credentials, he is, however, as worthy a candidate for the UN Human Rights Council as was Moammar Gadhafi, which is also to say, not at all.

Hillel Neuer, executive director of UN Watch, who writes in this issue of *The CJN* about the woeful lack of accountability of the head of the UNHRC, was quite succinct in his response to Syria's intentions toward the council.

"It's an outrage. The Assad regime runs a notorious police state that denies the Syrian people the right to free speech and freedom of assembly, jails journalists and tortures dissidents. It sponsors some of the world's most vicious terrorist groups and has assassinated numerous journalists and opponents in Lebanon. The UN and the cause of human rights will be severely damaged if Syria's Assad regime wins a seat."

Syria's record on human rights likely assures that it will win a seat on the council. Except for the fact that we are on the verge of Purim, we would normally lament, rather than laugh at such a turn of events.

Despite the absurdity, we press on.

Despite the sadness, we go always forward and get ready, as we must, for the celebration of our holidays.

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PM CONDEMNS IAW

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who spoke last week at the Canadian Jewish Political Affairs Committee's fifth annual Action party in Toronto, told about 1,000 young Jewish professionals that his government "has taken a stand" with Israel. He condemned Israeli Apartheid Week, the annual anti-Israel lecture series held on campuses around the world, and said Canadians have an "obligation to speak out and stand up" against the event. Please see related story on page 18.

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Karnit Goldwasser and Irwin Cotler at the Sephardic Kehila Centre during the Gilad Schalit community rally last week. Inset: A banner was erected outside the Sephardic Kehila Centre. *[Yosef Tastassa photos]*

Community rallies for Gilad Schalit

Yosef Tastassa
Special to The CJN

More than 1,200 people gathered at the Sephardic Kehila Centre March 7 to express solidarity with Gilad Schalit and sympathy for his plight in captivity.

Schalit is the Israeli soldier who was kidnapped by Hamas on June 25, 2006, and has been held captive in Gaza for more than 1,700 days in conditions that were described at the rally as inhumane.

"I promised [Schalit's parents] that Gilad will not be forgotten," Sephardic Kehila Centre president Max Benaim said in reference to a past meeting he had with them. "We stand here united and we shall not rest until Gilad and his family are united," he told the rally, organized by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and the Sephardi community of Toronto.

The evening's special guest was Karnit Goldwasser, whose husband, Ehud Goldwasser, and another Israeli soldier, Eldad Regev, were kidnapped by Hezbollah on July 12, 2006, the incident that triggered the Second Lebanon War.

Goldwasser dedicated herself to her husband's and Regev's release. Two years after the kidnappings, their bodies were returned to Israel as part of a prisoner exchange with Hezbollah.

"I believe that the worldwide support I got eventually helped to release my husband," Karnit Goldwasser said.

"Help Gilad come home sooner. Encourage world leaders and make them act for Gilad. Gilad is not only a face and name, he is our values. He hasn't seen the light of day for over 1,716 days. We must make the Red Cross see Gilad. Sending Gilad letters via the Red Cross is something that must be done on a regular basis."

She added that the world must ask Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu "to do for Gilad what Ehud Olmert did for Eldad and for my husband."

Liberal MP and international human rights advocate Irwin Cotler also stressed the importance of continuing to apply pressure internationally.

The release of prisoners is "a very great mitzvah. Saving one soul... is like saving the whole world," Cotler said. "Gilad is held in cruel conditions and he is not given the most basic human rights. We must put pressure on the United Nations, the European Union, Russia and whoever we can, so that Gilad's conditions in captivity are improved."

Amir Gissin, Israel's consul general for Toronto and Western Canada, expressed his appreciation on behalf of Israel to the organizers and the people who attended the rally.

The rally also heard similar messages via video.

Among them were Gilad's parents, Aviva and Noam Schalit, who addressed the assembly from their protest tent in Jerusalem.

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Karnit Goldwasser living day-to-day

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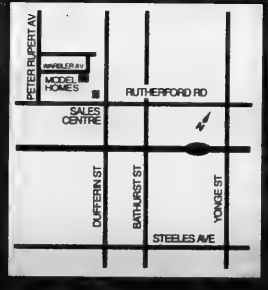

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We dare not ignore the lie

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But the fact that the many-tendrilled branches of IAW's activities grow full stem from the trunk of a hideous lie has not deterred IAW advocates from waging their war against the Jewish state. To the contrary. It inspires them.

Similarly, however, precisely *because* IAW is based upon lies, calumnies and prevarications, many students on campus have rallied to the defence of the Jewish state. And that defence has been inspiring.

With courage and conviction, our children mobilized on behalf of Israel and, it must also be said, on behalf of truth and democratic values.

David Plotkin, a 21-year-old McGill University student told *The CJN* last week that pro-Israel students have been working hard to defend against the claims being made by IAW's organizers. Ashley Faintuch, a 22-year-old student at the University of Winnipeg, told *The CJN*, she and her colleagues were determined to counter IAW's arguments by comparing the Jewish state's record on human rights and democracy to those of its neighbouring countries.

Whether they're involved with Hillel, the Canadian Federation of Jewish Students, Hasbara, Stand With Us – singly or in small groups, with affiliation to a larger umbrella organization or without – we commend our students. They deserve high praise.

The story of Purim teaches us, among other things, that we dare not ignore the effect of the dissemination of the lie or those who are its propagators. In countering the IAW lies, our students, our children, have stepped into the modern-day story of Purim.

How proud we are of them.

Lia Loebenberg

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Students fight community's battle

Kudos to Lawrence Hart on his assessment of Israeli Apartheid Week ("IAW: a legacy of inaction," March 3).

It pains me to write this letter – a critique of our Toronto Jewish community and its attitude toward handling Israel on campuses. As someone who has been doing Israel advocacy at York University for some time, I can attest to the feeling of abandonment that resides with the Jewish students on campus who choose to stand up and speak up for Israel. The fundraising, organizing and producing of Israel advocacy programs are done by a small group of students on their own time, on top of their full schedules.

The UJA Federation of Greater Toronto must start living up to what it claims to do. "Representing students on campus" does not mean holding cultural events outside of school hours. It entails constant pro-Israel speakers and events on campus, standing at tables in the halls of the university, not just during IAW but rather year-long, and presenting the student public with the true reality of the Mideast. The anti-Israel movement is not going away, and Jewish students are forced to fight this community's battle at the front lines of a much bigger war. Enough inaction, *Im tirzu ain zo agada.*

Adir Dishy
President of Hasbara at York
Toronto

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Facing down the haters

For too long, Israel has absorbed barrages of the worst propaganda without mounting an effective defence (Students stand up to Israeli Apartheid Week, March 10) . Congratulations to David Plotkin and his colleagues on campus for facing down the haters and publicizing the truth about Israel and those would who drive it into the sea.

Steven Lesser
Newton, Mass.

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Takes pride in our communal leaders

As a Jewish student I take great pride that our communal leaders continue to take on difficult but necessary work on our behalf ("United Church to reassess Mideast policies," March 3). I want to commend Bernie Farber, CEO of Canadian Jewish Congress, for his efforts in trying to present the Israeli story to the United Church of Canada members with whom he recently travelled to Israel. Farber has always been a model to many of us thinking about volunteering or working for Canadian Jewry. Supporting the State of Israel among those who prefer the Palestinian story must be very complicated. Let us hope that his diplomatic skills bear fruit with the Church.

Benjamin Goodman
Kingston, Ont.

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Happy *Iranium* was screened

I was pleased to read the article "Documentary screened despite Iranian objections" (Feb. 10), regarding the recent showing of the film *Iranium* at Library and Archives Canada in Ottawa. As a young student studying civics in high school, the issue of the place in society for free thought and expression is especially relevant to me. The Iranian embassy doesn't have the right to decide what films can or cannot be shown here.

Freedom of expression is a fundamental political freedom safeguarded in our Charter of Rights and Freedoms and should be defended with all the democratic power at our disposal. How can we expect to make any headway in confronting this contentious issue if at the first sign of trouble we cave in to demands for censorship and suppression? The simple and only answer is that we can't. We should be proud that our government has the intestinal fortitude to stick up for democratic values. After all, as the crisis in the Middle East has repeatedly shown, not many countries can boast that.

Gideon Blinick
Toronto

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Pluralistic outreach needed

Kol hakavod to Martin Lockshin for his keen insight regarding identification with Jewish life and with Israel ("Israel identification among young Jews debated," March 10). Those at the centre of community life tend to forget or disregard the thousands of Jews who are indifferent to or disaffected with Jewish life. Their attitudes toward Israel, negative or neutral, are merely a product of their distance from Jewish concerns. The remedy is not more pro-Israel rhetoric, but more and enhanced pluralistic outreach to marginal Jews offering them both old and new paths to Jewish life.

Seymour Epstein
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Purim in Rembrandt's Amsterdam

Karen Fisman
Special to The CJN

On March 7, 1640, on the eve of Purim, the Sephardi Jews of Amsterdam crowded into their Talmud Torah synagogue just off the Breestraat. Some would have been attired in costume and others might have clutched noisemakers. All, however, eagerly awaited the reading of Megillat Esther to be followed by an evening of revelry and merriment.

During the service, the congregation booed with enthusiasm whenever the villain Haman's name was read, just as we do today. Afterwards, the congregants spilled out into the streets of the Vlooienburg quarter, continuing their Purim celebration with such abandon that one of the rabbis, perhaps the wise and worldly Menasseh ben Israel, warned them to dampen their celebrations so as not to upset their Dutch neighbours.

While it is true that some Dutch, most notably the more conservative members of the Dutch Reformed Church, may have been troubled by the Purim revelry, many would have likely been intrigued by the celebrations and, quite possibly, were present as observers. Among the observers could have been the renowned painter, Rembrandt van Rijn, who lived in the Jewish quarter and, as evidenced by the Semitic themes and characters that populated his artwork, was fascinated by his Jewish neighbours and their stories – including the story of Esther.

Scenes from Megillat Esther appear in many of Rembrandt's works – his etchings, drawings and paintings. But while Rembrandt's work may stand out by virtue of his remarkable talent, Esther and the cast of Purim characters make frequent appearances in the art of many other 17th-century Dutch painters. In fact, at no other time or place in Europe did the story of Esther have a greater artistic presence than in the literary and visual arts of the 17th-century Netherlands. Moreover, while earlier paintings of Esther were usually a prefiguration of characters from the Christian Bible, often commissioned to grace the walls and ceilings of churches, Dutch interest in the Purim story came directly from the people themselves.

As the Dutch Reformed Church gave a sweeping interpretation to the commandment prohibiting graven images, the walls of the Reformed churches were quite bare. By contrast, the average Dutchman (or woman) regarded the painted image with delight. Dutch people from all walks of life collected art, and paintings appeared in the salons of the rich, as well as on the walls of the local butcher or bake shop.

Why, one might ask, did the Dutch, artists and patrons alike, take such interest in a minor Bible story – one that was not even definitively accepted as part of the Christian canon until 1546? And why, for that matter, did the Purim holiday provoke such enthusiastic and raucous celebration amongst Amsterdam's refined and genteel Sephardi Jews? As it turns out, the interest of both communities is rooted in a similar theme – a theme of religious liberation.

Around the beginning of the 17th century, Sephardi Jews began to arrive in Amsterdam, either directly or indirectly from Spain and Portugal, where the Inquisition was still in full swing. As Conversos or new Christians, these secret Jews would have been subject to dangerous scrutiny in their countries of origin. Upon arrival in Amsterdam, however, they encountered a far different social climate.

Freedom of religion was enshrined in Dutch society by the Union of Utrecht of 1579, which provided that "every individual should remain free in his religion, and no man should be molested or questioned on the subject of divine worship." While this particular article was drafted before the Jews had arrived in the Dutch provinces (and without consideration of their presence), it reflected a remarkable level of religious tolerance for its time and place.

In Amsterdam, the Conversos found a home where they could reclaim their Jewish identities and prosper financially. This new Jewish community brought valuable business networks to Amsterdam, an advantage that did not go unnoticed by the Dutch authorities who, by 1619, declared the Jews free to worship publicly in the province of Holland.

The Sephardi community initially split into three separate congregations (synagogue politics being timeless!). However, in 1639, differences were set aside and the congregations combined into one. Henceforth, the Sephardi Jews of Amsterdam worshipped together in the Talmud Torah synagogue, just off the Breestraat, in the very neighbourhood where Rembrandt lived. And amongst the congregation's learned rabbinate was Menasseh Ben Israel, an acquaintance and collaborator of Rembrandt, who illustrated Ben Israel's book, *Piedra Gloriosa.*

The Sephardi Jewish community thrived in an Amsterdam, where different cultures and religious beliefs were, at the least, viewed with a stiff-lipped tolerance, if not with downright acceptance. In 1675, the dedication ceremony of the grand new Sephardi synagogue drew a massive crowd of Jews and non-Jews alike, including many high-ranking city officials. Where else in 17th-century Christian Europe would such a sight have be seen?

It's no wonder therefore that the Purim story was so embraced by the Sephardi Jews of Amsterdam and that they celebrated it with such joyous abandon. The story of Esther's experience as a secret Jew within the palace of King Achashverosh would certainly have resonated with this community, not far removed from their own experiences as Conversos. In addition, these Jews, now able to celebrate their true religious identities, both privately and publicly, without fear of persecution, felt a particular affinity with the Jews of Persia who had overcome the threat of Haman's edict and gained strength and prosperity. Accordingly, as the Jews of Persia celebrated, so did the Sephardi Jews of Amsterdam!

And what of the Dutch Protestants and their interest in the story of Esther? As Calvinists, the Dutch were encouraged to study the Jewish Bible – their Old Testament. Thus, the Purim story would have been known to them as one among many other biblical stories. The celebration of Purim would certainly have been familiar to any Dutch gentiles living in and around the Vlooienburg quarter, the heart of Amsterdam's Jewish community. But as we've already noted, interest in the story stretched well beyond the Vlooienburg quarter.

It has been suggested that perhaps it was the Sephardi Jews that stimulated painterly interest in the story of Esther. They were, after all, a prosperous community and many were avid art collectors. In addition, we know that they had a special attachment to the Purim holiday. However, while there is reason to believe that at least some Purim-themed paintings ended up on the walls of prosperous Sephardi households, there is no specific evidence of these paintings being commissioned by members of the community itself.

Perhaps the most compelling explanation for Dutch interest in the story of Esther is rooted in their own fight for religious freedom. In the 16th century, as Protestantism was spreading rapidly throughout the Spanish Netherlands, powerful Catholic Spain imposed a regime of religious oppression. The Dutch rebelled, and Spain responded by sending the ruthless Duke of Alba with an army of thousands to quash Dutch resistance. Somehow, miraculously, in the early 17th century, the tiny Dutch nation achieved freedom after battles waged that, according to the Dutch retelling, could only have been won by Divine intervention.

The Dutch, knowledgeable of their Old Testament, began to identify themselves as the new Israelites. And with artists such as Rembrandt living amongst the Jewish community, attention was drawn to the story of Esther. It was a compelling parallel. Mordechai and Esther came to symbolize the heroic leaders of the Dutch rebellion, and of course, wicked Haman served as a stand-in for the heartless Duke of Alba.

The holiday of Purim is a marvelous one for many reasons. We enjoy its comedic elements on their own merits and celebrate the victory of the Jews of Persia over wicked Haman. We watch our kids as they thrill to the excitement of attending synagogue dressed in favourite costumes, making plenty of noise during the Purim service, encouraged by parents and rabbi alike, and of course, eating more than a few tasty hamantashen.

But perhaps this year, as we revel in the celebrations, we can also take a moment to appreciate the religious freedom that we in North America take for granted – the religious freedom that drew Jews and Protestants of 17th-century Amsterdam to the story of Esther.

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Rembrandt's depiction of Esther pleading with King Achashverosh, with Haman sitting to the left.

Hail to the Queen, or to the chattel?

What could be more feminist – or more sexist – than the Book of Esther? Although the action is situated in a historical moment and place that gave women little political power, the text portrays a series of events that would be unimaginable without the activism of women.

It is, at the same time, possible to read the story recounted in the Megillah as one that considers only the action of men as important. The triumvirate of key players – a king, his trusted vizier and a Jewish man – represent some kind of power, whether emerging from political position or from inner conviction. Women soak in scented baths and stand by their men. And, despite the fact the Megillah bears her name, Esther can be read as a passive tool – of Mordechai, of the king, of God. Most often, she does as she's told and struggles against her destiny.

The way we read the Book of Esther is a good example of the ways that communities of readers reinvent their texts, remaining faithful to the traditional language but drawing out meanings that are consonant with contemporary issues and sensibilities. Take, for example, the place of the Megillah in the early development of Jewish feminism, in the late 1970s and early 1980s. A read-through of some of the books and articles published in those years about the status and place of Jewish women reveal that many women looked to Purim as an opportunity to focus on Jewish women's accomplishments.

The account of danger looming and avoided, recounted in the Megillah, provided a rich source text for readers looking to retrieve from traditional sources a view of women that was consonant with modernity. Women looked not only to the obvious heroine, Esther, in retellings and interpretations that ensured the orphan-Queen was not simply cast under the shadow of Mordechai. They construed Esther as a latter-day activist, a mastermind, who understood that the politically powerless can nonetheless influence events in important ways through a combination of strategy, boldness, and (in a good way) manipulation.

More radically, Jewish women writing in the 1970s and 1980s also re-imagined Vashti, Esther's deposed or murdered predecessor, as a feminist hero. In published articles and unpublished, photocopied sheets, Vashti was portrayed as a women who insisted on her own dignity and integrity, facing down a foolish but powerful and abusive husband, even at the cost of her own life.

Even Zeresh, the wife of Haman, portrayed in rabbinic sources as equal in wickedness to her husband, sometimes earned a more sympathetic reading, as a woman without choices in a culture that reduced women to objects and chattel.

Of course, the text in its entirety – beginning with the preposterous idea that male pride necessitates utterly subservient wives – seems to make fun of the intensely patriarchal system in which its events take place. I mean, men on a week-long bender worrying about who really wears the proverbial pants in the family? Concocting a plan to kill a queen so that everyman can be assured of being king in his own castle? Puhleez. And these "wise" men were part of the same cadre of advisors who thought wiping out the kingdom's Jews would be a good idea. So the misogynists are also antisemites.

Sara R. Horowitz in Toronto

Does it do it justice or does it bend it out of shape when we read an ancient text with contemporary eyes? The truth is, we can scarcely do otherwise. While scholars may work to retrieve the meaning that a text had for readers in its own time, any text with lasting power speaks to each generation of readers – to each reader – anew. In a living tradition, texts are not only of the past, they are also of the present. We cannot help but bring our own culture's anxieties and priorities to bear on what we read. In that sense, we are always reinventing our texts and traditions.

At the same time, these traditions bring the past inside us, so that we think about our lives today not as orphans in history (to borrow a phrase from Paul Cowan's wonderful memoir), but as people linked to those who came before us and those who will follow. It's a mark of its creative vitality that the Jewish tradition has not only tolerated but encouraged the probing and the reinterpretation of our collective memory.

Non-Orthodox Judaism: a different model

When they say that it's not about money, it is about money. Josh Nathan-Kazis reported in a recent issue of the *Forward* about big changes within each of the three liberal denominations in American Jewry – Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist. All seem to be under pressure to cut costs.

The Reconstructionists are merging their national organization with their rabbinic school. Though a spokesperson is quoted to have said that "this is not just a cost-cutting measure" but an attempt "to figure out what's the best way to further the movement," no other cogent reason than money comes to mind.

Rabbi Dow Marmur in Toronto

The Conservative movement, which has lost many congregants in recent years, has adopted a strategic plan that'll try to make affiliation cheaper in order to attract independent minyanim and chavurot that may style themselves as Conservative and, therefore, might join if the price is right. There are several such groups in Canada.

Reform has so far been holding its own to become the largest denomination. Nevertheless, it's under financial strain and has recently re-organized, which is a euphemism for firing people.

A group of rabbis of large and wealthy Reform congregations that calls itself Rabbinic Vision Initiative (RVI) has been formed recently. It has been described as a think-tank, but its agenda suggests a pressure group. Since the congregations that these rabbis serve normally pay substantial affiliation dues to the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), the umbrella organization that includes Canada, and the Hebrew Union College (HUC), which has trained Jewish professionals since the 19th century, it's reasonable to assume that money has something to do with it.

The members of the RVI may want to use the financial clout of their congregations to influence the movement and probably try to pay less. Instead of sharing their resources with poorer sister-congregations, the intention may be to cut a better deal for their own.

When I served a large congregation and members would ask me what benefits they derived from URJ affiliation, I'd invariably reply that even if there were none, the privilege of helping the collective to maintain those who cannot fend for themselves was sufficient. That's what makes a movement. Also, all rabbis currently serving Reform synagogues in Canada are HUC graduates.

Sadly, none of the three organizations say anything about content. None of them has produced interesting ideas in the last few decades. Their current exponents seem to show much greater interest in strategic planning than religious direction. They seek the guidance of social scientists and pollsters, not of scholars and thinkers.

Perhaps that's because there's really very little difference between them. If they could free themselves from labels and institutional affiliations they'd not only save money but, more importantly, help save Jews for Judaism. They should unite to face their common enemy: apathy.

I got a hostile reaction from a rabbi in Toronto when I commented on his and other congregations leaving the Conservative movement to form an organization of their own. We now learn that the dissenters are about to sponsor a rabbinic school that's bound to cause further artificial divisions in the community – and cost money.

The prospect of leaving the Conservative movement seems to have attracted lay leaders of these congregations to the chance of cost-cutting, while the spiritual leaders talked about irreconcilable ideological and halachic differences. Both may have miscalculated. Knowing many members of the congregations in question, I find it difficult to believe that, on average, their lifestyle is radically different from that of members of the Reform congregations I served. And one of their prime movers is an HUC graduate.

In addition to institutional intransigence, the desire to cut costs appears to remain an important factor, but a poverty of ideas may be hiding behind the claims of fiscal responsibility. The time has surely come for the leaders of the three movements to re-think their positions in order to build a joint open tent in which all non-Orthodox Jews can find their place.

Let each congregation determine its religious practices and specific liturgical style while working together under the same umbrella to bring more Jews into the extended family. The existing schools currently training Jewish professionals could be streamlined and merged yet reflect diversity.

The challenge is to be united despite our relatively minor differences and not to stay different despite our massive similarities. And that will save money, too.

Letter from Guatemala

Members of Casa Hillel, from left, are Jeannette Orantes, Alvaro (Eliyahu) Orantes, Raudith Polo, Santiago Castenada and Jaime Guiterrez. *[Sheldon Kirshner photo]*

Sheldon Kirshner in Guatemala City

Guatemala, *terra incognita* to most Canadians, is a Central American nation of sharp contrasts with an unusually violent history. Only 2-1/2 hours away by air from Miami, it is a mixed-race country with a glorious Mayan past whose indigenous population was conquered by Spanish conquistadors nearly 500 years ago in a brutal campaign of subjugation.

Convulsed by two civil wars, the first of which broke out in the 19th century and the second of which stretched from 1960 to 1996, causing the death of 200,000 Guatemalans, Guatemala has long been torn by appalling economic disparities, riven by political instability, rocked by palace coups and ruled or misruled by social reformers or dictators.

Derisively dismissed as a banana republic due to its fawning submission to the United Fruit Company, an American firm that was a major force here in the 20th century, Guatemala was and still remains under the sway of its great northern neighbour, the United States, which orchestrated the removal of a democratically elected government in 1954.

An exporter of coffee, bananas, sugar and fresh vegetables, Guatemala, a land of active volcanoes, is bordered by Mexico to the north, Belize to the east and Honduras and El Salvador to the south.

Physically diverse, Guatemala is composed of vastly distinct regions. The central highlands, containing two of its most important towns, Guatemala City and Antigua, and its deepest lake, Atitlan, enjoys a mild year-round climate. The Pacific coast is hot and humid. The sparsely populated Peten region in the north, famous for its Mayan ruins in Tikal, is clad in pristine rainforests.

Like Canada, Guatemala is multicultural and is home to a mélange of races. The descendants of Mayans and Spaniards, the mestizos, form roughly 40 per cent of its population of 13 million. Amerindians, including K'iche and Mam, make up about one-third of its citizenry. Caucasian Christians of Spanish, German, Italian, British, Arab and Scandinavian descent account for 18 per cent of its residents. Smaller communities consist of Garifunas, descended from Africans and indigenous peoples, and of Asians, mainly Chinese and Koreans.

Approximately 1,000 Jews live in Guatemala, with the vast majority residing in the capital, Guatemala City, the biggest metropolis in Central America.

During the Spanish colonial period, which ended with Guatemala's independence in 1821, Jews disguised as Catholics drifted into Guatemala and were eventually completely assimilated.

Jewish immigrants from what is now Germany began arriving in the mid-19th century. Among them was the Stahl family, which established cotton mills and went into banking. In common with the earliest Jewish settlers, the descendants of the Stahls, distributors of Toyota cars and trucks today, are no longer Jewish.

Still other German Jews earned a livelihood as owners of coffee plantations.

A new wave of immigration, starting about 100 years ago, brought a fresh influx of Jews from Germany, Poland, Russia and the Middle East.

With the rise of Nazism in Germany, Jorge Ubico, the authoritarian president of Guatemala from 1931 to 1944, clamped down on Jewish migration. As a result, the Jewish population fell to about 800 by 1939. During the second civil war, when death squads roamed the country and kidnappings were virtually a daily occurrence, some Jews emigrated, only to return when hostilities finally ceased.

Today's Jewish community is solidly middle and upper middle-class and consists of four distinct sub-communities.

The Centro Hebreo, with headquarters in one of Guatemala City's finest neighbourhoods, the leafy zona 9, is Ashkenazi and Orthodox. Maguen David, with a beautiful synagogue in the city's old and rundown commercial district, zona 2, represents Sephardi Jews. Chabad Lubavitch has a strong presence. Israelis, who are big in security in a city with a high crime rate, round off Guatemala's mainstream Jewish community.

The "elephant in the room" is Casa Hillel-Beit Hamadrij, a unique community consisting solely of Christian converts to Judaism.

Shunned by the Jewish community, Casa Hillel was co-founded in 2005 by Alvaro (Eliyahu) Soto Orantes, a coffee and tea salesman, and Jacques Cukierkorn, a Brazilian-born rabbi affiliated with the New Reform Temple in Kansas City.

Rabbi Cukierkorn, a founder of Kulanu, a non-profit organization that supports isolated and emerging Jewish communities around the world, got involved with Casa Hillel by chance.

Orantes, never having found spiritual sustenance in Christianity, turned to Judaism while still an adolescent.

"I felt a need to be connected," he said, his wife, Jeannette, translating from Spanish.

Now 52, Orantes received no encouragement from the local Jewish community, but after stumbling upon Rabbi Cukierkorn's website, he was off and running. Rabbi Cukierkorn converted and remarried Orantes and his Casa Hillel compatriots. Since then, he has conducted classes in Judaism on the Internet and donated books and a sefer Torah to these new Jews. And he visits Guatemala regularly to administer to their needs.

"These are some of the most sincere and committed people I have ever known," he said.

"Rabbi Cukierkorn has been very helpful," said Jeannette Orantes, a lively and animated woman of 55 who was a pious Catholic until her conversion.

I met her and her husband, as well as three other members of Casa Hillel, one afternoon at my hotel in Guatemala City.

Santiago Castenada, 47, is a dentist. Originally from Colombia, he was drawn to Judaism after finding his surname on a list of Sephardi Jews who settled in South America centuries ago. His wife, Raudith Polo, 39, is a convert as well. Jaime Guiterrez, 54, studied theology and Hebrew in Nicaragua, hoping to become a Protestant pastor. "My studies awakened me to Judaism," said Guiterrez, who converted in 2009 and now teaches Hebrew at a local university.

Casa Hillel, with a membership of 30, has no fixed address, lacking the funds to buy a building. But to hear them talking, they are utterly dedicated to their faith. "We observe all customs and holidays," said Jeannette Orantes, whose three children, ranging in age from 15 to 29, are also converts. "We love Judaism, the Torah and Israel."

Much to their disappointment, Casa Hillel has been ostracized by the organized Jewish community. "There is no contact," said Orantes. "It is a case of racism," she added, referring to the community's attitude. "We are not the enemy. We are more than friends."

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Purim app-ticipation

Purim is almost here, and if you just can't wait, you can carry a Megillah wherever you go, or at least a noisemaker or two – if you've got an iPhone (or iPod touch or iPad).

A lot of app creators seem to want to try their hand at building a better gragger. There's the free (but oh so boring) Ratchet! **[http://bit.ly/purimapp1]** and Purim (99 cents), which is slightly better. At least you can choose between two styles of graggers. **[http://bit.ly/purimapp2]**

But why settle for a gragger that someone else has designed when you can add a personal touch? Grogger Factory (99 cents) lets you custom build your virtual gragger by choosing its style (tin lizzy, Israeli, *vilde chaya*); veneer (wood, marble, goo, snakeskin); sound (whistle, siren, boo, oy gavolt!) and background (synagogue, hamantashen, under the sea, outer space). **[http://bit.ly/purimapp3]**

When I came across Grogger (free), I thought, "Here's something different – a game that promotes the moderate use of alcohol on Purim." The goal is to make your way safely across town but, as you drink more, navigation becomes harder. Only after poking around the game, I realized that it was created by the city of Melbourne "because we don't want you to get smashed." Presumably, "grogger" is Aussie slang for inebriation. Anyway, the message still applies. **[http://bit.ly/purimapp4]**

Reminiscent of the venerable Concentration memory game, Purim Matching Game Memory Pairs (99 cents) has you tap on the screen and presents a glimpse of holiday symbols (hamantash, megillah, gragger, etc.) Your goal is remember where each symbol is and match it up to its twin as quickly as possible. **[http://bit.ly/purimapp5]**

Cooking with the Bible: Esther Saves Her People (99 cents) "lets you recreate a traditional meal from the joyous holiday celebrating Queen Esther's triumph over evil Haman." Nice in theory, but do we really think that the Jews of Persia were dining on chocolate chip challah, sweet and sour bass and vegetable cholent? And if they were, I can't believe they were feasting on creamy artichoke soup and herb-basted turkey breast – at the same meal! **[http://bit.ly/purimapp6]**

Jewish & Digital

Mark Mietkiewicz

Here is one site you should definitely bookmark. **[http://bit.ly/purimapp9]** JewishiPhoneCommunity.org is a wonderful clearinghouse of the latest Jewish apps, and despite its name, you'll find information about apps for Android and Blackberry-based phones, too.

Megilat Esther HD (99 cents) provides the text of Megillat Esther, along with sound effects, and illustrations from Israel's Malchut Waxberger Gallery. **[http://bit.ly/purimapp7]**

And just like the best Purim goodies that you find on your doorstep, Megillat Esther – The Story of Purim is delightful, and free. As you scroll down the, um, scroll, you are presented with the full Hebrew text of the Megillah. But what makes this really fun are the buttons that deliver sounds, including air horn, machine gun, crowd booing, firecrackers and, of course, the sound of a classic gragger. Just shake for a random noise. **[http://bit.ly/purimapp8]**

Chag Purim Samayach.

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Don't lump Jewish camps with SUVs

Two New York-area Jewish day schools recently circulated letters informing parents that sending their children to Jewish summer programs, including overnight camps and programs in Israel, may jeopardize their eligibility for school subsidies. The schools correctly state that "paying tuition should be a priority" that must take precedence "over discretionary expenses such as home renovations, family vacations, new cars, etc."

I empathize with the plight of the schools. As the economic crisis continues to affect their communities, requests for subsidies are steadily rising while donations needed to meet these requests are dropping. At the same time, the cost of operating schools – salaries for good teachers, overhead for buildings, libraries, student support, technology, etc. – do not abate. Day schools everywhere are carefully re-examining their budgets to maximize the impact of each dollar.

Class Act

Daniel Held

Day school parents make sacrifices. Providing children with the scope, depth and richness of Jewish studies that only a day school can provide is expensive, and for most families it comes at the cost of discretionary expenses such as those described in the letter. These are painful calculations for any family – whether they are paying the full bill or applying for subsidies. In many respects, the cost is most burdensome for families whose earnings are just above the subsidy threshold.

One of the hardest jobs in any day school is sitting on the subsidy committee. These lay and professional leaders evaluate need and make difficult choices in the allocations of the increasingly scarce and increasingly needed scholarship funds. While I recognize their need to set clear and consistent criteria, I believe the scholarship committees at these two schools are making a critical mistake.

The costs of educational Jewish summer experiences cannot be lumped together with the expenses of Mediterranean cruises and new SUVs. Day schools cannot be stand-alone institutions of Jewish education. Rather, the rich Judaic knowledge of Jewish schooling must be complemented by the affective learning that takes place in camps, youth movements and other Jewish experiences.

In fact, the same week the day school subsidy letters were distributed, a new study showing the long-term impact of Jewish summer camp was released. Prof. Steven M. Cohen's systemic, quantitative study demonstrates that camp experiences influence the way Jewish adults practise Judaism and how they connect to the Jewish community and Israel. In a similar vein, my own research has explored the strong impact that Shabbatons and Israel experiences have on strengthening the identity of day school students themselves.

While the scholarship committees' decision may serve the schools' bottom lines, it doesn't fully take into account the educational needs of the students. Jewish education and Jewish living must be seen as a holistic endeavour in which schools and synagogues, camp and youth movements collaborate not only on subsidies but also on calendaring and curriculum, recruiting and resource-sharing.

The bifurcation of formal and informal Jewish education weakens the overall field. Rather than seeing other organizations as competition and fighting for a slice of the pie of educational dollars, we need to grow the overall pie and encourage greater investment in the endeavour of Jewish learning.

IAW – its time has come and gone

On Campus

Justin Dahan

Here we go again! Around the world the bell has rung, and it's time for Round 7. Jewish students are again staring at an opponent they are all too familiar with – Israeli Apartheid Week (IAW).

The seventh annual global IAW this year is March 7 to 20. The traditional week would have been March 7 to 14, but the international IAW committee decided to expand the "week" to March 20. It's the annual period when anti-Israel radicals rally on campuses to accuse a democratic country of being an apartheid state.

Don't let the expanded week fool you – this movement is not picking up steam. Last year, Ontario MPPs, including the NDP, condemned Israeli Apartheid week. Thornhill MPP Peter Shurman introduced the motion, saying IAW is "close to hate speech."

Despite the opposition, IAW has not gone away. It's making its seventh appearance on our campuses, and Mark Klibanov, a fourth-year engineering student at Carleton University and the president of the Israel awareness committee in Ottawa, points out that "the movement has been growing among radical left-wing groups. However, it has been proven to be largely ineffective at fostering dialogue for the Palestinian cause."

Fostering dialogue between the two parties is arguably the most important piece of the puzzle if we want to generate a better understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. But IAW is a close-minded event that reeks of a dangerous double standard – supporters of IAW believe that Israel is an apartheid state that does not give equal rights to its non-Jewish citizens, but they won't discuss the issue, and when faced with evidence that demonstrates the contrary, they refuse to acknowledge it.

One of the activities the Israel awareness committee sponsored during IAW was to bring in exciting speakers. One of them was Ishmael Khaldi,who serves in the Israel Foreign Service. Most importantly, he is a Muslim Bedouin and highest-ranking minority in the IFS.

Khaldi is a striking example of the rights that minorities truly have in Israel. He's a Muslim who has flourished there and has also served his country. And what type of welcome has Khaldi received from radical pro-Palestinians? On Feb. 2, he spoke at the University of Edinburgh, where his speech was interrupted by pro-Palestinian protesters. To avoid future conflict, Khaldi left the stage after 45 minutes and was told he would not be welcomed back.

While the action committee brings speakers who portray both sides, the IAW has yet to find a speaker or plan an event that is not strictly geared to its supporters, and this week offers a series of events that only succeed in making Jewish students uncomfortable as their homeland is brazenly attacked without foundation.

As to how long this week will continue to plague our campuses, Mark Klibanov has an idea. He said he can't speak to whether it will end globally, but it should end in the next year or two at Carleton.If he is correct in his assumption, then we can only hope that this doesn't stop at Carleton and IAW continues to be disbanded all across Canada.

Purim teaches us to value God's role

Sephardi Windowl

Rabbi Ilan Acoca

We know the sun rises every morning and sets every evening, and we trust that this will happen again tomorrow, simply because it always has. This is how nature operates. This is one way that God wills His presence to be known. It's how He has established order in the universe, even if we don't always recognize His "hand" behind what we call nature. We just know that in this world, the sun rises and sets, oil burns and children are born. Bearing this in mind, let us look at the story of Purim.

As we all know, during the time of Achashverosh, the king signed an edict that the Jews be killed. Subsequently, Mordechai told Esther that the Jews needed her intervention. Esther had to ask the King to spare the Jewish people.

Esther, being initially hesitant, informed Mordechai that whoever comes to the inner court of the king without being called by him will be put to death. Only those to whom the king holds out the golden scepter are spared this demise. Mordechai responded by telling Esther that she shouldn't think that merely being in the palace would exempt her from the fate of the rest of her people.

At this point, Esther took control, saying Mordechai should gather all the Jews in Shushan so that they should fast for Esther, as would she and her attendants. With this preparation, she would go to the king, despite the risk.

The Ibn Ezra (1089-1164) notes that Esther's own behaviour was puzzling. We know that a person who fasts for three days becomes weak, and, in the case of Esther, would not look as attractive because of her ensuing weakened physical state. Given that King Achashverosh chose Esther to be his queen because of her physical beauty, why would she want to diminish the most valuable asset she possessed, expecting to win him over? Furthermore, why did Esther tell Mordechai that she was going to fast in the first place?

The Talmud says that Esther had a green hue to her skin and was not very attractive. She understood that if she was chosen queen, God Himself was behind it, by giving her a beauty that was appealing to Achashverosh—much as He is behind the natural order of the universe, even if, usually, this is unacknowledged by us. Consequently, she decided to fast, appealing directly to God, not to her illusory physical beauty. She implored Mordechai to make this abundantly clear to the Jewish community.

And so the people understood through Esther's discernment and courage and Mordechai's wise direction who really controls our world. The Jews exhibited faith in this reality through fasting and prayer and were saved from annihilation.

The story of Esther shows how we are to appreciate the role God plays in our lives. Nature is a system by which we regulate our lives only because God makes it so, and it is as wondrous as miracles are divinely supernatural.

Let us understand in our own lives the mundane, "natural" occurrences for the gifts from God they truly are.

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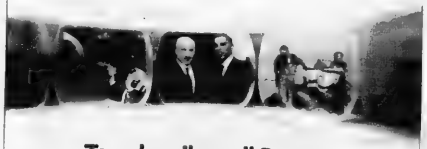
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Purim's on its way

CHESED FOR LIFE: Robbins Hebrew Academy's (RHA) Beth Tikvah campus, in partnership with United Chesed , has developed links with needy families in the community. Each class has adopted a family. Students then write cards for life events and take part in various drives to provide food and clothing to the families. For Purim, each class contributed non-perishable food items that were gathered and boxed by Grade 8 students. Each family will receive two boxes of food and a gift certificate donated by the RHA Parents' Association for a local grocery store. United Chesed co-ordinators, far left and far right, Shoshana Taitz and Lauren Snipelisky are pictured here with, standing, Dekkel Bachar, Amanda Smoskowitz and Tyra Morton, with Raquel Benitah seated.

ADAR INVASION: The student council at Associated Hebrew Schools' Posluns branch on Neptune Drive celebrated the month of Adar with its annual "invasion," in which council members dress up and burst into classrooms singing *Mee sh'nichnas Adar, Marbim B'Simcha* ("When the month of Adar comes, we increase our happiness"). Students were then showered with candy treats.

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Kachol Lavan prepares to open third campus

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Kachol Lavan, the supplementary school that began in a Thornhill basement about seven years ago to meet the needs of Israeli immigrants, will open its third Toronto-area campus in Thornhill Woods in September.

At press time, Ariel Zaltzman, the principal, told *The CJN* that the school was still in discussion with the York Region District School Board to determine the exact location.

Currently, Kachol Lavan has a total of 282 students in rented space – 240 at Leo Baeck Day School's Thornhill location, and 42 at Bialik Hebrew Day School.

The Leo Baeck location is at capacity for its Sunday classes, Zaltzman said.

Although the new campus is not far from the existing northernmost branch, he said that its closer proximity to families living in Thornhill Woods may influence families – particularly Israeli-Russians whose children are not currently receiving formal Jewish education – to consider registering.

With an added location, Zaltzman said, the school should be able to accommodate up to 500 children in total.

The Bialik location, which runs from junior kindergarten to Grade 5, was opened in 2007, then closed after a number of families moved back to Israel. It reopened this year because of a demand in the neighbourhood, and also to reach out to non-Hebrew-speaking families living in that part of the city, Zaltzman said.

In Thornhill, classes run from JK to Grade 8. The school also offers a high school credit course for teenagers.

Kachol Lavan – which focuses on secular, cultural aspects of Jewish education, and incorporates "a lot of art and music" – caters mostly to children from Hebrew-speaking families, with about 60 from non-Hebrew-speaking families and about 70 from the Russian community (mostly via Israel), Zaltzman said.

Recently, Jewish communities in other cities have expressed an interest in starting local Kachol Lavan programs, he added.

READING MONTH AT BIALIK

Grade 4 students at Bialik Hebrew Day School surround author Kitty Wintrob and her husband, Ralf, after a storytelling and book-reading session in which Kitty spoke and Ralf read from her book, *I'm Not Going Back: Wartime Memoir of a Child Evacuee*. The event was part of Reading Month and the MS Read-a-Thon.

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Prime Minister addresses CJPAC party

'New antisemitism a global threat'

Cara Edell
Special to The CJN

Prime Minister Stephen Harper made a last-minute appearance at the Canadian Jewish Political Affairs Committee's (CJPAC) fifth annual Action party for young professionals last week, repeating his oft-stated message that his government stands with Israel.

Israel is here to stay, Harper told more than 1,000 people March 10 at Toronto's Royal Conservatory of Music.

"Our government has taken a stand. When Israel is consistently and conspicuously singled out for condemnation, we are morally obligated to stand up against that... We support Israel, not just because it's the right thing to do, but also because history has shown us over and over again that those who threaten the existence of the Jewish people are ultimately a threat to all of us."

Antisemitism is evolving, he added.

"The new antisemitism is a global threat. It targets the Jewish people by targeting Israel, which it depicts as a source of injustice and conflict in the world perversely using a language of human rights to do so," Harper said. "We must be relentless and uncompromising in exposing this new antisemitism for what it is."

Reflecting on current events, he strongly condemned Israeli Apartheid Week, the annual on-campus lecture series designed to delegitimize Israel. "At one time, we could have expected threatening behaviour toward Jewish students to be rejected in any form at institutions of higher learning. Unfortunately, it is now often the behaviour of the anti-Israeli mob that is allowed to prevail."

Saying that "we have the right and thus the obligation to speak out and stand up" Harper urged CJPAC supporters to continue their work. "You are standing for the very values that go to the core of what both Canada and Israel are all about – opposition to violence, to tyranny, to antisemitism, to all the related forms of racism and intolerance. And you are supporting freedom, democracy, justice for our fellow citizens indeed, for all peoples."

Among the many other federal, provincial, and municipal politicians in attendance were federal Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff – who also addressed the crowd with a strongly pro-Israel message – as well as Tory Senator Linda Frum, Ontario Attorney General Chris Bentley, Ontario PC Leader Tim Hudak and Toronto Mayor Rob Ford.

Jeff Kimel and Brie Lastman
[Stephanie Paisley photo]

The event was "designed to give our community's young professionals the opportunity to intimately speak with politicians in a comfortable and informal environment," said Jeff Kimel, one of the four Action party co-chairs, along with Lexi Mitz, Hayley Panet and David Steckel.

CJPAC is a national, independent organization whose mandate is to involve the Jewish community in the political process and foster Jewish and pro-Israel political leadership.

"The Action party is an important first step toward political engagement, helping Action attendees realize that politicians are human, and that one person can truly make a difference and have an impact on the political system," Kimel said.

"The Action party is unlike traditional political events, which is why we believe so many politicians and so many young people are attracted to it. Rather than try to compel people to attend events unfamiliar to them, CJPAC is committed to engaging our community at their level of comfort and working with them to grow their political interest and involvement."

While younger people bring a perspective, energy, and passion that is vital to politics, Kimel said, many don't see politics as an agent of change. "By bringing together young professionals and politicians, CJPAC helps open the eyes of young professionals to the opportunities that political engagement offers them."

Since 2007, the Action party has become CJPAC's largest event. A similar party is scheduled for Montreal on May 12. For more information about CJPAC, visit www.cjpac.ca.

Former CIJA CEO now a HIPPY

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

The former CEO of the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA) is being honoured by a Canadian charity that helps preschool children in need with early childhood education.

Hershell Ezrin will be fêted March 29 at the Sheraton Hotel by Home Instruction for Parents of Pre-School Youngsters of Canada (HIPPY Canada) for helping to promote the organization across the country.

Hershell Ezrin

HIPPY Canada is, according to its website, "a home-based education program that teaches parents to be their preschool children's first teacher and prepare their three-to-five-year-olds for school."

It's aimed primarily at immigrant families and single parents who may not be able to afford to send their children to preschool or daycare.

The program has its roots in Israel, where it was first created and developed in 1969 at the NCJW Institute for Innovation in Education at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Since then, HIPPY has been exported to multiple countries, including Australia, Austria, Canada, Germany, Italy, New Zealand South Africa and the United States.

It now serves more than 22,000 families worldwide, according to HIPPY Canada literature.

Speaking to *The CJN* earlier this month, Ezrin said he was "honoured" to be involved in an organization that "empowers and involves parents" in the education of their kids.

"[Hippy Canada] gives them the chance to integrate into Canada."

Ezrin and his wife, psychologist Dr. Sharyn Salsberg Ezrin, only recently became involved with HIPPY Canada, but they felt it was a project worth lending their names to, he said.

According to the non-profit group's website, one of HIPPY's main goals is to eliminate the link between poverty and low literacy rates in Canada.

Ezrin said his wife used to study early childhood development as part of her PhD work and also served as director of daycare evaluation for the City of New York.

As a result, both he and Sharon took a "great and long-term interest" in HIPPY.

He also noted that the U.S. arm of HIPPY was initially sponsored by former U.S. president Bill Clinton and his wife, current U.S. Secretary of State Hilary Clinton.

"One of my hopes is that any publicity that goes around this [gala dinner] will really help raise the profile of a very worthwhile program," he said.

To purchase tickets or find out more about HIPPY Canada, visit www.hippycanada.ca.

Correction

In the article "Mom's cancer death spurred woman to action" (March 3), the correct website is www.coloncancercanada.ca. Also, we omitted the information that Wendy Sittler was Darryl Sittler's late wife. *The CJN* regrets the errors.

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Hoffman overcomes injury for silver at Canada Games

Stephen Sweet
Special to The CJN

One of the best stories of the Canada Winter Games almost didn't happen.

Thornhill's Zac Hoffman, who broke his collarbone about six weeks before the opening ceremonies of the prestigious competition, had to furiously get through rehabilitation to make it back in time to compete at the Games.

Doctors hadn't given Hoffman much hope that he could be ready in time.

"When I broke my collarbone, the hospital basically told me that I wouldn't be able to go," said Hoffman, one of only two male mogul skiers from Ontario at the event. "But with lots of physiotherapy, I was able to make it back in time."

It was a tough stretch for Hoffman, who wanted to get back on the hills as soon as possible.

"Throughout the six weeks I was hurt, all I could basically do was go to physio and ride the bike," he said.

"All of my friends were going skiing and my teammates were traveling to B.C. and Utah. It was super frustrating."

Once the 18-year-old skier was cleared to race, he didn't have a lot of time to prepare.

"I got in two days of skiing before I went out to Halifax [for the Games], but those days were more about skiing carefully rather than [attempting] jumps or moguls," Hoffman said.

"Fortunately, my competition wasn't until well after the opening ceremonies, so it gave me some time to go over the course and get my legs back under me."

After finishing sixth in the singles event, Hoffman really got going in the duals, where two competitors race down the mogul hill and take a pair of jumps. Their total score is dependent on a combination of time, air and turns, with the winner moving on.

"I won four rounds to get to the finals," Hoffman said. "In the semis, I faced one skier from Quebec (Hugo Blanchette) who I think will be the next guy to make the Canadian National Team."

It forced Hoffman to take his game to the next level.

"I knew I had to push really hard if I wanted to beat him," Hoffman said. "I don't think I've ever skied that fast before."

Hoffman held on and made a clean back flip to advance to the finals, where he lost to Quebec's Simon Lemieux. Still it was good enough for a silver medal. "I'm totally happy with second," Hoffman said. "I couldn't really comprehend the fact that I was in the finals, I was just so excited."

Hoffman began mogul skiing at 10 years old, following his older brother, Josh, into the sport. "He was the reason I got into it," Hoffman said. "I just sort of followed him around when I was younger."

The middle child, who also gets encouragement from younger brother Noah, found it beneficial when Josh was also on the provincial moguls team. "He helped to push me," Hoffman said. "I'd work harder and try to get up to his level and then in later years, I could push him, too.

"We're not too competitive with each other," Hoffman added. "We don't have that brother hatred that some people might think of. I could always come and talk to him."

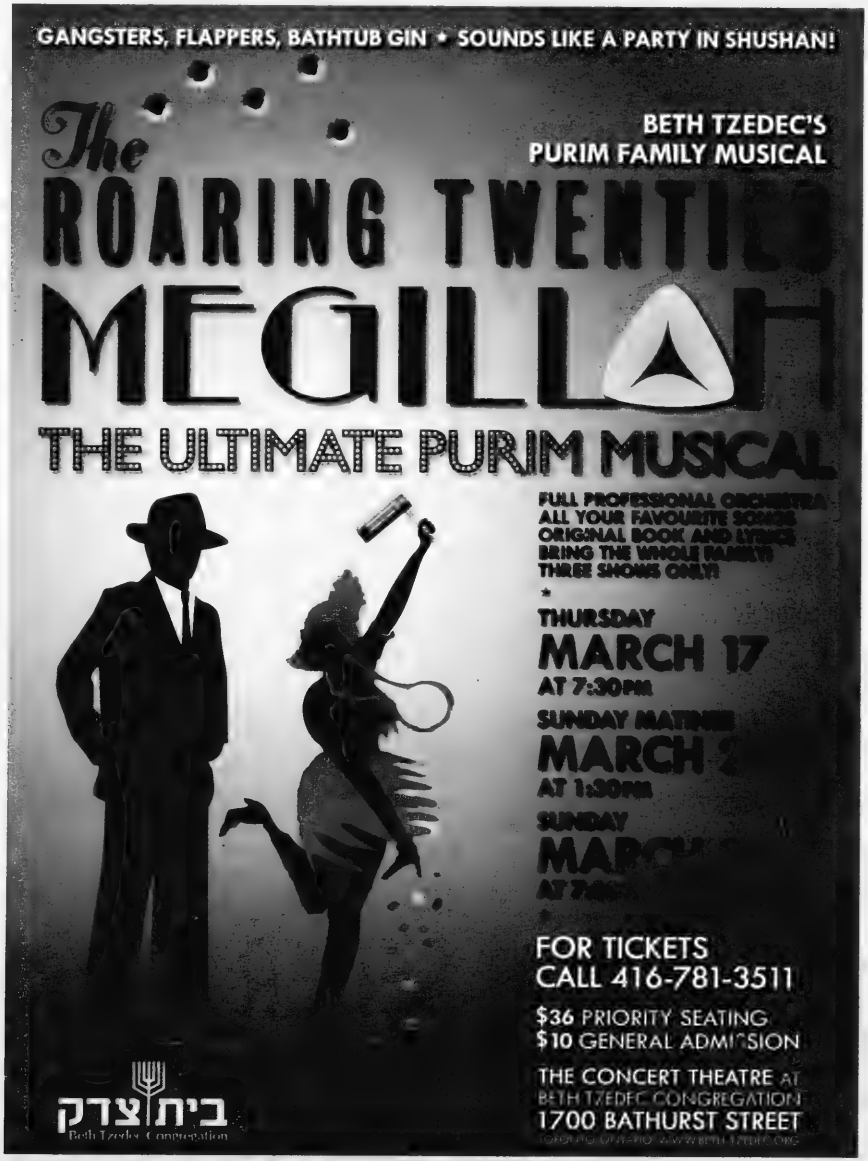
He also has his parents, Risa and Lloyd, around to help support him on his journey. "Without all that my parents do for me, there's no way I'd be able to do any of this," Hoffman said. "They get me to where I need to be, support me financially and do everything for me."

When Hoffman isn't out on the course training, he's either shooting or editing video, usually of the very sport he competes in. "Everything I've earned over the past few years has gone towards cameras and equipment," Hoffman said.

His folks helped out there, too. "My parents got me a MacBook Pro as a birthday and Chanukah present," Hoffman said. "The second I got that, my video editing was much improved."

Film school is something Hoffman would like to pursue one day, but first, he's going to try and go as far in moguls as he can.

"The ultimate goal, of course, is the national team," Hoffman said. "I'm just going to keep pushing myself to improve, and hope for the best."



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Exploring conspiracy theories in popular culture

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Many of the paranoid themes in the pantheon of modern conspiracy theory come straight from the pages of the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, the early 20th century antisemitic Russian tract, a Canadian journalist says.

The unsubstantiated notion that evil forces, namely Jews, seek to achieve global domination by fomenting strife and instability was popularized by this notorious czarist forgery, Jonathan Kay argued last week in a lecture at Beth Tzedec Congregation to publicize his forthcoming book, *Among the Truthers*.

Kay, an editor and columnist at the *National Post*, said that the *Protocols* – which has been translated into numerous languages and which he described as "a terrible, terrible document" – has been a template for anti-Jewish conspiracy theorists since its publication in 1903.

Jonathan Kay

The *Protocols* became popular after the Bolshevik Revolution and World War I, he said.

With societies traumatized by these cataclysmic upheavals, people looked for "simple explanations" and scapegoats. They found them in the *Protocols*, which blamed Jews for the world's troubles.

"Jews were a convenient target," said Kay.

In a note of caution, he said that most contemporary conspiracy theorists are not antisemitic and that some are even Jewish.

But the conspiracy movement – a subculture on the Internet – always attracts antisemites who fervently believe that a small and malignant cabal of Jews control the world.

> ***'Conspiracy theorists in the United States can't be ignored because they insinuate themselves into mainstream politics'***

According to Kay, conspiracy theories are extremely pervasive in popular culture.

He said he was prompted to write *Among the Truthers*, which is scheduled to be published in the spring, after the Liberal party in Canada dismissed a candidate running in the 2008 election who claimed that 9/11 was planned by the Mossad and the United States rather than Al Qaeda.

In general, conspiracy theorists maintain that reality is an illusion, that unseen agents, from the CIA to the Masons, manipulate current events and that the mainstream media is complicit in their dark schemes.

While conducting his research, Kay stumbled upon antisemites in the "craziest corners" of the conspiracy movement. He met antisemitic UFO enthusiasts, as well as a left-wing anti-Zionist who dabbled in Holocaust denial.

But "enlightened" conspiracy theorists renounce and denounce anti-semitism so as to preserve their respectability, Kay said.

He went on to say that the recession of 2008 created a new conspiracy theory that U.S. President Barack Obama is a Muslim who wants to impose Islamic law on American society and destroy capitalism in the United States.

"This is crazy," said Kay.

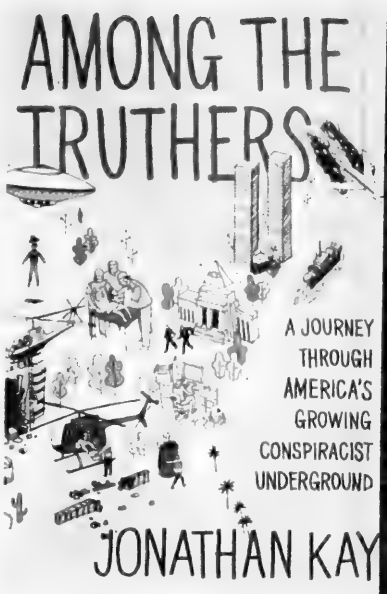
Radical Islamists obsessed with Zionism and Jews are also fond of conspiracy theories.

Conspiracy theorists in the United States can't be ignored because they insinuate themselves into mainstream politics, he said, citing members of the right-wing Tea Party and advocates of anti-Zionism.

Though a small proportion of conspiracy theorists are mentally unbalanced, the majority are quite sane, he pointed out.

The belief in conspiracy theory is thus a "political pathology" rather than a ment health problem.

Real conspiracies, however, have com and gone, he said, citing Al Qaeda's plot t destroy the World Trade Center in Man hattan in 2001 and the Watergate scand in the 1970s that forced the resignatio of Richard Nixon, the president of th United States.



JCT to honour federal cabinet minister

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

An Israeli college that educates using a unique blend of rigorous academic, scientific and religious studies is set to honour Canada's Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, Jason Kenney.

Jason Kenney

On March 27, the Canadian Friends of the Jerusalem College of Technology will host its Gala Evening of Appreciation at the New Ritz-Carlton in Toronto and bestow upon Kenney the title of honorary dean of academic achievement.

According to the college, which was established in 1969, it's an institution that serves more than 3,500 students who "combine their academic studies with intensive study of Jewish law and literature, emphasizing ethical values, moral discipline, and the synthesis of tradition with modernity."

The college is in the midst of building a new $60-million Jerusalem campus for its women's college, and developing new degree programs in adaptive micro-optics and nano-optics, architecture, social work, water and solar engineering, and applied physics, according to gala literature.

In a statement prior to the dinner, gala chair, Larry Zeifman, said the college is "thrilled" to be honouring Kenney and through him, the entire Canadian government for its "steadfast and staunch support of Israel."

He added that in the current turmoil of today's Middle East "Israel has no better friend than Canada, and we need to thank Minister Kenney for this. Support of this dinner is a fine way to do that. Today's tumultuous times remind us that Canada has no greater friend in the region than Israel. Jerusalem College of Technology and its graduates contribute to this bond."

Canadian Friends of Jerusalem College of Technology said the institution is "one of the fastest-growing academic institutions in Israel (130 per cent growth in students in the past five years)... [and] contributes to the scientific, social and spiritual strength of Israel by graduating engineers and academics that are skilled in their chosen profession and erudite in their Jewish heritage."

Jerusalem College of Technology President Prof. Noah Dana-Picard, left, on the college's Jerusalem campus in early March with board member Kurt Rothschild, far right of Toronto, and Larry Krauss, middle.

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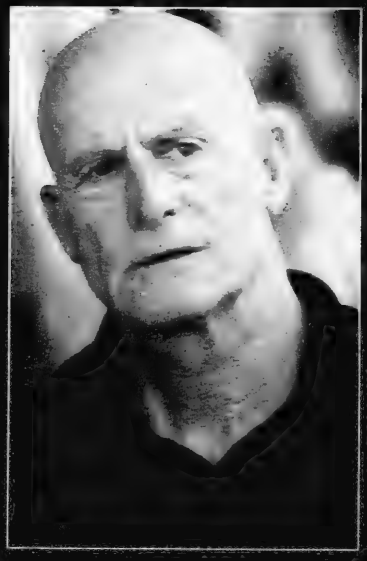

Admiral (Ret.) Ami Ayalon is the former Director of the Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency), and former Cabinet Minister in Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's government. Ayalon is the newly-appointed Chairman of the University of Haifa Executive Committee.

In addition to a distinguished military career, which brought him many honours, Ayalon chairs AKIM – the Israel Association for the Intellectually Disabled. He also heads the Forum to Promote Civilian National Service, providing non-military alternatives for Israelis who want to serve the state but are exempt from the draft. With Prof. Sari Nusseibeh of Al-Quds University, he formulated a grassroots peace initiative based on a set of core principles for two-state coexistence.

Educated in Israel and the U.S., at Bar-Ilan and Harvard, Ayalon brings a unique world view of the Middle East in general, and of Israel, in particular.

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Goldwasser living day-to-day

Yosef Tastassa
Special to The CJN

On the morning of July 12, 2006, Karnit Goldwasser's life changed forever when her husband, Ehud, and his fellow Israel Defence Forces soldier Eldad Regev were kidnapped by the Lebanese terrorist group Hezbollah.

Karnit Goldwasser

The Second Lebanon War began as a result, and overnight, she became one of the most familiar figures in Israel.

For two years, Goldwasser turned over every stone seeking her husband's release. She met many of the world's leaders, and even confronted Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, looking for answers about Ehud and Eldad's conditions, and trying to bring about their safe return.

On July 16, 2008, the sad truth of her husband's and Regev's deaths tore at her heart, and indeed, the hearts of all Israelis. That day, the two soldiers' bodies were returned to Israel in a prisoner exchange with Hezbollah.

Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev were buried the next day with full military honours.

For Goldwasser, however, this was not the end of the story.

On June 25, 2006, 17 days before Hezbollah kidnapped her husband, Hamas attacked an IDF post on the Israeli-Gaza border. Two Israeli soldiers were killed, four were wounded and Cpl. Gilad Schalit was captured and taken into the Gaza Strip.

No Israeli has seen him since.

Goldwasser, who sees Schalit's release as a matter of extreme importance, made a special trip to Toronto to speak at a rally in support of Schalit last week.

The CJN met Goldwasser the day after the rally.

"This is not my job, and I am trying to move forward with my life," Goldwasser said. "However, it was important enough to leave everything and come to Toronto for Gilad.

"We should all raise our voices and be heard at all times. From my experience, I can tell you that sending letters and postcards to Gilad via the Red Cross does help," she said.

"I also realize that the Jewish communities in the Diaspora have a key role to play in the efforts of releasing IDF prisoners of war. The Jewish communities are very important to Israel and they should keep standing beside Israel at any given time."

For Goldwasser, the community's rally for Schalit showed unity and strength.

"I was proud to be a Jew yesterday. We are all for one and one for all," she said. "Besides donations, Israel needs moral and spiritual support. The State of Israel is very dear to me, and I understand it now much better than before."

She described how her loss has affected her on a personal level. "I live with a wound that will never heal, and it is something that you learn to live with. It is hard to plan for the far future, and sometimes I live day to day. Hopefully, I will establish my own family in the future."

Kent addresses gathering

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"I thank you for your support and sympathy. We are here because the key to releasing Gilad from prison is in the hands of the decision-makers in Jerusalem," Noam Schalit said. "Keep up your pressure in order to persuade Gilad's captives to treat him as a human being with rights, rights [denied him] for the last five years."

Thornhill MP Peter Kent, the Canadian minister of the environment, said Canada is a friend and ally of Israel. "Israel is a beacon of light in an unstable region. Canada supports Israel and supports the release of Gilad Schalit," he said.

Gianni Alemanno, the mayor of Rome, and Riccardo Pacifici, the president of the Roman Jewish community, also expressed their support for Israel and Schalit. His struggle is also the struggle of the free world and its civilization against the dark forces of Islamic fundamentalism, Alemanno said.

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PHYSICS WINNERS: This year's local Weizmann Canada Shalheveth Freier Physics Tournament was held March 7. Eight teams from four Toronto-area high schools built safes whose locks had to be broken into using the laws of physics. The winning team, from the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto's Vaughan campus, will compete in the international competition at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel on March 29 and 30.The winning team consisted of five Grade 12 students – from left, Sarah Edgerley, Daniela Chocron, Rachel Mailach, Courtney Firestone and Carly Pellow.

MUSICAL WIN: Students from Leo Baeck Day School's south campus, pictured with music teacher Patty Smith, placed first in the Kiwanis Music Festival of Greater Toronto's recorder ensemble category for ages 11 and under. The grade 4, 5 and 6 students meet weekly during recess and took part in the festival for the first time this year.

CHESS TOURNAMENT: The Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School was well represented at the 2011 Ontario Scholastic Chess Team Tournament on March 6. The school's chess team, represented by, from left, Adin Aviv, Kohava Mendelsohn, Gabe Levy, and Andrew Dayton, took part in a day-long marathon tournament where each player competed in five matches.

FAMILY MOMENTS

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The Canadian Jewish news

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PURIM HIGHLIGHTS

Purim this year falls on Saturday night, March 19 and Sunday, March 20. Chag Samayach!

Adath Israel. Megillah 8:30 p.m., March 19. **DJ Zev**, Megillah slide show, thundersticks, hamantashen. Purim carnival, March 20, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., door prizes, costumes, bounces. $5. Game tokens 4 for $1.

Beach Hebrew Institute. Carnival and Adult Shpiel. March 19 6:15 p.m., Megillah 8:15 p.m. Refreshments include hamantashen, children in costumes to get prizes. www.beachhebrewinstitute.ca, 416-694-7942.

Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drildz. Seudah and Purim Party, March 20, 5 p.m. With **Rabbi Dov Schochet.** Magician, refreshments, prizes.

Beth Sholom. Adult Speakeasy Purim Party, March 19, 8:15 p.m. After Megillah, prohibition-era live music, drinks and gambling. Members $20, non-members $25. March 20, 11 a.m., Purim carnival. Games, prizes. Children $10, adults free. 416-783-6103, program@bethsholom.net.

Beth Tikvah. Dinner and dance, March 20, 6 p.m. Live band, songs from '50s, '60s, '70s. Dress to reflect your favourite decade. Cash bar. Members $36, non-members $40. To register, 416-221-3433.

Beth Tzedec. March 19, Family Purim Program, 6:30 p.m., with storyteller **Cheryl Thornton.** March 20, Purim Carnival, 4-6 p.m., Haman punching bag, bowling. $5. Follows matinée of Purim family musical.

Oraynu Congregation for Humanistic Judaism. March 20, 7 p.m. "The Alice-in-Wonderland Files: True Stories from the Middle East," with **Peter Ginsberg.** Non-members, $15. 18 Wynford Dr. Call **Roby,** 416-385-3910 or roby@oraynu.org.

Prosserman JCC. March 20, 10a.m.-noon, family programs – Mystic Drumz Purim drum circle, balloon animals, arts and crafts. Pre-register 416-638-1881, ext. 4235, or **Monique**, ext. 4012.

Secular Jewish Community School. March 26. Family Purim Celebration featuring **Josh Engel** and **Leah Houston**. Purim play and pageant, songs, pizza and hamantashen, costume parade. $10, children 3-12 $5, children under 3, $3. The 918 Bathurst Centre for Culture. Call **Aaron Samsel,** 416-789-5502 or aaron@winchevskycentre.org.

Shaar Shalom. Megillah reading March 19, 8 p.m., and March 20, following 8 a.m. Shacharit.

Solel Congregation. Purim Party in Milton, March 20, 2 p.m. Milton Sports Centre. Music, stories, costumes, crafts, refreshments. No charge. www.solel.ca, or 905-820-5915.

Temple Emanu-El. Purim Carnival. Derby race, obstacle course, prizes, food. March 20, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Children $10. Food extra. 416-449-3880, ext. 14.

Temple Har Zion. March 20 Purim Carnival. 10 a.m.-noon. Games, crafts, photos, videos and magician **Scott Dietrich**. 11 a.m. $3/child or $2 with a non-perishable food donation. Refreshments, $1 -$2. 905-889-2252.

Tuesday, March 22

BOOK REVIEW

Temple Har Zion's daytime program committee book review and discussion of *Water for Elephants* by **Sara Gruen**. 12:30 p.m. Bring own lunch at noon, coffee, tea, cookies provided. Members $3, non-members $5. Contact 905-889-2252.

INFERTILITY SUPPORT GROUP

First meeting of Jewish Infertility Friends of Toronto, peer-to-peer support group. 7:30 p.m. Confidentiality assured. No fee. For information and location, contact JIFT.group@gmail.com.

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Wednesday, March 23

SATELLITE AT SINAI

Ina Garten, author of *Barefoot Contessa: How Easy Is That? Fabulous Recipes and Easy Tips,* talks with writer **Anna Quindlen,** whose *New York Times* column won the Pulitzer Prize for commentary. Interactive satellite lets the audience submit questions to the speakers in New York via e-mail. Part of Ruth Stanton Illustrious Women Series. Temple Sinai, 8 p.m. Refreshments. Members $10, non-members $15. education@templesinai.net or 416-487-3281.

YAHRZEIT LECTURE

Beit Rayim Synagogue presents **Rabbi Martin Lockshin,** "Jewish Attitudes to Secular Wisdom," a lecture on the fifth yahrzeit of **Rabbi Sol Tanenzapf.** Tanenbaum CHAT. 9600 Bathurst St., 7:30 p.m. Refreshments. No charge.

PASSOVER HAGGADAH

First of a 4-week series by **Rabbi Moshe Stern** on the Passover Haggadah. 8 p.m. Haggadot provided. Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. Men and women invited. No charge.

TANACH AS HISTORY

Israeli tour guide and former Torontonian **Alon Lyons** discusses "How Archeology Proves the Biblical Narrative." Presented by Shaarei Shomayim adult education, entertainment and cultural and Israel action committees. 7:30 p.m. Call **Beverly Lyons,** 416-783-0151.

Other News

BEIT HALOCHEM

Beit Halochem is looking for families willing to share their lives for 2 weeks in June with 10 IDF disabled veterans. Information, info@beithalochem.ca, 905-695-0611.

SOLEL MISSISSAUGA

Educator's Dinner & Film Night, March 28. Dinner 6:30 p.m.. film *The Courageous Heart of Irene Sendler* at 7 p.m. Dinner $8, register 905-820-5915.

Also, March 29, Lunch 'n' Learn, 11:30 a.m., with **Ralph Bloch** discussing 19th-century German civil records. No charge. Bring bag lunch. 905-820-5915.

PESACH WITH COR

Kashruth Council helps the community prepare for Pesach. March 28, BAYT, 8:15 p.m., March 29, Bais Yaacov Elementary School, 15 Saranac, 8:15 p.m.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Rabbi Israel Man starting group for men and women 50-75 who have lost a spouse in the past year. Free, but limited space. Beth Torah Synagogue. Call 416-840-9723 or i_man@rocketmail.com.

LIFE SATISFACTION

Temple Har Zion Sisterhood presents life coach **Carolyn Swirsky Polisuk** discussing measuring satisfaction levels in 8 areas of life. March 24, 8 p.m. Members no charge, non-members $5. Refreshments. 905-889-2252.

BULLYING

Robbins Hebrew Academy and Beth Tikvah consider bullying and friendship issues. Interactive, speaker **Ruth Robinson.** Free. 8 p.m. March 24, Beth Tikvah. future sessions in April and June. idabelman@rhacademy.ca.

SHAAR SHALOM

Monthly Carlebach Kabalat Shabbat, March 25, 6 p.m. Iron Chef Purim, March 27, 12:30 p.m., children grades 1-5 and their families. Members $5, non-members $7. 905-889-4975, ext. 62, or youth@shaarshalom.ca.

JF& CS GROUPS

Call 416-638-7800, ext. 6312, or e-mail lmarmer@jfandcs.com. Registration required.

Effective Parenting, March 24, 7-9 p.m, Promenade Mall, Suite 313.

One Family, Two Homes, for families experiencing separation and divorce. March 31, 6:30 p.m. 4600 Bathurst.

Mind, Body & Soul, inspiring healthy living by reducing stress. March 31, 7 p.m., 4600 Bathurst.

FOR SENIORS

Bernard Betel Centre, 416-225-2112. March 22, Photographer **Robert Shechter**'s topic is "Along the Romantic Rhine and Moselle Rivers." 10 a.m. $3 members, $6 non-members. March 23, Post Purim Persian Party, 1-3 p.m. Members $10, non-members $13.

Wagman Centre. 416-785-2500, ext. 2267. March 21, **Adam Fuerstenberg** discusses **Leonard Cohen,** 3-4 p.m. Members $5, non-members $7. March 23, **Roselyn Haupt** "Laugh Away Your February Blues," 1-2 p.m., $3, register at service desk. Wagman Centre entertainers looking for seniors to join them. Contact **Judy Ross,** 416-733-0580. Judaism Around the Year, interactive group exploring Jewish culture, with **Rabbi Kamman.** Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.-noon in Fireside Lounge. Book Club, facilitated by **Marilyn Fine.** March 24, 1:30 p.m. in Fireside Lounge. Register at service desk.

MNjccActive Seniors. 416-225-2112, ext. 155. Broadway's Great Jewish Composers. **Jordan Klapman** talks with **Jerry Herman.** March 24, 1:30 p.m. Seniors Choir (55+) Tuesdays, 1-2:30 p.m. Call **Harriet** ext. 133

LZA Seniors Cultural Club. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Borochov Cultural Centre. 416-630-9444.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park, 55+. Call **Valerie,** 416-395-7881. Casino Rama, Wednesday, April 13. Lunch and Laughter, March 23, noon. Tuesdays, ongoing acrylic art classes, 10 a.m.-noon. Thursdays, line dancing, 10 a.m., social bridge 12:30 p.m. Sunday dances with live music March 27, 7-9 p.m. Seniors woodworking, skilled craftsmen, repairs, Call 416-630-6487.

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday social afternoons. Bridge, mah-jong, Rummickub. Refreshments $2. Call **Pearl,** 416-635-6317, or **Sheila,** 416-665-3333.

PROSSERMAN JCC

Sherman Campus, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-638-1881, www.prossermanjcc.com.

Film Music: The Neglected Art, with **Kevin Courrier.** Wednesdays, March 23-April 13, 1-3 p.m.

Folk dancing with **Teme** and **Sandy,** Wednesdays March 23-May 18, 10-11:30 a.m.

Latin dance with **Sasha.** Wednesdays March 23-June 1, 8-9 p.m.

Movie Mondays with Larry. Presents *For Your Consideration* on March 28, 1:30 p.m. $5 at door.

Conversations About Conversion. For those considering or already in a program. Thursdays, 7:30-9 p.m. April 28-June 2. Call for fees.

For health programs facilitated by a Toronto public health nurse, call **Monique Shapiro,** 416-638-1881, ext, 4012.

Current events with **Sam Helfenbaum.** Thursdays, 12:45-2:15 p.m. Members $1, visitors $2, at door.

MILES NADAL JCC

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Michael Bernstein Chapel. Services Sundays, 8 a.m., Thursdays 7:15 a.m., breakfast following. Memorial board available. Call **Coleman Bernstein,** 416-968-0200.

Toronto Jewish Film Society presents *Green Fields* (*Grine Felder*), March 20, 4 and 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker **Jack Newman.** Al Green Theatre, $15, Rush seats only. Ext. 606.

Media Mondays. Love 'Em Or Hate 'Em – controversial directors **Roman Polanski, Paul Verhoeven, David Cronenberg, Catherine Breillat.** 7-9 p.m. $12, students $6. Ext. 606

Gallery in Jacobs Lounge exhibits drawings and paintings by **Zero Mostel.** March 21-April 16.

Koffler Centre. 4588 Bathurst St., www.kofflerarts.org, 416-638-188.

Photography, short-story writing. For times, locations and cost, **Alexandra Sipos-Kocsis.** Ext. 4269 or akocsis@kofflerarts.org .

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MUKIBAUM ART EXHIBITION: Psychologist Nehama Baum, left, founder and executive director of MukiBaum Treatment Centres, and MukiBaum's marketing and communication manager, Einat Enbar, pose in front of the painting *Sailing in Peace,* by Lesley Landau (not pictured), at the opening night of the centre's art exhibit, *Inner Treasures, Outer Expressions.*

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Racimore, Rose	Feb. 25/11	3560 Bathurst
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Brickman, Louis	Feb. 27/11	4300 Bathurst
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Riabenki, Matvei	Mar. 2/11	Private
Esakov, Noel	Feb. 26/11	129 Scenic Millway
Goldman, Beatrice	Mar. 2/11	3810 Bathurst
Cohen, Howard	Mar. 5/11	1 Emerald Ln
Kofman, Alya	Mar. 4/11	Private
Tobis, Herbert	Mar. 4/11	159 Cocksfield
Steiner, David	Mar. 6/11	1 Bexley Ave
Cohen, Deborah	Mar. 5/11	

The family of the late
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CLAIRE MARKUS ז"ל
On Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at Baycrest Hospital, Claire Markus, beloved wife of Dr. Frank Markus. Loving mother and mother-in-law of Peter and Susan, George and Sheryl, and Thomas and Tessa Markus. Devoted grandmother of Katie, Julie, Ariella, Ashira, Yonatan and Eitan. Funeral services were held at Steeles Memorial Chapel, 350 Steeles Ave. W., on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 12:30 P.M.
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Ben Pearl

Golf tournament goes out of town

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

When Ben Pearl died of cancer in 1997, his sons searched for a way to honour his memory and support cancer research.

Michael Pearl said, "My dad had sponsored a golf tournament before, and my brother, Steven, and I are both golfers, so we thought that would be a great way to remember him and raise money."

Pearl, 52, a marketing consultant, said, however, that their tournament, named the Gentle Ben Charity Challenge, is "not your ordinary tournament.

"We've taken it out of town, to Bermuda, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Jamaica, Hilton Head, Florida and Phoenix. We ask every golfer to raise $1,000. We've had as many as 92 golfers."

Half of them them have returned, he said, and some have raised as much as $15,000 or $16,000. "We've become like family."

Pearl said the charity supports such causes as the McEwen Centre for Regenerative Medicine, Charles Krowitz Burkitt's Lymphoma Research Fund, Lilah's Fund, and the Dr. Jay Charitable Foundation. It also operates in association with LWW Children's Foundation, which is dedicated to helping families that have suffered losses as a result of cancer or aneurysms.

The event, to be held this year in October, he said, "has morphed into a sports extravaganza. It's not a relaxing vacation, but we're there to help everyone out. We're like mother hens. We make sure everyone is happy and busy."

It is "kind of" a man's holiday, but some couples have taken part, he said.

Pearl is not looking for a pat on the back, he said, "but we've raised more than $1 million to date. This has made me enormously proud.

"It is a lot of work, but it is a labour of love. If our father is looking down, he is getting a lot of naches."

For information on this year's tournament, call Steven Pearl, 416-932-3588.

Global Seder to Fight Hunger helps Jews in need celebrate Passover

Jews in Toronto, Israel, former Soviet Union and Cuba need our help

By Taali Lester Tollman

As we celebrate Passover by sharing the holiday meal at our respective Seder tables along with friends and loved ones, the thought that other Jews in Toronto – and around the world – will not have enough to eat during the holiday, and year-round for that matter, is unfathomable.

But the truth is, in Toronto alone over 20,000 Jews live at, or below the poverty line, making their ability to put food on the table a challenge. In Israel and the Former Soviet Union (FSU), there are countless Jews in need who cannot feed themselves or their families adequately, while in Cuba, the absence of kosher for Passover foods make it a struggle to celebrate the holiday and their Jewish lives with joy and dignity.

United Jewish Appeal's Global Seder to Fight Hunger, which includes a city-wide Telethon on Sunday, April 3rd, has been created to assist those in our community, Cuba, the FSU and Israel who are the most vulnerable during the holiday season and beyond. Funds raised through this vital initiative will be allocated to purchasing the food and other staples needed to celebrate Passover.

Like any child his age, Desta, a ten year-old Ethiopian-Israeli boy living in Bat Yam, dreams about his future. But Desta also worries about the present; often there is not enough food in his home to feed his family and the only hot meal he receives is during lunchtime at school.

Please answer the call when contacted by volunteers for UJA's Global Seder to Fight Hunger on Sunday, April 3rd.

"It's hard for me concentrate sometimes because I'm hungry," Desta explains. "I like to take bread home from my lunch at school so I know I will have something to eat for dinner."

Sarah Afansieva, a 79 year-old Holocaust survivor living in Kishinev, Moldova, one of the FSU's poorest countries is also struggling. She is unable to sustain herself and relies on food from the Joint Jewish Distribution Committee (JDC), a partner agency of UJA Federation, in order to maintain her health and dignity.

"I try not to worry, but it is hard," says Sarah. "I know I can count on the Jewish community to help, and that eases my anxieties."

There are 1,500 Jews still living in Cuba, working hard to maintain their Jewish identity in a country that for years prohibited individuals from doing just that. Without access to kosher food, particularly on Passover, many feel alienated and alone during the holiday.

"We always received the kosher for Passover food packages from Canada," Hella Eskenazi remembers. "Because of this one small connection to my Jewish roots I wanted to indentify even more with my Jewish background and I began a journey which brought me to where I am now."

To donate to UJA's Global Seder to Fight Hunger, or to volunteer at the April 3rd telethon, visit GlobalSeder.com

Over 3,000 attend Renewable Energy Conference in Eilat

By Daniel Horowitz

UJA Federation has long had a reputation for its vision and innovation, and for initiating unique, groundbreaking projects. This reputation has been strengthened by the impressive accomplishments of its ongoing 23-year partnership with the city of Eilat and the region of Eilot.

One of the key components of UJA Federation's strategic plan in Eilat and Eilot includes an investment in harnessing the region's vast natural assets – land and sun – to one day transforming the area into a global leader in renewable energy, development and technology.

Based on this February's fourth international UJA Federation sponsored Renewable Energy Conference in Eilat, which attracted more than 3,000 participants, UJA Federation's investment in the region is garnering impressive dividends. The conference is among the worlds' leading stages for presenting technological innovation, business opportunities, policies and implementation in the renewable energy field.

"I am blown away by how far this region has come in becoming a major player in the field of renewable energy, going from only 300 Conference delegates three years ago, to 3,000 today," said Richard Summers, UJA Federation's representative in the Eilat/Eilot Region. "UJA set out to create a sustainable change in the region by creating new industry and employment opportunities. No one would have believed five years ago that today, business, scientific and policy professionals are looking to Eilat/Eilot to determine the future direction for energy production and management."

"UJA Federation of Greater Toronto has supported the region in a variety of education, welfare and development projects over the past 20 years," said Evan Cooperman, a member of UJA Federation's Israel and Overseas Committee. "UJA Federation prides itself in taking carefully considered risks by funding initiatives where government and businesses have yet to jump on board. Our goal is to act as a catalyst to help high potential ideas gain the momentum needed to attract the best partners."

Toronto's Evan Cooperman addresses the 3,000 attendees at last month's Eilat Renewable Energy Conference.

With an eye always turned to the future, prior to the Renewable Energy Conference, the first International Youth Conference and Competition was held in which 25 young people from 14 countries competed for prizes by creating a viable business plan for renewable energy startup companies.

"Our leadership has always held a profound belief in the tremendous future of Eilat and Eilot since the beginning of our partnership over twenty years ago," said Ted Sokolsky, President & CEO, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, and a proud participant at the February conference. "They knew that great potential existed in Israel's most remote region and as such was a metaphor for the great potential of the country as a whole. As part of that belief in recent years, one of the key components to our strategy in Eilat and Eilot was to invest in renewable energy in the region, in its infancy, over four years ago. To hear, firsthand, from so many key players on a global stage, about how that investment is changing the face of the region, helping it become a global leader in renewable energy development and technology, is incredibly satisfying. The dream is quickly becoming a reality."

U.S. ties with Muslim Brotherhood revealing

An unusual article appeared in the Mar. 10 issue of the *New York Review of Books* – unusual in the sense that when it comes to discussing the Middle East, this august publication typically focuses on negative, one-sided critiques of Israel to the exclusion of much of the rest of the region.

So it was all the more surprising to see it publish a most revealing piece, "Our Secret Connections with the Muslim Brotherhood," by *Wall Street Journal* reporter Ian Johnson, author of the 2010 book, *A Mosque In Munich: Nazis, The CIA, And The Rise Of The Muslim Brotherhood In The West.*

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

Johnson shines a light on a largely unknown chapter in U.S. foreign policy stretching back to the Eisenhower administration, during which the United States tried to form alliances with the Brotherhood or its offshoots.

The idea was to court Islamic leaders from Muslim-majority countries, initially as part of a covert anti-communist campaign. And so, in 1953, one year before the Muslim Brotherhood was outlawed in Egypt, Eisenhower himself (according to his presidential archives) met with "The Honorable Saeed Ramahdan, Delegate of the Muslim Brothers."

Said Ramadan (to use the coventional spelling) was the son-in-law of Hassan al-Banna, the founder of the Brotherhood in 1928, and the father of the well known "controversial" Swiss-born philosopher and Islamic scholar Tariq Ramadan. Under al-Banna, the Brotherhood relied on what Johnson calls "an interesting mixture of fundamentalism and fascism." (Since the term "fascism" is often overused, it's good to see Johnson define and clarify it as "reactionary politics and xenophobia"). Said Ramadan served as al-Banna's "foreign minister."

In the 1950s and '60s, the CIA supported Said Ramadan, who took over a mosque in Munich and turned it into one of the Brotherhood's most important centres. But he did very little, if anything, to fight communism. Ramadan "was more interested in spreading his Islamist agenda," Johnson writes.

Relations with Islamists fell off for a period, but were reinvigorated with the start of the Soviet war in Afghanistan in the late 1970s. The Americans backed the mujahideen, "some of whom morphed into Al Qaeda."

It's generally thought that former U.S. president George W. Bush was hostile toward Islam and Islamists, and that only under President Barack Obama, given his outreach to the Muslim world in his 2009 Cairo speech, did the American position change substantially.

Not so, according to Johnson. While in the immediate aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks, the United States targeted the Brotherhood for supporting terrorism, that changed during Bush's second term. By then, the Americans were contending with severe difficulties in Iraq and Afghanistan and hostile Muslim minorities in Europe.

Johnson explains: "The Bush administration devised a strategy to establish close relations with Muslim groups in Europe that were ideologically close to the Brotherhood, calculating that it could be an interlocutor in dealing with more radical groups, such as the home-grown extremists in Paris, London, and Hamburg. And, as in the 1950s, government officials wanted to project an image to the Muslim world that Washington was close to western-based Islamists. So starting in 2005, the State Department, taking account of the Brotherhood's rising power in Egypt and elsewhere, launched an effort to woo the Brotherhood."

Though this policy never paid off, and was arguably based on wishful thinking, it wasn't abandoned. According to Johnson, Obama kept some of Bush's people who had developed this strategy, even though many U.S. allies thought it was too risky.

Johnson notes the Brotherhood's doublespeak: "In countries where it aspires to join the political mainstream, it renounces the use of violence locally. Hence the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt says it no longer seeks to overthrow the regime violently – although its members there think nothing of calling for Israel's destruction."

The man widely acknowledged to be the Brotherhood's spiritual leader and, in Johnson's words, "very likely the most influential cleric in the Muslim world" is Sheikh Yusuf al-Qaradawi. While he projects a "moderate" voice, especially to the West, "he also advocates the stoning of homosexuals and the murder of Israeli children – because they will grow up and could serve as soldiers."

Johnson's research is alarming, to say the least, and worthy of our attention.

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Jewish lawyers group formed in Ottawa

Diane Koven
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — The initiative of a young lawyer from Montreal has resulted in the formation of the newly constituted Ottawa Jewish Lawyers' Society (OJLS.)

Cory Olishansky, a graduate of the University of Montreal law school, practised in Montreal briefly before coming to Ottawa in 2007 to work for the federal government.

Hoping to meet other Jewish lawyers, he looked for a group like Montreal's Lord Reading Society, a well-known institution of Jewish lawyers in that city that has been in existence for half a century.

Surprised and disappointed to find that no such group exists in Ottawa, Olishansky decided to start one himself.

"The idea had been percolating in my head for some time," he said, and he spread the word by e-mail that he was holding an initial brainstorming session. A dozen people came to that first meeting and several got together again to define the goals and expectations of the group.

The group was launched March 1, with a meet-and-greet event at Prime 360 restaurant. More than 70 people attended, many of whom were anxious to hear Liberal MP Irwin Cotler speak on the topic of "The Iranian Four-Fold Threat: What's To Be Done?"

From left, Rosalind Conway, MP Irwin Cotler, Esther Rossman, Cory Olishansky, Ian Goodman, David Anber and Julie Greenspoon.

"I was blown away by the number of people who came," Olishansky said. "There were people of all ages and levels of experience in the profession, from law students and young lawyers to former Liberal deputy prime minister Herb Gray."

Jack Silverstone, a senior lawyer who attended the event, was very impressed with its success.

"All honours and recognition go to Cory, who just came into this community and ran with the ball," he said. "The event was excellent. Attendance was fantastic. I was very happy to see so many young lawyers, new to the bar. People were networking, speaking about important issues and about how they can become active in the community, as lawyers. It was a great opportunity to see old friends and meet new people."

Silverstone's comments were echoed by others in attendance. Dara Lithwick, also a federal government lawyer, sees the group as a "web where Jewish Ottawans are able to connect their personal and professional lives, an association where we can have Jewish lawyers coming together to work on areas of common interest and perhaps working together on causes right here in Ottawa."

Aaron Moscoe has been in private practice for nearly 30 years and he, too, found the event exciting. "It was a warm environment, a good opportunity to meet colleagues."

He said the choice of Cotler as speaker was "brilliant." Many in attendance had been his law students at McGill University and thought of him as their mentor.

The OJLS' future is unclear. There's a general consensus that there's a need and desire for such a group in Ottawa.

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Referendum to be held to impeach rector

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"You have no right to say you represent me, as a Queen's student, when voicing such opinions. You have not only offended me, but you have offended my history. You do not speak for me; you have abused and disgraced your office," Mendelsohn wrote.

Mendelsohn's letter in its entirety can be found at www.cjnews.com.

In a note posted by Queen's principal and vice-chancellor Daniel Woolf on the university's website, Woolf said he met with Day on March 10 to express his concerns about the context of the letter he sent to Ignatieff.

"He wrote the letter as rector, and not as an individual citizen. The university's position is that this was inappropriate," Woolf said.

"The views in the letter are not the issue... It's the context in which he communicated his personal opinion. Mr. Day's views do not and should not be seen as being representative of those of the University or Queen's students."

Woolf said that students and other members of the community contacted the university to say that Day, who is a student-elected representative, should be ousted from his post.

At a March 10 meeting of the Queen's student government, a petition that called for Day's impeachment gathered about 2,200 signatures and was presented to the assembly. A motion was passed to hold a referendum to decide his fate.

Meanwhile, pro-Israel students released statements in support of Ignatieff's stance.

In a letter addressed to Ignatieff, Mitchell Rattner, president of Queen's Israel on Campus, wrote "we admire your tenacity and your commitment to defending tolerance and safe space on campuses, even at the risk of disapproval or political backlash."

Paige MacPherson, vice-president external for the Canadian Federation of Jewish Students said "the obsessive vilification of Israel is not constructive, nor will it bring peace to the region."

The statement continued to praise Ignatieff "for his strong condemnation of IAW, and encourages other Canadian politicians to speak out on this issue."

And other Canadian politicians did speak out against IAW.

On March 9, Conservative member of Parliament John Baird and Liberal MP Joe Volpe spoke at a meeting sponsored by Carleton University's Israel Awareness Committee to denounce IAW.

The *Ottawa Citizen* reported that Baird told the gathering that it is "wrong and outrageous to equate what happened in South African with Israel," while Volpe added that calling Israel an apartheid state is an offence to the democratic values that Canada shares with Israel.

Ken Dryden

Liberal MP Ken Dryden also lent his voice to the controversy when he gave a speech on March 9 in the House of Commons condemning IAW.

"[IAW] is about intimidation and hate, where one voice overpowers and silences others – and cuts them off," Dryden said.

"It's time for students involved in Israeli Apartheid Week to move on to something worthy of all that's in them... our students and our universities can do much better."

University of Winnipeg President Lloyd Axworthy is apparently trying to do better.

On March 7, the university sponsored a panel discussion by an Arab-Jewish Dialogue group that featured two Jewish and two Arab speakers. Another Jewish-Muslim dialogue was scheduled by the university's theology department on March 10.

The Winnipeg Jewish Review reported that Axworthy wanted to take an active role in offering programs that counter the messages put forth by IAW organizers.

He said it's "the responsibility of a university to ensure that an issue that's as important as this be given a full and fair hearing as opposed to a one-sided hearing."

Tensions were running high last week at York University when Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies (FSWC) held an event to counter IAW called "Talk Peace. Stop Hate."

FSWC president Avi Benlolo reported that media personality Michael Coren, who was the featured speaker, was "ambushed" by a York student following the event.

"Mr. Coren was passionate in his defence of Israel's right to exist. It is extremely unfortunate that there are students who not only disagree with this position, but are willing to use violence to make their point," Benlolo said in a statement.

Coren said IAW "is about closing down debate around Israel and Palestine. It's morbidly consistent that someone behind such an approach would also try to assault someone who dares to support the Jewish state.

"I was fortunate to have a bodyguard to protect me from harm. I remain concerned about students who may face such violence without the benefit of the same protection."

PICTURE PERFECT: Netivot HaTorah Day School students decorated picture frames for babies in Israel. Crib Canada, an organization that provides needy, expectant mothers in Israel with the financial means to choose to continue their pregnancies, will send the frames to the needy families. Pictured, top row from left, are Hadar, Tohar and Leeora, and, bottom row from left, Yochanan, Avigail, Jessica and Jordana. *[Rebecca Ansel photo]*

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Tory MP wants Holodomor display in museum

Myron Love
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Conservative MP Joy Smith has added her voice to those calling for a permanent and separate gallery in the new Canadian Museum for Human Rights for the Holodomor, Joseph Stalin's mass murder through starvation of several million Ukrainian farming families in the 1930s.

The MP for the North Winnipeg riding of Kildonan-St.Paul – a strong supporter of the yet-to-be completed Winnipeg-based national museum, the first to be built outside Ottawa – released two press releases within a month on the subject, most recently on March 7. In the first – on Feb. 11 – she joined several Liberal MPs in calling for a special gallery for the Holodomor, which targeted Ukrainians who refused to accede to the Communist policy of collectivizing agricultural production. Smith noted that "Canada and several provinces recognize it as a genocide and believe it deserves a prominent place in the story of human rights. Our youth need to know the story. All Canadians, all people, need to understand what happened," she said.

Smith's views echo those of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association, which have been loudly campaigning to give the Holodomor equal standing in the museum with the Holocaust, which will have its own separate exhibit.

In January, the Ukrainian Canadian Canadian Congress urged supporters to send postcards to federal Heritage Minister James Moore, whose ministry is responsible for national museums, calling for the formation of a new content committee that is "truly representative of the Canadian population, inclusive, fair-minded and non-partisan."

The postcards showed Ukrainians behind a barbed-wire fence, highlighting the internment of 6,000 Ukrainians in Canada in World War I as enemy aliens.

In her second press release, released March 7, Smith reiterated her call for a separate space for the Holodomor.

"Since I was first elected in 2004, I worked diligently to secure funding for the Canadian Museum for Human Rights and its Winnipeg location," she said.

"The Holocaust stands out amongst the many human rights violations over the past century and led to the international recognition and condemnation of the act of genocide," she added.

"It is important to note, however, that the Holodomor also stands out amongst this past century's state-sponsored acts of mass murder. Taking place seven years before Hitler's Holocaust began, the Holodomor genocide set a horrific precedent of the targeted extermination of a specific population by a ruling state.

"Yet, the Holodomor genocide did not receive recognition, because Stalin and Communist Russia hid this atrocity through

Joy Smith

denial and decades of disinformation. Nevertheless, it is likely that Stalin's Holodomor was an archetype of mass slaughter for Hitler's Holocaust. Hitler would have witnessed the silence in the wake of the Holodomor by the international community."

The museum's communications director, Angela Cassie, said the place of the Holodomor has been taken into consideration during the planning process.

The museum, she noted, will include two permanent galleries – one each for the Holocaust and Canada's aboriginal peoples – and 10 other permanent zones. She said the Holodomor will have a permanent display in the "Mass Atrocity" zone, immediately adjacent to the Holocaust zone.

The "Mass Atrocity" zone will feature detailed information on the Holodomor and other similar events, and will provide educational opportunities for visitors to learn more about them.

"It is appropriate that Mrs. Smith should be representing the views of her constituents," Cassie said, referring to Kildonan-St. Paul, with its relatively large Ukrainian population and a rapidly declining Jewish one, "but our goal is to try to educate people about human rights."

She added that, unlike most museums, the displays in the human rights museum won't be static. They will be updated on a regular basis as more information becomes available. They will also be interactive and digitally accessible.

"It's unseemly to be comparing one national tragedy with another," said Bernie Farber, CEO of Canadian Jewish Congress. "We have had meetings with our colleagues at the Canadian Ukrainian Congress and have urged them to focus on the museum's core goals. We think that they get it."

At the same time, Farber said the CJC is very disappointed with the attitude of the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association, which continues to press forward with its lobbying efforts.

"We are saying to the Canadian Ukrainian community that they would do better to focus on educating Canadians about the Holodomor – which was a terrible tragedy – and its importance and stop trying to compare it to other tragedies," he said.

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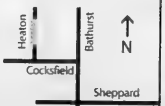

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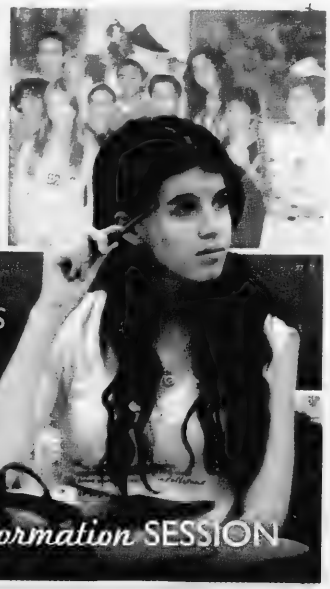

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Montreal federation seeks new CEO

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — After less than two years, Federation CJA is again looking for a chief executive officer.

Current CEO Andrés Spokoiny is leaving at the end of June, exactly two years after he began the job. He told *The CJN* he has accepted a "senior position" in a Jewish communal organization outside of Canada, which he expected to be confirmed this past Monday.

He insisted the decision was his own, but that it was an "excruciating" one made for "a mixture of personal, family and professional reasons."

Spokoiny, 42, an Argentine native who came to Montreal from Paris, said the agreement when he assumed the federation post was that it be for two years and then reviewed.

In the official announcement, federation president Jack Hasen and first vice-president David Cape said, "We thank Andrés for his contributions to our community during his time here, and we will continue to work closely with him in this transitional period."

No interim CEO has been named. Hasen and Cape say the organization will be run by senior managers and lay leaders until a new top professional is found.

They assured the community that Spokoiny's departure will not affect the budget allocation process, which normally wraps up at the end of this month, nor the implementation of Imagine 2020, a research project that has been conducted over the past year on the Montreal Jewish community's future and the federation's priorities.

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Israeli shoe dealer appeals to Quebec premier

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The Montreal footwear store that is the new target of an anti-Israel boycott campaign is appealing to Premier Jean Charest for his intervention.

Solemates Inc., the Toronto area-based owner of Chaussures Naot at 4257 St. Denis St., has written to the premier denouncing the demonstrations that have been taking place outside the store on Saturdays since Feb. 12.

"This activity can only be described as a form of economic terrorism, specifically organized by a group of individuals who have a fundamentally anti-Israel agenda," wrote Solemates vice-president Max Lissoos in a letter copied to Montreal Mayor Gérald Tremblay.

"In recent weeks we have been confronted with a group of aggressive and abusive activists... interfering with shoppers, our staff and passersby on the street, demanding that our store should be boycotted as we sell products produced in Israel."

For more than 20 years, Solemates has been the exclusive Canadian importer and distributor for Naot, a shoe manufacturer which was founded in 1942 and is still based at Kibbutz Neot Mordechai in the Upper Galilee.

The St. Denis store mainly sells merchandise from Israel, but also from India, Romania, Portugal and Canada, he said.

In an interview, Lissoos said he's relying on reports from the store's manager and had not yet been present during one of the demonstrations himself.

This is the first time in Canada that Naot has been the focus of the worldwide boycott, divestment and sanctions campaign against Israel, Lissoos said. Solemates has been operating the St. Denis store and another on Monkland Avenue in Notre-Dame-de-Grâce for several years. It also has retail outlets in Toronto and Calgary, and Naot footwear is sold to many independent stores across Canada, he said.

Lissoos said he doesn't understand why no police action has been taken that would put an end to the demonstrations. He contends they are disturbing the peace, disrupting commercial activity, and harassing staff and customers.

If the law does not allow the protests to be stopped, Lissoos thinks it should be changed.

Closing the Quebec operations would not be ruled out if "this nonsense" doesn't stop, he added. The two Montreal Naot stores employ 10 people.

The group Palestinian and Jewish Unity (PAJU) began holding demonstrations on Saturday afternoons in front of Boutique Le Marcheur on Oct. 2. Last month, the handful of protesters began moving between Le Marcheur and Naot, across the street.

Anti-boycott activist Sharon Freedman said that they now spend a half-hour at Le Marcheur, which stocks only a small amount of Israeli footwear, and 1-1/2 hours at Naot.

While the demonstrators number only about a half-dozen, their tone has changed, she said. Once peaceful, they now blow horns and shout, she said. On March 5, a police officer intervened to order them to lower the noise, Freedman said.

"They aren't stopping people from going in the store, but the atmosphere is intimidating," she said.

A motion, supported by the Liberals and the two other major parties, was presented to the National Assembly Feb. 9 condemning the long-running protests against Le Marcheur, owned by the Archambault family, and affirming the Quebec-Israel trade agreement. It was not debated because Québec solidaire MNA Amir Khadir refused to give his assent.

A similar motion was adopted March 22 by Montreal city council in a majority vote.

Lissoos wants some practical action that would end the demonstrations immediately, because he believes their "agenda is anarchistic and anti-free enterprise." He doesn't believe any other jurisdiction in North America would have allowed them to continue this long.

He pointed out that Naot is contributing to the economy of the Palestinians, as well as Israel. As he wrote to Charest: "The irony of the situation is that they are demonstrating against an Israeli factory which employs and has a significant collaboration with Palestinian families, who have factories in [east] Jerusalem and Hebron [in the West Bank] stitching the uppers of Naot footwear. These families have been working with Naot for 20 years and are dependent for their livelihood on Naot."

Lissoos further mentioned to *The CJN* that while the footwear is assembled in Israel, the leather is bought in Italy and the inserts are from Germany and Austria.

He said it's too early to tell if the protests are affecting Naot's sales in Montreal.

Lissoos said he would also be appealing to Montreal-area MP Irwin Cotler to see what he can do. Cotler is among a number of federal and provincial politicians who have visited Le Marcheur to show their support.

Lissoos is planning to post a sign in the St. Denis store explaining his company's side of the story, and perhaps launch a petition. However, he does not think the pro-Israel demonstrations that have taken place outside Le Marcheur and Naot are helpful because of the potential for conflict between opponents and the impact they are having on the neighbourhood's tranquility.

PURIM SWEETS: Students at the Zareinu Educational Centre helped to put Zareinu stickers on special Purim chocolate bars in preparation for a school-wide PTA fundraiser. Teachers and therapists at the school used the stickers as a fine motor skills exercise. Pictured are student Liam Faber with behaviour therapist Lindsey Athias.

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Schulich, Technion looking for a few good people

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Seymour Schulich is not a religious man, but his identification with the State of Israel and the Jewish people is one he wants to share with young people. His message to them is clear: it's time to step up, get involved and support an Israeli institution that develops the human resources that can help ensure Israel's continued survival and prosperity.

The institution to which Schulich is referring is the Technion, the Haifa-based educational facility renowned for developing human capital and serving as a cornerstone of Israel's technological and scientific infrastructure.

Schulich will be bringing his message to a select group of young adults at a March 31 "grand reception" at the Park Hyatt Hotel, sponsored by the Canadian Technion Society's Generation Next and JUMP, the Jewish Urban Meeting Place.

"I want to say to those kids, it's not a matter of religion," Schulich, 71, explained. "It's that you're in our tribe. Whether you like it or not, when the chips are down, if you are religious or not, this is the team you're on. You better recognize it and help."

"To me, Israel is a great insurance policy for our tribe. I hope we never have to cash it in, but you never know."

Schulich, who made his money in the resources sector, said growing up in Quebec, facing antisemitism and reading history made him sensitive to the potential for danger to the Jewish people. Ultimately, "we stand alone," he said.

He was particularly incensed by the way U.S. President Barack Obama snubbed Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the White House a year ago. Among other indignities, the president abruptly interrupted a meeting with Netanyahu to have dinner with his family. "I said, the reality is that we can't rely on anybody but ourselves."

Partnering with UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, World ORT and the Government of Israel, he gave $25 million to upgrade 850 Israeli classrooms with computers and whiteboards. "We all have skin in the game, so I think this will be a great project," he said.

Ten years ago, looking to support an Israeli educational institution, as he has numerous Canadian universities, Schulich investigated a number of Israeli schools and settled on the Technion. "I kicked all the tires and really liked what I saw," he said.

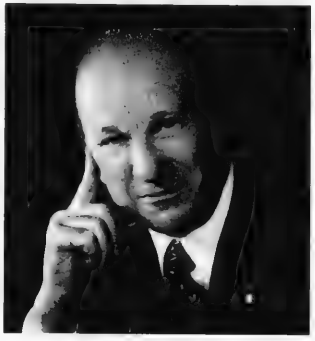
The Technion is an incubator of Israeli innovation despite having the smallest endowment pool among Israeli universities. Though it educates only 12,500 students, its graduates go on to provide more than 70 per cent of the country's CEOs of high tech industries. In addition, 90 per cent of Israeli start-ups are led by Technion grads, he said.

In 2006, Schulich donated $22 million to the school's chemistry faculty – a faculty close to his heart since as an undergrad at McGill University, he studied the same subject for two years before realizing his talents lay elsewhere.

A mining mogul, Schulich said he didn't make his first philanthropic donation until age 43 and "the first serious money I gave was at 55."

If you want to help, "you can give time, talent or treasure. I can give treasure and if you have treasure, it's the easiest to give," he said.

Hershel Recht, national development director of the Canadian Technion Society, said "the event is about young leadership and...why the smart money supports the Technion."



Seymour Schulich

The society, like other community agencies, is looking ahead to a time when current leaders and donors are no longer around. "The question is, where's the next generation?" he said.

The society's answer, in part, is its Generation Next, a group of 14 core members representing a variety of professions.

Young professionals may not have the funds to contribute immediately, Schulich said, but they can give of their time and talent. The society is on the lookout for young people to pick up the reins and develop into the next generation of leaders.

"I hope they become directors of the organization...I'm looking for people who will identify people who give cash and be interested. We need energy and young people."

"I want people to learn more about the organization and get involved," Schulich said. "Personally, I think it's one of the best things in Israel to do."

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March of Living director shares survival stories

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

When March of the Living national director Eli Rubenstein shares inspirational stories about Holocaust survival later this month, he hopes to inspire people to put their empathy to good use.

Eli Rubenstein

Rubenstein said he will use the chassidic Jewish tradition of storytelling during the March 30 lecture titled "Stories to Heal a Broken World," which is sponsored by the University of Toronto's Centre for Diaspora and Transnational Studies.

"I'm using storytelling because there is a chassidic idea that the act of telling a story itself can save the world," Rubenstein explained.

"When you hear a story you become part of the story. You place yourself in the shoes of the person in the story and you develop, probably the most important human quality, which is empathy. If you have empathy, that is the key to making the world a better place."

Rubenstein, who is also the founder of the Canadian March of Remembrance and Hope program, said that storytelling is a powerful tool because it can inspire people to act.

"When you tell a story, people are drawn into the characters, drawn into the narrative and they may ask themselves, 'What would I have done and what can I do in some small way to emulate the heroism and the courage of the people who resisted during those times of darkness?'" he said.

Rubenstein said that through March of the Living, he has been exposed to "exceptionally moving and touching moments of reconciliation and healing," and he hopes to share those stories with the gathering.

"These are stories of heroism and courage and righteousness and bravery that existed in the Jews who resisted the Nazis and the Jews who saved each others' lives."

Rubenstein said he recently heard an idea from Naomi Azrieli, the executive director of the Azrieli Foundation which publishes Holocaust testimonials, that resonated deeply with him.

"Nobody survived the Holocaust without the help, sacrifice and courage of somebody else. Somebody had to open a door for you, someone had to give you a smile, give you hope, give you shoes, bread, a helping hand," Rubenstein said.

"So much of the Holocaust [narrative] is tied up with understanding the barbarian cruelty – That is real and we have to understand that... but there isn't a single survivor today who isn't alive because of the heroism of either his fellow Jews or... people who are righteous among the nations who risked their lives to save them."

Rubenstein referred to the controversy that arose last year following the publication of Jenny Peto's master's thesis titled "The Victimhood of the Powerful: White Jews, Zionism and the Racism of Hegemonic Holocaust Education," which accused Jews of using Holocaust education to maintain a victim identity and promote their Zionistic ideologies.

Rubenstein called the allegations "harsh and unfounded," and added that he hopes the stories he shares at the lecture will help people better understand the goal of programs like March of the Living.

"[The goal is] to heal ourselves and the world of the wounds of the past, by confronting humanity's tragic history in the very places where the actual events unfolded."

Ato Quayson, an English professor and the director of the centre, said he wanted Rubenstein to be a part of the upcoming event because "he is a great collector of stories and a storyteller himself. He is such a great communicator."

He said he hopes the stories will be used for "healing purposes" and will "help us understand the world and how to live in it."

He added that the purpose of story telling is "to give the listeners a chance to pause and wonder about the degree of inhumanity" that humans are capable of.

"Man is capable of all kinds of beauty, but they are also capable of the worst damnation," Quayson said.

"It doesn't matter whether I'm Jewish or not... it doesn't matter whether I'm African and I'm familiar with African slavery. All that matters is that I'm human and that I'm sensitive to the pain of others."

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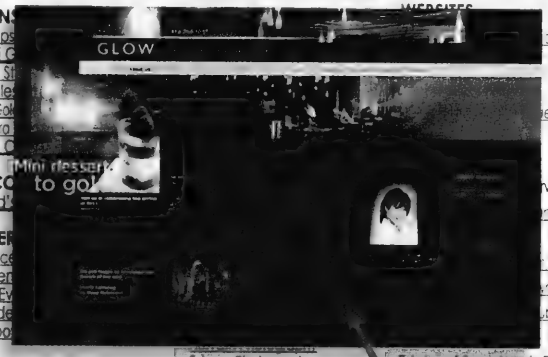

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U of T symposium focuses on Nazi ghettos

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

A Canadian scholar launched a recent symposium on Jewish ghettos in Nazi-occupied Europe by observing that the topic has become one of the most vibrant ones in contemporary Holocaust studies.

After years of neglect, it has morphed into a focal point of interest among specialists, said Doris Bergen, who holds the Chancellor Rose and Ray Wolfe Chair in Holocaust Studies at the University of Toronto.

With these introductory comments, Bergen kicked off the half-day symposium, which took place March 6 at the Munk School for Global Affairs.

It was sponsored by the Chancellor Rose and Ray Wolfe Chair in Holocaust Studies, U of T's Centre for Jewish Studies, the faculty of arts and science, the German and European studies department, the department of history and the Konstanty Reynert Chair in Polish history.

The featured speakers, Samuel Kassow and Dan Michman, respectively analyzed the Oyneg Shabbes archives from the Warsaw ghetto and the origin of ghettos under Nazi rule.

After an intermission, three young and upcoming Canadian and American historians specializing in the Holocaust responded to their talks.

Kassow, the Charles H. Northam professor of history at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., focused on the Oyneg Shabbes Archive.

Comprising 25,000 to 35,000 sheets discovered in 10 metal boxes and three milk cans after World War II, the archive has been stored at the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw ever since.

Portraying life in the doomed Warsaw ghetto, which was liquidated by the Nazis after the 1943 uprising, the archive consists of diaries, documents, commissioned papers and even restaurant menus.

Describing the archive as "history by the people, for the people," Kassow, a son of a Holocaust survivor, praised its compilers, calling their activities "a sublime act of resistance" in the face of Nazi oppression.

The archive was secretly established by Emanuel Ringelblum – a Marxist historian, social worker and politician born in 1900 and murdered in 1944 – and a group of Jewish writers in 1941, said Kassow, who was introduced by Anna Shternshis, the Al and Malka Green associate professor of Yiddish studies at the University of Toronto.

Oyneg Shabbes was conceived before the Nazis decided to exterminate the Jews of Europe in a systematic campaign of destruction, said Kassow, whose latest book, *Who Will Write Our History? Rediscovering a Hidden Archive from the Warsaw Ghetto*, is an examination of Oyneg Shabbes.

Calling it an expertly organized project, Kassow said it studied 80 different subjects under various team leaders. "He understood the importance of contemporaneous witnesses," he noted.

Like a good newspaper editor, Ringelblum asked his "reporters" to submit objective reports so that the legitimacy of the archive would not be questioned in the future.

In terms of its mission, Oyneg Shabbes evolved, first reporting on conditions in the crowded ghetto and then collecting material on deportations. Its members continued working even as conditions deteriorated drastically.

Rather than demeaned by the terrible times in which he lived, Ringelbum was ennobled by them, Kassow said.

All but three of his Oyneg Shabbes colleagues were killed in the Holocaust. Of the three survivors, only one knew where the archive had been buried. The 10 metal boxes were unearthed amid the ruins of Warsaw in September 1946. The milk cans were found in December 1950. The rest of the archive, thought to be under the foundations of China's embassy, was never found.

Michman, the chief historian of Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial and museum in Jerusalem, was introduced by Rebecca Wittmann, an associate professor of historical studies at U of T.

Noting that 1,040 ghettos were created by the Nazis, Michman said only about 20 have been exhaustively studied by scholars.

Michman, who doubles as a professor of modern Jewish history at Bar-Ilan University in Tel Aviv, argued that ghettos were initially not an integral part of the Nazi master plan to cleanse Europe of Jews.

He cited an example. Ghettos in the Soviet Union, occupied by Germany after the summer of 1941, were set up only after the first wave of Nazi killings there, said Michman, the author of *The Emergence of Jewish Ghettos during the Holocaust*, published recently.

The Nazis, perhaps inspired by the claim of antisemitic German historian Peter-Heinz Seraphim that the "Jewish peril" originated in ghettos, first used the ghetto to contain Jews.

Referring to the work of U.S. historian Christopher Browning, Michman explained that Germany's Nazi regime may have turned to ghettos as a solution after the failure of its Jewish expulsion policy.

Later, the Nazis sent ghetto inhabitants straight to death camps such as Auschwitz and Treblinka, said Michman, whose father, Joseph, was a former general director of Yad Vashem.

The recovery of the first cache of hidden material outside the burnt remnant of the Warsaw Ghetto on September 18, 1946
[Photo courtesy of Jewish Historical Institute, Warsaw]

Following a break, Michman's and Kassow's observations were discussed by three young historians.

Sylwia Szymanska-Smolkin, a Polish-born PhD candidate in history and Jewish studies at U of T, is writing a dissertation on Polish police and the Warsaw ghetto.

Elizabeth Strauss, a PhD candidate in history at the University of Notre Dame, is finishing a thesis on the elderly in the Lodz and Vilna ghettos.

Anna Hajkova, a PhD candidate in history and Jewish studies at the University of Toronto, is completing a dissertation on inmate society in the Theresienstadt concentration camp.

With the academic portion of the symposium at an end, Toronto singer Mitch Smolkin and pianist Nina Shapilsky performed songs from the Nazi ghettos.

Correction

The article "Fed. govt. gives shul accessibility grant" (March 10) included an incorrect location for Gan Yeladim Day Care. Gan Yeladim is on the upper level of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. As well, Gan Yeladim supervisor Shelley Wise was a member of the team that applied for the federal grant to improve accessibility at the synagogue. Kadimah Educational Centre supervisor Marcel Cohen wrote a letter of support stating how an elevator would be of benefit, but the final application was prepared by Beth Emeth's executive director Pearl Grandland and building manager Maxim Varshavsky.

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Students join in Carmel fire clean-up

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Inspired by his cousin who was killed during the four-day forest fire that ravaged the Carmel region in northern Israel last December, Ilan Mann was determined to be a part of the rehabilitation effort.

Mann, 21, a fourth-year fine-arts student at York University, remembers the night his mother called to give him the tragic news.

His cousin, 28-year-old Topaz Even Chen Klein, was one of the 40 prison guards killed in the fire that was caused on Dec. 2 by a boy who threw a burning hookah pipe coal into an open area in the woods.

When the prison guards were en route to evacuate the Damun Penitentiary, a fallen tree blocked their path and the flames quickly engulfed the bus they were riding.

Mann, who has a strong connection to Israel, having visited a number of times, and involved himself with Jewish campus groups including Hillel and Hasbara Fellowships, said he decided to approach Josh Cooper, the executive director for the Jewish National Fund (JNF)of Canada, when he learned about his cousin's death.

Alexandra Lorenzetti, left, Tracy Goldman, Rebecca Woods Baum, Jess Weiser, Zach Paikin and Ilan Mann planted trees with Jewish National Fund in Lavi Forest in the Galilee.

"I came up with the idea for the trip that very same night, and I spoke with JNF the next morning. They were immediately helpful," Mann said.

Within a few weeks, JNF organized a trip that sent five students from Toronto and Montreal to Israel from Feb. 20 to 27 to aid in the clean-up and fire prevention effort.

Rebecca Woods Baum, the outreach and program co-ordinator for JNF, said that part of the fire prevention strategy is to get rid of the branches that hang lower to the ground so that if a fire does break out, it doesn't spread as quickly, and doesn't spread to the treetops.

"Some of the students got really scratched up... it's like their war wounds," she said with a laugh.

The trip included visits to other JNF sites including Idmit Park, Lavi Forest in the Galilee, and Halutsiyot, which is a settlement for the evacuees of the Gaza disengagement in 2008.

The group also volunteered to restore areas of the Carmel that were destroyed by the fire, "man-made areas like picnic areas, places where children would be able to play," Woods Baum said.

Mann said that when he first laid eyes on the damage caused by the fire, which destroyed an estimated five million trees and claimed the lives of 44 people, he was amazed by what he saw.

"There was a part where we could see exactly where the fire ended... We were able to see how lush the forest was and then we were able to see the absolute devastation that the fire caused," Mann said.

"When I first saw it, it was incredibly devastating to see the mass amount of damage that was done. When it was put in the context of the amazing rehabilitation work that JNF is doing, not just in the Carmel but all around the country, it really motivated me to get involved and to get working for the rest of the trip."

At one point during their clean-up effort, the students visited the site of the bus tragedy, and Mann was able to recited the mourner's *Kaddish* for his cousin and all the other victims.

"We were able to tie a ribbon around the memorial. It was obviously very moving to be able to stand in the exact spot where it happened," Mann said.

Woods Baum, who said that she was taken aback by the blackened landscape that had replaced the lush greenery, estimated that it could take 20 years for the forest to be replenished.

But because the forest in the Carmel region was natural, JNF foresters are going to give it time to see if some of the trees begin to grow back naturally.

"Hopefully, there will be trees that the roots are deep enough that they can regenerate," Woods Baum said.

She said she was encouraged when she saw grass and flowers growing in some areas.

"It's a start, but it's very stark because you see green, but then if you look closely, you see that everything [around it] is black."

Mann said that while there is still so much to be done, he's motivated by Israelis who are eager join the rehabilitation effort.

"People from the age of 11 years old... to the age of 85 are using their weekends and coming after work and taking a few days off to bring their families to clean up the area," he said.

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Try some different desserts for Purim

Barbara Silverstein
Special to The CJN

Many of the best-known food writers and media personalities in the Greater Toronto Area are Jewish women. Some are Torontonians by birth, while others have made the GTA their adopted home.

People who immediately come to mind are Bonnie Stern, Rose Reisman, Norene Gilletz, Lucy Waverman, Daphna Rabinovitch, Susan Mendelson and Dufflet Rosenberg.

Since Purim is close, it's an opportune time to focus on desserts. Many of the women listed here generously contributed recipes to the Downtown Jewish community School's 30th anniversary cookbook (2010). Mendelson, Rabinovitch and Rosenberg all sent dessert recipes, which is no surprise, as baking has figured prominently in their careers.

Rabinovitch, who co-hosted *Canadian Living Cooks* on the Food Network, was also the director of *Canadian Living* magazine's test kitchen.

Rosenberg is the founder of Dufflet, her eponymous baking empire. The company supplies tens of thousands of cakes weekly to some 600 food establishments in the GTA.

Among local foodies, Rosenberg is regarded as a trailblazer, because she was one of the first local pastry chefs to specialize in high-end gourmet fare.

Mendelson, the author of 10 cookbooks, is a Toronto native who makes her home in Vancouver. She is known for putting the Nanaimo bar on the culinary map, but in Vancouver, it was her cheesecakes that first propelled her to fame.

DAPHNA RABINOVITCH'S CHERRY AND HAZELNUT RUGELACH

8 oz. cream cheese, softened
8 oz. unsalted butter, softened
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla
2 cups all-purpose flour
1/3 cup granulated sugar
1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1 cup chopped toasted hazelnuts
1 cup cherry jam
1 egg, lightly beaten
1/4 cup granulated sugar

In bowl of electric mixer using paddle attachment, cream together cream cheese and butter until light and aerated. Beat in sugar and salt. Beat in vanilla. Using wooden spoon, gradually stir in flour until just combined and dough is formed. On lightly floured surface, knead dough very gently into a ball. Cut ball into quarters. Wrap each quarter in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1 hour.

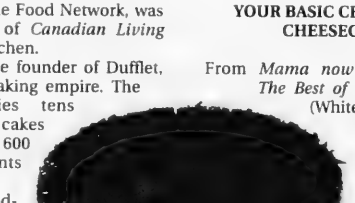
To make the filling, mix together granulated and brown sugars, cinnamon and hazelnuts.

On floured surface, roll 1 ball of dough into a 10-inch circle. Spread 1/4 cup of jam over surface, and sprinkle with 1/2 cup of the filling. Cut circle into 12 equal wedges.

Starting with the wide edge, roll up each wedge. Place cookies, with points tucked underneath, on parchment paper-lined cookie sheets. Chill for 30 minutes. Repeat with remaining balls of dough. Brush tops of each cookie with egg and sprinkle with sugar. Bake in centre of preheated oven at 350 for about 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on pan for 5 minutes. Transfer to racks to cool completely. Makes 48 rugelach.

YOUR BASIC CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE

From *Mama now cooks like this! The Best of Susan Mendelson* (Whitecap Books, 2006)



Chocolate Crust
1 1/2 cups chocolate wafers, crushed
1/3 cup butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350. Mix and press wafers and butter into a 9- or 10-inch springform pan. Bake 5 minutes.

Filling
1 lb. spreadable cream cheese
2/3 cup sour cream
1/2 cup sugar
2 tsp. vanilla extract
7 oz. semi-sweet chocolate
1 oz. bitter chocolate
2 large eggs
2 oz. shaved chocolate or chopped nuts

In a large mixing bowl, combine cheese, sour cream, sugar and vanilla and beat until smooth. Melt chocolate over hot water. Add to cheese mixture, beating until smooth. Add eggs and beat for 5 minutes. Pour filling into crust. Bake in preheated oven 40 to 45 minutes.

Sour Cream Topping
1 cup sour cream
1 to 2 tbsp. of your favorite flavouring
2 tbsp. sugar

Mix and spoon gently over cheesecake and return to oven for 5 minutes. When cooled, garnish with shaved chocolate or nuts. Yields 12 servings.

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Jewish communities mobilizing for Japan

Uriel Heilman
JTA

NEW YORK — Jewish organizations in North America are mobilizing their responses to the massive earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on Friday.

IsraAid, an Israel-based co-ordinating organization for 17 Israeli and Jewish humanitarian groups, said Friday that it has two teams of rescue personnel, emergency medical officers and water pollution specialists ready to deploy to Japan but was looking for ways to reach the affected area.

Howard English, spokesperson for UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, told *The CJN* on Monday that his organization had set up a donation campaign in partnership with IsraAid to send Canadian help to Japan.

Linda Kislowicz, CEO at UIA Federations Canada, confirmed that all of the Canadian federations had set up donation campaigns over the weekend, either through IsraAid or via the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). Federation CJA in Montreal has partnered with JDC.

Ve'ahavta, the Toronto-based Jewish humanitarian organization, had also set up an emergency response fund in partnership with the JDC, according to its website.

Because the airports in the affected area are flooded and Tokyo-area airports closed on Friday, IsraAid said it was exploring the possibility of flying to a nearby country and then trying to make it to northeast Japan, where the tsunami has killed hundreds and devastated cities and towns.

"We're in touch with local groups to check the situation in the area," Shachar Zahavi, chairman of the group, told JTA in a telephone interview. "We're trying to get to the closest airport and then get to the affected area from there."

Chabad reported that its emissary in Tokyo said the Jewish community there largely was spared any serious injury or damage from the 8.9-magnitude quake that rocked the city Friday morning. The Israeli Foreign Ministry said late Friday that some 25 Israelis in Japan still had not contacted family or embassy officials to report on their safety.

ZAKA, the rescue and recovery organization, announced Friday that it would send a search-and-rescue team to Japan.

The UN-recognized, Israel-based ZAKA International Rescue Unit has assisted at natural disasters around the world, including Haiti – it was the first Israeli delegation to arrive on the scene – the tsunami in Thailand and the hurricane in New Orleans.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel would help in whatever way possible.

The Japanese consul in Israel, Mitoshiko Shinomya, told the Israeli news website Ynet that he was heartened by the Israeli government's offer of assistance. "Israel officially offered its help an hour after the earthquake struck," Shinomya said. "It is very heartwarming, but at this point we do not know exactly what the extent of the damage is, so it is difficult for us to say what can be done."

The Jewish Federations of North America set up an emergency relief fund to help those in affected areas and urged local federations to do the same. "We are determined to provide emergency relief as quickly as possible and to work with our partners to provide support over the longer term as well," said Fred Zimmerman, chairman of the Jewish Federations' emergency committee.

The organization said it is working with its partner the JDC, which also started a Japan/Pacific disaster relief fund, to support relief efforts.

"JDC is now conducting an up-to-the-minute assessment of the situation in Japan and the Pacific Rim and has activated its network of partners to determine critical, immediate needs of the hardest-hit areas," the JDC said in a statement Friday.

B'nai Brith International and the Orthodox Union also established an earthquake emergency fund. A spokesperson for American Jewish World Service (AJWS), which played a leading Jewish role in responding to the massive 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami that devastated parts of Indonesia, Thailand and Sri Lanka, said it would not be responding to the Japan tsunami because AJWS, which works in the developing world, does not have a partner organization in Japan.

The ZAKA International rescue team is on its way to assist in the aftermath of the Japanese earthquake last week. ZAKA assisted in the recovery in Haiti after a devastating earthquake struck the island country last January. ***[FLASH90 photo]***

The devastating tsunami triggered by the biggest earthquake on record in Japan has at press time claimed more than 1,000 lives along the northeastern coast after a wall of water swept away everything in its path.

Thousands of residents were evacuated from an area around a nuclear plant after radiation levels rose in the reactor, but at press time there was no word on whether there had actually been a leak.

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Canada condemns Itamar massacre

Amos Harel
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JERUSALEM — Two days after Palestinian terrorists massacred five members of an Israeli family while they slept in their home in Itamar in the West Bank, the Israel Defence Forces sent reinforcements and began its investigation into the matter.

The victims of the attack were Rabbi Udi Fogel, his wife Ruth and three of their six children, 11-year-old Yoav, four-year-old Elad and three-month-old Hadas. Three children survived – 12-year-old Tamar, eight-year-old Ro'ie and two-year-old Shai.

Over the weekend, Canadian politicians spoke out against the murders.

On Saturday, Minister of Foreign Affairs Lawrence Cannon extended the country's condolences to the remaining family members and said Canada strongly condemns the "heinous" and "criminal act of terror against the Israeli people. The brutal killing of the five Israelis, including children, cannot be justified."

Cannon also called on the Palestinian Authority (PA) to "co-operate fully in the investigation."

In a statement on Sunday, Liberal Opposition leader Michael Ignatieff called the killings "an act of terrible violence and cruelty" and extended his party's sympathies to the family.

He added that he hopes the "murderer will be brought to justice, and that this act will not achieve its aim of further diminishing efforts for peace and stability."

Representative organizations of the Canadian Jewish community also denounced the attack.

On Saturday, the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC), the Canadian Council on Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA) and UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, issued a joint statement condemning "the gruesome murders" and urging the community to make donations to the UJA Victims of Terrorism Fund.

CIC chair Moshe Ronen termed the event a "slaughter" and "an unspeakably heinous act" and urged the international community and the Palestinian Authority to "unequivocally condemn" the massacre.

"More importantly, the Palestinian Authority and its president must immediately order an end to the anti-Israeli and anti-Jewish incitement that has long become part of daily life in their official media, schools and mosques," Ronen said. "Any tolerance of this incitement creates a toxic atmosphere in which the brutal slaying of a young Israeli family may seem the logical course of action for some."

Steven Cummings, national chair of CIJA, said the Canadian Jewish community's hearts "go out to the remaining children, now left orphans, to the community where they live, and to Israel which mourns this terrible tragedy."

He added: "There are reports that the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, which is part of Fatah, has proudly claimed responsibility. If this proves to be the case, it will not be sufficient for Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas to merely denounce the attack. He needs, without delay, to disarm and disband a terrorist group operating within his own organization."

The Israeli probe into the murders is being overseen by the Samaria District brigade commander, Col. Nimrod Aloni, and the IDF commander in the West Bank, Brig.-Gen. Nitzan Alon. The conclusions will be submitted to chief of staff Lt.-Gen. Benny Gantz.

Military sources confirmed Sunday that the authorities mishandled the initial signal triggered by the electronic security fence ringing the settlement when two Palestinian terrorists climbed over the fence and killed the Fogels and three of their children.

While Itamar is protected by a civilian security firm, the Givati infantry company responsible for the area oversees a much wider strip of territory that stretches across the northern West Bank. Another issue to be investigated is the extent to which the Givati Brigade supervises the settlement's security procedures.

A preliminary probe into the killings found that a civilian security guard who rushed to the fence the signal came from believed that the alarm had been triggered by an animal.

The IDF may enforce more stringent rules, such as notifying a senior officer whenever a fence alarm is sounded. That officer, perhaps a company commander in charge of the area, will have sole authorization to determine whether a false alarm has occurred.

Security personnel in settlements across Samaria have complained that the fences around the communities trigger too many false alarms.

Central Command has received reinforcements assigned to help if violence escalates across the West Bank, particularly in areas of tension between settlers and Palestinians. Possible flash points are the settlements near Nablus, the outposts in the Shiloh Valley just north of Ramallah, and the Hebron region.

Still, this realignment is relatively small compared with the scope of forces that were deployed on the ground after similar terrorist attacks during the height of the second intifadah.

The IDF and the Shin Bet security service continue to make wholesale arrests in an effort to track down the killers. So far, more than 20 Palestinians from villages near Itamar have been detained.

Army sources say the authorities will be able to find those responsible for the attack relatively soon. The Palestinian Authority is playing only a minor role in the manhunt.

In related developments, Abbas called the killing "despicable" and "inhuman and immoral."

"A human being is not capable of something like that," Abbas said in Arabic in an interview Monday morning on Israel Radio, in which his words were translated into Hebrew by the interviewer.

"Had we had advance information, we would have prevented this," Abbas said of the Sabbath eve attack on the Fogel family. He also said the PA would work to find the killer or killers responsible and that he has agreed a request by Israel to launch a joint investigation.

Abbas, who called Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday to offer his condolences – which Netanyahu called "weak and mumbled statements" – took issue during the interview with Netanyahu's accusation that the Palestinian Authority incites against Israel in its mosques and schools. He offered to set up an Israeli-Palestinian-American committee to look into the allegations.

Meanwhile, the ministerial committee on settlement affairs voted after Friday night's terror attack in Itamar to approve construction of 400 housing units in four West Bank settlements.

The Palestinian Authority and the United States condemned the plan.

With files from Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf in Toronto.

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Israel Briefs

Israel, UNESCO to teach Holocaust

Israel and UNESCO have signed an agreement to promote Holocaust education and combat its denial. The agreement signed in Paris between Israel and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization commits to the establishment of a centre within the organization devoted entirely to developing and promoting Holocaust education and combating its denial worldwide. The centre will function in accordance with resolutions adopted at the UN General Assembly in New York and UNESCO, according to Israel's Foreign Ministry. Israel will fund part of the project "after reaching understandings with UNESCO regarding its treatment of political issues on the agenda," according to the ministry. UNESCO director-general Irina Bokova and Israel's permanent delegate to UNESCO, Nimrod Barkan, signed the agreement.

Food event in Spain cancelled

An Israeli food event in Spain was cancelled after receiving threats from a Basque terror group. Israeli food month in the tourist city of Hondarribia, in the Basque region of Spain, was scheduled to begin last Wednesday. It was cancelled following threats from the ETA terror group, which supports the Palestinian struggle against what it calls "Israeli occupation," *Yediot Achronot* reported.

Foreign workers' children get reprieve

Israel has postponed the deportation of hundreds of children of foreign workers by several months. Interior Minister Eli Yishai announced his decision last Wednesday, saying he did not want to disrupt the children's school year, according to reports. "I have instructed the enforcement regarding families with children learning in Israeli schools to be postponed by a number of months," Yishai said. Protests have been stepped up in recent weeks against the deportation of 400 children of foreign workers, boosted by the presentation of an Academy Award to the film *Strangers No More*, a short documentary by American filmmakers Kirk Simon and Karen Goodman that chronicles the efforts of the Bialik-Rogozin School in south Tel Aviv to educate and integrate students from 48 countries, many the children of foreign workers. More than 100 of the school's students are under the threat of deportation, including one of the film's stars, Esther Aikpehae, 12, who fled with her father from South Africa after her mother was murdered. The deportations had been expected to begin this week.

UN human rights chief must be held accountable

Hillel Neuer
JTA

Analysis

The favourite word of Navi Pillay, the UN high commissioner for human rights, appears to be "accountability." Yet, with her own agency tainted by its longtime disregard of Libyan human rights violations – and by apologists for Libyan strongman Moammar Gadhafi's occupying key UN positions – it's high time for the high commissioner to prove that accountability begins at home.

Let's put aside that in the past three years, United Nations headquarters in New York opened every golden door to the terrorist from Tripoli. Never mind that the Gadhafi regime was granted membership on the elite UN Security Council, that its envoy was made president of the UN General Assembly or that the dictator's daughter, Aisha, was named a UN "goodwill ambassador." Indeed, one wonders why Gadhafi bothered trying to pitch his Bedouin tent in the middle of Manhattan when UN headquarters itself was already in his hands.

Instead, let's look only at Pillay's own human rights apparatus in Geneva.

Start with the 47-nation UN Human Rights Council. Until the current atrocities in Libya, this august body – dominated by members like China, Cuba and Saudi Arabia – turned a blind eye to Libya.

Well, that's not entirely true. They once did look at Libya – when the Gadhafi regime won an election last May to become a member of the council – by a landslide.

UN Watch led an international coalition of human rights groups, supported by courageous victims of Gadhafi's torture and terror, to protest. Pillay, however, was silent.

Only last week did the council seek to undo its shameful act by suspending Libya's membership.

According to our recent study of Pillay's statements from 2008 to 2010, she never once mentioned human rights in Libya.

The recent annual report of her department, a Geneva staff of many hundreds, boasts of its ardent support for the Durban process, for which she served as secretary general of the 2009 review conference on racism.

When Najat Al-Hajjaji, a representative of the Libyan regime, was chosen to chair that conference's two-year planning committee, Pillay stood at her side and became the world's leading cheerleader for Durban II, the follow-up in Geneva to the 2001 anti-racism conference in Durban, South Africa, that devolved into an anti-Israel festival. Not a word about the brutal regime that stood behind the conference chair.

It gets worse. Al-Hajjaji is, in fact, still operating within Pillay's office. It turns out she is one of the UN Human Rights Council's investigators on human rights violations by mercenaries.

This is no joke: at a time when Gadhafi is using mercenaries to kill his own people, one of his longtime representatives is sitting on the world's highest human rights body as a supposed defender of human rights – and, of all things, as a defender of victims of mercenaries. Pillay, who worked closely with Al-Hajjaji on Durban II, is refusing to comment, according to Fox News.

Finally, there is the council's advisory committee. In 2008, ignoring the appeal of UN Watch and 25 human rights groups, the council elected Jean Ziegler, the co-founder of the Muammar Gaddafi Human Rights Prize – a propaganda tool for the regime – to the committee, and last year, he was made its vice-president. Pillay said nothing.

Recipients of the prize include former Cuban president Fidel Castro in 1998, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez in 2004, Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega in 2009 and Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan in 2010. In 2002, Ziegler won it himself, sharing the prize with Roger Garaudy, a convicted French Holocaust denier.

The sad reality is that Libya was given a free pass by the UN rights system. So were all of the other Middle East dictators. Instead, for the past five years of its existence, the council has pursued a pathological obsession with that region's only democracy, Israel.

Seventy per cent of all the council's condemnatory resolutions have been against Israel. Six out of 10 urgent sessions criticizing countries have been against Israel. The council has only one standing agenda item on a specific country: Israel.

Defenders of Pillay's department, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, insist she is independent of the 47-nation council and therefore not directly responsible for its actions. True enough.

Yet sadly, unlike UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and his predecessor Kofi Annan, who at various points criticized the council's anti-Israel selectivity and bias, Pillay has said nothing. On the contrary, on several occasions she has fully endorsed maintaining the special agenda item on Israel, saying it is justified because of "occupation."

When the Middle East was aflame three weeks ago, Pillay was there. Well, not in the human rights hot spots, such as Egypt, Bahrain or Libya. Instead, she was in Israel, accusing the Jewish state of "discrimination."

Until the United Nations' highest human rights officials exorcise their Israel obsession and fix their broken moral compass, murderers like Gadhafi will continue to enjoy impunity.

Hillel Neuer, an international lawyer who represents Libyan torture victims, is the executive director of UN Watch, http://www.unwatch.org.

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Physician to be honoured for work on lupus

Cynthia Gasner
Special to The CJN

Rheumatologist Murray Urowitz, who spearheaded the development of one of the largest and most respected lupus clinics and databank research programs in the world, will be honoured April 2 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Toronto.

The event, called The Chrysalis Affair and organized by the Toronto General & Western Hospital Foundation, will celebrate Urowitz's contribution to lupus research and education over 40 years.

The lupus symbol is the butterfly. The chrysalis is a stage of development in the insect's metamorphosis into a butterfly – a work in progress.

The funds raised at the Chrysalis Affair will help establish the Murray B. Urowitz Fellowships in Lupus Research at the Toronto Western Hospital.

Lupus is an autoimmune disease that affects more than 50,000 Canadians and more than five million people worldwide, mainly women in their childbearing years.

One of the least known chronic autoimmune diseases, lupus is difficult to diagnose. It has a long list of symptoms resulting from chronic inflammation in different parts of the body, and patients can come in with one or a combination of symptoms.

Urowitz's parents, Sam and Bessie, emigrated from Poland in the early 1930s. He received his undergraduate degree at the University of Toronto, and completed his post-graduate education at both U of T and Johns Hopkins University in 1969.

On his return to Toronto, he worked at Wellesley Hospital, where he continued his research on lupus and became the chief of medicine.

He established the University of Toronto lupus clinic in 1970, and the Lupus Databank Research Program, now one of the largest such databanks in the world, in 1987.

The survival rate for lupus has increased greatly, as a result of his work and that of others. In 1974, the 15-year survival rate was 53 per cent. In 2010, the 20-year survival rate was 79 per cent.

When Urowitz attended medical school, he said in an interview, "there were zero classes in lupus. Now it's part of the curriculum."

Honey Agar, one of Urowitz's early lupus patients, said: "I met Murray officially in 1970 when I was dying in York Finch Hospital. He was a young doctor at Wellesley Hospital who had taken a strong interest in the little known disease called lupus.

"I spent seven years in and out of hospital being told I was crazy, hypochondriac – and I was dying."

Under Urowitz's care, Agar went into remission. In 1978, he helped her form a support group for patients, "as there was no information or help out there," she said.

Urowitz became the medical advisor of the newly formed Ontario Lupus Association (later Lupus Ontario). With the generosity of a major donor and other volunteers, many of them patients at the clinic, the databank was established.

With money raised by Lupus Ontario, a training program headed by Urowitz was established for young doctors who wanted to specialize in lupus disease.

In 1995, when Wellesley Hospital closed, Urowitz moved to Toronto Western Hospital, where he was asked to help develop a rheumatology division and to establish his lupus program.

After knowing Urowitz for 40 years, Agar said, "we are seeing both our dreams come true. He is an excellent teacher, probably the most forward-looking doctor I have ever met.

"He is well-loved by his patients, admired and respected by his residents, and not only myself, but thousands of other people all over the world owe Murray their lives. We, the lupus community, will forever thank him."

Interviewed in his office at Western Hospital, Urowitz, a professor of medicine at U of T, has numerous awards on his shelf including the Evelyn Hess Award for Outstanding Contribution to Lupus in 2009 by the Lupus Foundation of America, the Outstanding Clinical Teacher Award, which he won eight times, and he was the recipient of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada's 2004 Duncan-Graham Award.

His interests go far beyond his medical achievements. Among his list of communal activities, he served as president of Beth Tikvah Synagogue, chair of the board of the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, chair of the board of United Synagogue Day School (now Robbins Hebrew Academy) and a member of the board of Jewish education.

He travels internationally to speak on lupus and is a consultant for Israeli pharmaceutical companies that are developing treatments for patients with lupus.

Murray Urowitz

Urowitz speaks with pride of his three daughters, Anna Urowitz-Freudenstein, a teacher at TanenbaumÇHAT, Sara, a research scientist at Princess Margaret Hospital, and Rachel, also a teacher at Tanenbaum CHAT, as well as his eight grandchildren.

Married to his wife, Judi, for 47 years, whom he met at Camp Massad as a teenager, Urowitz says, "It was love at first sight. We got married when I was an intern and it has been spectacular all the time."

Urowitz said he is excited about his work, citing, "my interaction with patients, research that allows me to be involved in the creation of new knowledge and the interaction in teaching young physicians on their way to practising rheumatology in general and lupus specifically."

He describes himself as "outwardly relaxed but inwardly driven."

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Canadian investors get access to Israeli mutual funds

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Canada is widely acknowledged as having weathered the 2008-09 global economic recession better than most developed nations, but it doesn't hold a candle to Israel's performance.

In 2008, the first full year of the downturn, Canada's gross domestic product (GDP) struggled but grew at a rate of 0.5 per cent. Israel's economy increased by 2.8 per cent.

Through 2009, as the global financial crisis continued, Israel's economy grew by .8 per cent, while Canada's shrank by 2.5 per cent. At the same time, U.S. GDP contracted by 2.6 per cent, while the economies of Britain, Germany, France and Denmark all showed negative growth by even greater amounts.

In 2010, the results for Israel were even better: in the fourth quarter it led the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development with annualized growth of 7.8 per cent, and that followed five per cent annualized growth in the first half of the year. The good times were reflected in the price of Israeli stocks. In the four years before March 31, 2010, the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange returned 27.1 per cent, compared to the Toronto Stock Exchange's 0.1 per cent and the S&P 500's -9.5 per cent.

Not bad for a country whose international image seems to be stuck on conflict and even more conflict. Many investors still don't have Israel on their radar – although in recent years more and more attention has been paid to "startup nation" and its commercially successful innovations in high tech.

Last June, Bond Street Mercantile, a boutique investment house in the Bathurst Street and Eglinton Avenue area in Toronto, began to offer its clients access to the red hot Israeli economy through the Holy Land Investment Fund (HLIF), which possesses exclusive Canadian rights to Halman-Aldubi Mutual Funds (HAMF).

Last week, the two founding partners of the Halman-Aldubi Group, one of Israel's largest investment funds with more than $2.5 billion under management, were in Toronto to meet high-worth investors and discuss opportunities in Israel.

Around 50 people attended the event at the Village Shul, where they heard the remarkable story of Israel's economic achievement. Earlier, Uri Aldubi and Rony Halman, along with Zale Newman, president of Bond Street, met with a small group of reporters and emphasized the sunny prospects for the Israeli mutual funds they manage.

Highlighting the discussion was a focus on vast underwater natural gas reserves discovered in recent years in the Mediterranean off the coast of Israel.

The find promises to be a real game changer for Israel and the rest of the western world, said Newman.

"The findings are considered the biggest in the last 10 years, maybe the last generation," said Halman, who heads a team that manages the firm's investments. The U.S. Geological Survey believes they hold 122 trillion cubic feet of natural gas – more than do all the United States' known reserves.

What's more, he continued, the Israeli fields are relatively easy to exploit. One field, Tamar, will need only three holes to supply all of Israel's needs for a generation, he said.

But that is only the first step in a remarkable economic performance that, as the International Monetary Fund reported in January, allowed Israel to weather the global recessionary storm while still registering modest growth.

Israel is gearing up to turn the oil and gas fields into long-term trade assets. As exploration companies drill, they are creating the infrastructure needed to meet the demands of European and even Asian customers, Halman said.

It's expected that as they are developed, the various gas fields that lie in Israel's economic zone will go from providing all of the country's domestic needs, beginning in 2013, to supplying European nations as well.

Rony Halman, left, and Uri Aldubi met with Toronto investors to discuss opportunities in Israel.

The benefits to the Europeans are clear, said Halman. Israel can provide an assured supply free of the turmoil and political manipulations of current suppliers.

Events in the Middle East clearly demonstrate that concerns over Israeli political and security instability were misplaced. It is the Arab world that is unstable and which threatens the supply of fossil fuel, said Aldubi.

"Vis-a-vis Israel, Europe is not pro-Israel," he said. "One of the reasons is that they need Arab oil and 100 per cent of their gas comes from Russia."

European consumers of Russian natural gas and of Middle Eastern fuel will turn to Israel in the future for an assured supply, they asserted. (Russia notoriously used its supply of gas for political leverage over one-time Soviet republics, which in 2009 had the effect of cutting supplies to western European consumers.)

"The possibility of getting gas from Israel is in the air," said Aldubi.

Even more, pipelines from Ashkelon, a port city on the Mediterranean, will carry the gas and oil south to Eilat, where they can be transported to markets in Asia, added Halman.

Newman said Bond Mercantile will offer its clients access to seven Halman-Aldubi funds, "with good Canadian flavour."

The funds specialize in oil and gas, real estate – which is booming in Israel – and financial services, as well as corporate and government bonds and fixed income funds.

HAMF, which is 50 per cent owned by Canadian and American investors, has had a stellar record of returns, said Halman. "Year after year, we're among the best three in Israeli mutual funds, among 1,200."

"Meaning we didn't choose them because of their good looks," added Newman. "This will change everything you know about Israel."

Among the six funds being touted by Newman were the Opportunities Fund, which returned 244 per cent in 2009; the real estate fund, which gained 162 per cent that year; and corporate bonds, which advanced 123 per cent. Bond's Holy Land Investment Fund has chosen to invest in six HAMF funds: the Opportunities and Real Estate funds; three Israeli bond funds and one fixed income fund, giving a Canadian investor a balanced portfolio of Israeli investments, said Newman.

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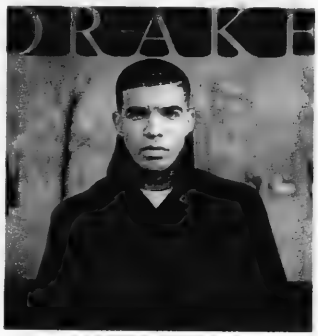

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Names in the News: Toronto-based Jewish rapper **Drake** is up for six nominations in the 2011 Juno awards, which he is to host. The 40th annual awards ceremony takes place during Juno week, March 21 to 27. Other nominees include **Arcade Fire**, **Broken Social Scene**, **Hedley**, **Johnny Reid**, **Justin Bieber** and **Sarah McLachlan**. www. junoawards.ca

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Names in the News II: Jac Holzman, former record company founder and presently an adviser to **Edgar Bronfman Jr.** of the Warner Music Group, is being inducted this week into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. The 79-year-old Holzman founded Elektra Records in 1950, recording such artists as **Theodore Bikel**, **Phil Ochs**, **Judy Collins**, the **Butterfield Blues Band**, the **Doors** and **Queen**.

Holzman told the *New York Times* in a recent profile that his company, by remaining small, was able to beat out the larger record companies when it came time to sign up talent. "The reason indies beat majors as a rule is that the people who own these companies can make decisions and move," he said. "I can tell you story after story about hearing something and making the deal that day, while it took Columbia six weeks to process the demo and decide they wanted the band. Hey, too bad. They're in the studio for Elektra."

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French Film Festival: Cinéfranco, the 14th annual celebration of international francophone cinema, is screening more than 40 films, including several with specific Jewish themes and content. Three such films are listed below. The main screens are at the TIFF Bell Lightbox. The festival runs from March 25 to April 3. For more details, please visit www.cinefranco.com

• *Kigali Jerusalem* (2010) is a French-made documentary about young people who travel to Rwanda and Israel to reflect on how to keep the memory of the tragic Jewish and Tutsi genocides alive. (March 26, 4:30 p.m.)

• *Five Brothers* (2010) is a French-made adventure film about members of the Hayoun family, one of whom is chased by the Marseille Mafia, resulting in knowledge of a painful secret about their father's death. (April 3, 7:30 p.m.)

• *So Happy Together* (*Tellement proches*, 2009) is a French-made comedy about 30-something man-child **Alain**, who cannot handle being a father, and various family members and their respective quirks. April 3, 5 p.m.

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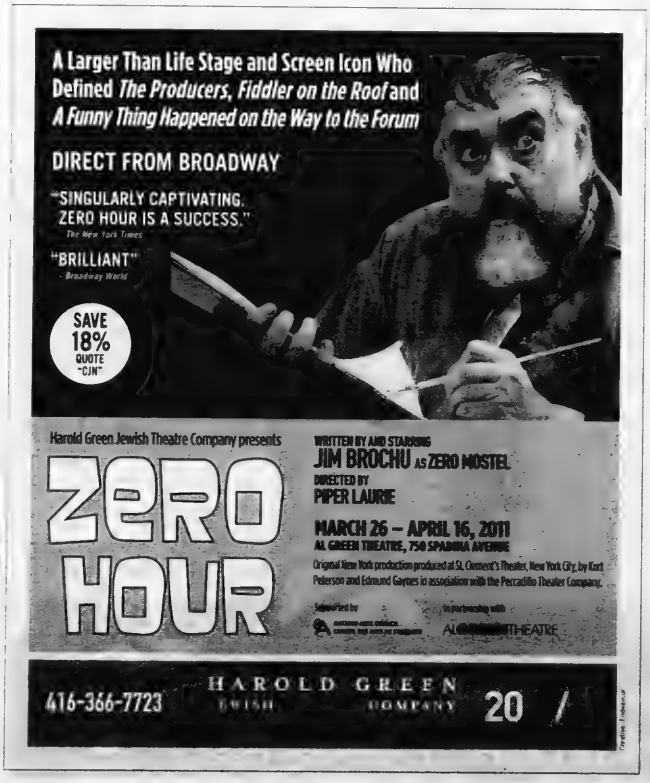
Arts in Brief

• Toronto Jewish Film Society's screening of *Green Fields* (*Grine Felder*), the 1937 Yiddish classic (subtitled), also features guest speaker **Jack Newman**. Miles Nadal JCC, Al Green Theatre, Sunday, March 20, 4 and 7:30 p.m. $15, $10. 416-924-6211, ext. 606.

• **Jordan Klapman** discusses Tony award-winning composer-lyricist **Jerry Herman** (*Mame*, *Hello Dolly*) with live piano and early recordings as the next instalment in his series, Broadway's Great Jewish Composers and Songs We Love To Sing. Active Seniors, Miles Nadal JCC, Thursday, March 24, 1:30 p.m. 416-924-6211, ext. 155.

• The **Vistas Quartet**, consisting of four musicians from the Royal Conservatory's Glenn Gould School of Music, perform a concert of light classics. $12, $15; refreshments. Congregation B'nai Torah, 465 Patricia Ave. Sunday, March 27, 8 p.m. 416-226-3700, ext. 21.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Cantor celebrates 10 years at Beth Sholom

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

Cantor Eric Moses is celebrating 10 years as cantor at Beth Sholom Synagogue, with a concert on April 5 featuring Joshua Nelson, an African-American Jewish entertainer.

Moses will also be joined by his brother Alex,and Cantor Gideon Zelermyer and Stephen Glass of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim in Montreal.

For the first time in public in 20 years, Moses plans on playing classical piano on a full-size grand.

"My mother was a teacher at the Western Ontario Conservatory of Music and I played all through my childhood. I've been practising and practising for this concert."

He called Nelson, whose singing is a distinctive combination of traditional Jewish and gospel music, "electrifying."

Moses, 40, who is married and has three young children, said he is grateful to be a cantor. "In life, we all have certain gifts, but we're not given the opportunity to share them. I'm fortunate in that category."

Born in Sudbury, Ont., – his family left when he was 13 – Judaism became very important to him. "I think that my

Cantor Eric Moses

Jewish identity was strengthened as a young boy because when you don't have it around you, you crave it more. I always knew I was different from other kids, but I was proud of it. It forced me to ask more questions."

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Actor brings Zero Mostel to life

Kathryn Kates
Special to the CJN

As a teenager in the 1960s, Jim Brochu went to see Broadway's *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, starring Zero Mostel.

After the show, Brochu went backstage to meet his friend, actor David Burns. It was there that Mostel and Brochu's lives collided – literally – when Brochu turned a corner and slammed right into the larger-than-life actor.

Years later, Brochu, an actor, brings the iconic Jewish entertainer back to life – Mostel died in 1977 – in the Canadian première of the one-man show he wrote and stars in, *Zero Hour*.

The show, which won a 2010 New York Drama Desk Award for Best Solo Performance, is directed by Oscar-nominated actor Piper Laurie. Direct from Broadway, it runs in Toronto in March and April.

Brochu hadn't heard of Mostel before seeing *Forum*. "This man was brilliant," exclaims Brochu. "I was attending military school, so I had a uniform on. He looked me up and down and asked, 'Who are you, General Nuisance?'

"When I told him I came to see my friend Davie Burns, he said, 'You never come to see me,' so I asked, 'Can I?'

"He told me, 'You'd better, I expect it'... and off he went. So, whenever I went back to see Davie, I would see Zero first."

Brochu says that Mostel's mannerisms slowly seeped into him.

"I acted in high school and recently found my yearbook. It read, 'Jim Brochu is the Zero Mostel of LaSalle.' So, when I was 18 years old, I was being compared to him."

A reviewer of a show Brochu performed in, in 1970, wrote that if someone ever did the Zero Mostel story, Jim Brochu would be his choice for the lead.

"I was only 23 years old. Zero just had this influence over me, and I always thought that one day I would take it [the role] on," Brochu says.

The show opened in Los Angeles in 2006 and has since toured America. The play follows Mostel, a three-time Tony Award recipient and movie star, from his youth to his rise to stardom, including his time on Hollywood's blacklist during the 1950s. It is set in Mostel's painting studio on West 28th Street in New York. Mostel thought of himself as a painter first and foremost. Incidentally, Brochu also paints.

While Mostel was not observant, he was kind of a closet religious Jew, Brochu says. "His family disowned him when he married his Catholic actress wife, Kate. The couple didn't share a bedroom. Often his son would come home late at night and find his father's door slightly ajar and Mostel davening."

Although Brochu was born Catholic, he says that he was raised in the Jewish culture. His priest once told him that he was a Jew in his heart.

"I had always wanted to be a priest, until June 20, 1959, when my father took me to see his friend Ed Zimmerman's daughter in a play. Ed's daughter was Ethel Merman and the play was *Gypsy*.

"I met her after in the dark, empty theatre," says Brochu. "She asked what I was going to do when I grow up, and at that moment, the curtain went up... and I said, 'Miss Merman, I'm going to be an actor.' That day changed my life. It was two years after that, that I met Zero."

Brochu's theatre writing credits include *Cookin' with Gus* and the musical *The Big Voice: God or Merman?*, which he also starred in. He is currently writing a two-person play with himself as circus showman P.T. Barnum.

Jim Brochu as Zero Mostel at the Al Green Theatre

Brochu's television credits include *All My Children, The Young and The Restless* and *Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman*. His first appearance in a feature film was in *The Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight*, opposite Robert DeNiro.

He also wrote the unauthorized biography *Lucy in the Afternoon: An Intimate Memoir of Lucille Ball*. Brochu and Ball spent a lot of time together near the end of her life.

The show Zero Hour, *presented by the Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company, runs March 26 to April 16 at the Al Green Theatre in Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre. For tickets, call 416-924-6211 or visit www.stlc.com. Some of Mostel's drawings and paintings are on display in Jacobs Lounge at Miles Nadal JCC.*

Joshua Nelson to perform at concert

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A graduate of the Tel Aviv Cantorial Institute under the direction of Naftali Herstik, chief cantor of the Jerusalem Great Synagogue, Moses first graduated with an MBA.

"I hadn't intended to be a full-time cantor [but when I thought about it], a cantor advised me to complete my degree. He said I'll sing better if I know I have a full education."

Among his most memorable performances, he said, are appearances on the *Merav Michaeli* television show in Israel, and a gala cantorial concert at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in Florida. He has produced two CDs and served as president of the Toronto Council of Chazzanim from 2006 to 2008.

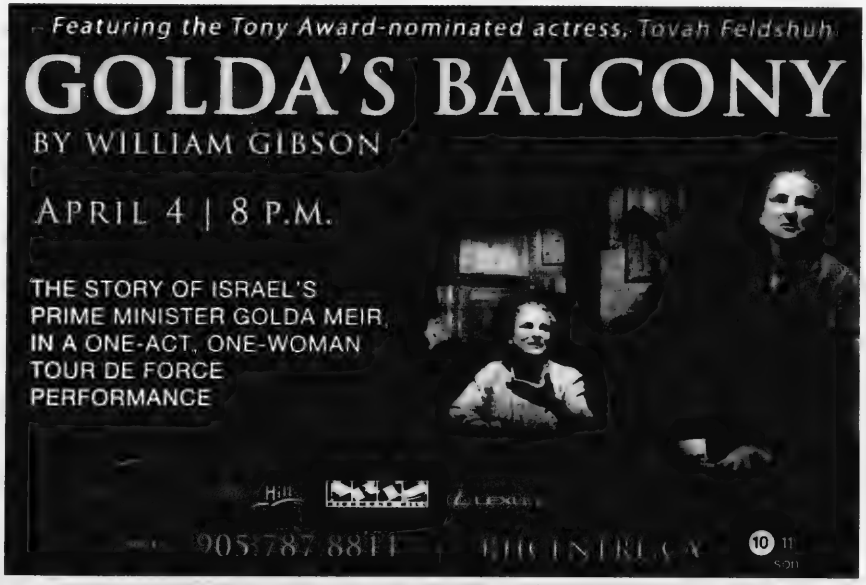
He also produced tributes to Cantor Eliezer Kirshblum and the late Cantor David Bagley.

Being a cantor is a "24/7 thing. It's always with me. I admit I have been faced with stage fright, but I've tried to combat it. I've been performing since I was six years old, so I know that once you settle into a concert, the stage fright leaves. It's the anticipation that is sometimes difficult."

He feels privileged to work at Beth Sholom, he said. "I have a unique friendship with Rabbi Aaron Flanzreich, and it is a wonderful congregation. When my wife was ill, we had tremendous support from the congregation and the broader community."

In his 10 years at the synagogue, he said, he has taught some talented bar/bat mitzvah students, and four of them will be joining him on stage at the concert.

Moses performs with Joshua Nelson at Beth Sholom Synagogue on April 5. For tickets and information, call the synagogue at 416-783-6103.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Canadian journalist finds a niche as a novelist

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Cynthia Holz has reached a place of her dreams.

"I've been waiting all my life for this moment," she said. "I'm free to pursue my writing, which is my passion."

A published novelist and short-story writer, Holz, at 60, is semi-retired and, finally, no longer in need of a fulltime job to support herself.

It took Holz, a former journalist and writing instructor, 30 years to get to this point.

A dual Canadian-American citizen with five novels and one collection of short stories to her credit, she began publishing non-fiction in literary journals in 1980.

Even after the publication of her first book, *Home Again*, in 1989, she had to scramble to make ends meet.

"Nothing in the arts in Canada is lucrative," she said in an interview at a midtown Toronto café, nursing a café latte." Canada is too small a market, though a few people make a living from it. I've told my students, 'Don't give up your day job.'"

Holz, whose latest novel, *Benevolence*, will be published on March 19, generally explores themes ranging from family and friendship to the burden of history.

As a younger writer, she focused on romantic love and relationships. Nowadays, she is much more interested in the exploration of goodness and kindness.

"I've expanded my interests, said Holz, whose first book was followed by *Onlyville* (1994), *The Other Side* (1997), *Semi Detached* (1999) and *A Good Man* (2003). "I'm interested in larger questions about the human condition," added Holz, whose next novel will be about death and dying.

Born and raised in New York City, she invariably constructs her novels around Jewish characters.

In *Benevolence*, which touches on altruism and forgiveness, the main character, Dr. Ben Wasserman, is an organ transplant psychiatrist.

In *A Good Man* and *Semi Detached*, which are respectively novels about loss and regret and the costs of freedom, the chief characters are Izzy Schneider, a Holocaust survivor, and Barbara and Elliot Rifkin, a couple who agree to lead quasi-separate lives.

Cynthia Holz
[Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Onlyville, which explores love, loss and discovery, turns on Anna Berman, a woman trying to sort out her life after leaving her boyfriend and settling on a small island.

"My characters have a sensibility that's Jewish," explained Holz. "I don't make any bones about it, and that's that. It's a part of their identity."

She uses the same method for each book. Starting with an idea and then a cast of characters, Holz sets off on her journey. "I know where I want to go. The challenge, and the pleasure, is to fill in the middle."

Thanks to her training as a journalist, she spends as much as a year on research, stopping in mid-course if she encounters a gap in her knowledge.

She is a slow, meticulous writer. "I sweat over every sentence," said Holz, who writes about four hours a day. "It has to sound beautiful, sentence by sentence."

Always drawn to words, she studied English literature at New York University. After graduating with a BA degree, she landed an entry-level position at *Business Week*, a magazine she had never even heard of.

Working her way up the ladder, she was by turns an assistant editor, reporter and columnist. Promoted to Canadian correspondent in 1976, she travelled across the country in search of stories, meeting her husband, Bill Grouchy, a locomotive engineer from Newfoundland, on a trip.

Their only child, Paul, is a PhD student at the University of Toronto.

On the whole, she did not enjoy her beat. Covering a digital watch convention in Saskatchewan, for example, was not particularly satisfying.

"There was usually no room for self-expression in business journalism," she observed. "I wanted to write fiction passionately, so I decided to give it a go."

By any yardstick, her decision to leave *Business Week* after two years in Canada was a courageous one. "I gave up a steady job and an expense account." But she liked Toronto, her base, and could live cheaply here. "There was no turning back."

Holz had no trouble making the transition from journalism to fiction, and was soon publishing short stories in such periodicals as *The Fiddlehead* and *Antigonish Review*.

Since they paid a pittance, she worked in a second-hand bookshop and wrote freelance essays and book reviews for newspapers and magazines.

There were other gigs, too. For nearly 20 years, she taught creative writing at Ryerson, and in 1999, she was writer-in-residence at the Toronto Public Library. Throughout the years, she gave talks and readings all over the country.

"I was piecing together a living," recalled Holz, a member of PEN Canada and the Writers' Union of Canada.

She has no intention of ever returning to New York City. "I immediately loved Toronto. It was green and friendly, and Canada was a kinder, gentler society. This is my home."

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Former Pink Floyd frontman joins Israel boycott movement

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Former Pink Floyd bassist and songwriter Roger Waters has joined the campaign of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against Israel, and is urging other artists to do the same.

In a letter posted on the website of the Alternative Information Center, Waters said he would continue to wage a boycott campaign against Israel until it ends its occupation of the West Bank and dismantles the security fence, grants full equality to Arab citizens of Israel and allows all Palestinian refugees to return to their homes in Israel.

"Where governments refuse to act, people must, with whatever peaceful means are at their disposal," Waters, a co-founder of the Pink Floyd rock band, wrote in the letter dated Feb. 25.

"For me it means declaring my intention to stand in solidarity, not only with the people of Palestine, but also with the many thousands of Israelis who disagree with their government's racist and colonial policies, by joining a campaign of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against Israel.

"My conviction is born in the idea that all people deserve basic human rights. My position is not anti-semitic. This is not an attack on the people of Israel. This is, however, a plea to my colleagues in the music industry, and also to artists in other disciplines, to join this cultural boycott."

Waters last performed in Israel in 2006. After visiting Jerusalem and Bethlehem and viewing the security fence – on which he spray-painted "we don't need no thought control," a lyric from the Pink Floyd song *Another Brick in the Wall* – he cancelled his concert at a sports stadium in Tel Aviv and moved it to Neve Shalom, a village in which Jews and Arabs live together in a planned community.

Waters is reportedly planning to place an opinion piece about the ongoing problems in the Middle East in either the *New York Times* or Britain's *Guardian* newspapers, but he has pre-empted that by speaking to TV news network Al Jazeera.

Waters is presently beginning the European leg of his tour of *The Wall* album which played throughout North America last fall.

The Anti-Defamation League criticized some of the images he used in these shows , which juxtaposed the Star of David and dollar signs, which he later changed.

Other artists, including Elvis Costello and the Pixies, have cancelled concerts in Israel in recent months, citing political reasons.

With files from The CJN

Track and field star gets full biographical treatment

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Standing 5 feet 5 inches and weighing 110 pounds, Abel Kiviat was a force of nature.

One of the finest middle-distance runners in athletic history, he reached his prime prior to World War I, when, as a member of the U.S.A. track and field team, he won a silver medal in the summer Olympic Games in Stockholm in 1912.

A teammate of the legendary native American athlete Jim Thorpe, Kiviat faded from public view in the 1920s, only to reappear in a blaze of glory in the 1980s when a New York historian suggested he be honoured on his 90th birthday. Now a celebrity again, he was inducted into both the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame and the U.S. Track & Field Hall of Fame.

Alan S. Katchen, a historian, has resurrected his life and times in a workmanlike biography, *Abel Kiviat: National Champion* (Syracuse University Press).

Kiviat (1892-1991), a world record holder in the metric mile, was the oldest of seven children and the son of Polish immigrants from Bialostok who arrived in America in the last decade of the 19th century.

Being traditional Jews, Kiviat's parents, Morris and Zelda, never really understood his passion for sports, believing that athletics was for gentiles. They dropped their objection after he convinced them that track and field was not a contact sport.

Kiviat, who was born on New York's Lower East Side but grew up on Staten Island, became a champion athlete while attending high school. As Katchen suggests, he possessed the three qualities of an accomplished middle distance runner: toughness, talent and desire.

Dropping out of school, he joined the Irish Club, the dominant track team of the day, which covered all his expenses, provided him with a job and gave him wide publicity.

In a deliberate effort to reinvent himself as an all-American athlete, he changed his first name from Avraham to Abel. It appears that Kiviat's Jewish background made no difference to his Irish teammates. "In one sense, this was surprising," Katchen writes. "Antisemitic attitudes and behaviours were common among the New York Irish early in the century."

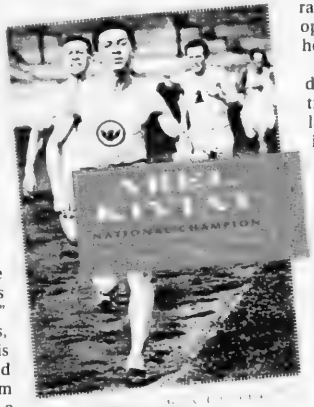
Kiviat's excellence as an athlete probably contributed to his acceptance. In 1911, he set a world record for the metric mile – 3:59.2 – and either held or shared world indoor records for the 600-, 880- and 1,000-yard events.

At the Olympic trials, he had no trouble securing a place on the U.S. team. In Stockholm, Kiviat was the favourite in the 1,500 metres. He led until the last eight metres, but was edged out by Arnold Jackson of Britain in a photo finish. He would describe his second-place finish as a great disappointment.

Shortly afterward, in Montreal, he smashed the Canadian mile record, one of Canada's oldest, and went on to launch what Katchen calls "the most productive stretch of his career."

Apart from running the fastest 440 yards of his career, 50.6, he broke the world record in a three-quarter mile handicap event and held world indoor records in five events – 600 yards, 1,000 yards, 1,320 yards, the mile and 1.5 miles.

Yet Kiviat's star status did not shield him from antisemitism. In 1913, while getting off a Staten Island trolley near his home, he was assaulted by several hooligans with baseball bats. His younger brother, Harold, says he was targeted by antisemites who resented Kiviat's acclaim.



Two years later, the Amateur Athletic Union, the governing body of sports in the United States, suspended Kiviat for having demanded "appearance money" at an event in upper New York state. He was thus barred from all competitions, a bitter blow and a disgrace.

In the face of his denials, he was reinstated. He remained silent about this "black mark on my heart" for the next seven decades, but toward the end of his life, he reluctantly admitted he had accepted a small sum of money, $25 or $35, for a race he had won.

Rejecting tempting offers to turn professional, Kiviat enlisted in the U.S. army in 1917, and was sent to fight in World War I in France. One night, it was his turn to drive an ammunition truck to the front. A fellow soldier who switched places with him was killed by a direct hit.

After being demobilized, his wife, having had an affair with a successful physician, demanded a divorce. Cast adrift, he went to live with his parents.

He returned to track and field and ran for a few more years, but not at his optimum level. In his last race, in 1924, he withdrew after stumbling.

Katchen says he lived "a lonely and desperate existence" after leaving track and field. Unemployed, he finally landed a job as a bond salesman at an investment banking firm, which usually reserved its positions for non-Jews. In the wake of the 1929 stock market crash, Kiviat found a job as a recreation supervisor. Subsequently, he was a salesman at a car dealership. From 1944 onward, he was a deputy federal court clerk.

He always maintained a foot in sports, sitting on the governing board of the second Maccabiah Games and serving as a press-box steward at Madison Square Garden and Penn Relays track meets.

In 1984, when the summer Olympics were held in Los Angeles, he was asked to carry the Olympic torch. When he was 98, he won the 100-metre race in New Jersey's Senior Games. Approaching his 100th birthday, he was spry and alert, a trooper till the end, Katchen suggests.

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Hockey playing brothers are friendly rivals

• **Paul Lungen**
• Staff Reporter

It's nice to see a sibling rivalry continue even when the brothers are grown up and on their own.

Adam and Bryan Weinberg are hockey-playing brothers, aged 27 and 20 respectively, who play at fairly high levels – Adam was an accomplished junior player who got an offer to play for a NCAA Division 3 school; Bryan is currently in the lineup of the Vaughan Vipers of the Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL).

A third brother, Jordan, 25, likewise played Tier II junior hockey, with North York Rangers and Ajax Axemen, while a fourth brother, Steven, plays recreational hockey.

Adam acknowledged a rivalry with Jordan, even though they were actually on the same team for one year in Ajax when they were 20 and 18 years of age, respectively. "Me and Jordan played a year together in junior and that was pretty cool," said Adam. "We were competitive in everything, so it was really fun to play with him."

Bryan witnessed up close that desire for one-upmanship, and perhaps some rubbed off on him. When his two older brothers ended their junior careers, "they helped me with tips," he said, "but whenever I'm doing well, they say the game has changed and if they were playing, they'd be better.

"Everybody wants to be top dog. But they're washed up, so they're kind of reliving their playing days when they talk about their stats."

Okay, a sports reporter who has two young sons who like nothing better than to fight over everything, can play along: "Who's the best player?" Bryan is asked.

"Now, I am. I can play more than a couple of minutes without getting tired."

Ka-ching.

But if you were all in peak condition?

"It's unclear," he said. "We're all a little different in playing style. It's a team game."

Jordan, Bryan and Adam Weinberg hold the Canadian Multicultural Hockey Championship trophy they won as part of the Israeli Stars of David.

Finally, a compliment – sort of.

Adam, who works as a chiropractor, puts it this way. "We're supportive of each other, but we're pretty competitive."

You get the impression there might have been some elbowing at the dinner table when it came time to pass the mashed potatoes. But now, at least once a year, the brothers can put aside their differences and pull together on the same team. All three suited up for the Israeli Stars of David in the annual Canadian Multicultural Hockey Championships, held during the mid-winter break. The event brings together ethnic teams from around the GTA. The Stars of David distinguished themselves last December by winning a gold medal in the elite division. All three Weinbergs were part of the team, though they didn't play on the same line. It was the second time in three years the Stars of David finished first.

"The Stars of Israel is one of the rare occasions when we can play competitive hockey together," said Adam. "It's pretty neat playing together."

Adam evaluates the boys' hockey skills like this: Jordan, a rearguard, "is very good defensively. Bryan is more like a hard worker, a hard skater who likes to grind it out. I'm the offensive guy, the sniper who puts the puck in the net and sets up plays."

Adam, who skates twice a week in men's league at York University, said he's played for the Stars of David for the past four years. When he attended his first tournament, he recognized a lot of the guys on other teams and knew they were good players. "The Jewish guys were not supposed to be good at sports, especially hockey. I was pleased to see how many good players there were. I saw the team play and said, 'yeah, we're going to do alright'."

Three years ago, when they won their first title, "We turned some heads when we started doing well. They didn't think we could do so well. It even turned my head," he said.

The 2010 team was the best so far, said Adam, who along with Jordan served as an alternate captain. "It was the fastest team that was there and we had lots of talent."

Typically for quality hockey players, the boys got an early start in the sport. Adam said his mother enrolled him in skating lessons when he was five years old and the boys played house league for many years.

Bryan recalled playing with his dad, Jeffrey, and brothers on Lake Muskoka near the family cottage. "He plays shinny with friends and he gets us to play with them to show us off."

With the OJHL regular season over, Bryan now is in playoff mode. He had requested a trade from Mississauga Chargers to go to a team involved in the post season. The Vipers eliminated North York in the first playoff round and then tackled Kingston Voyageurs in the seven-game Southeast Conference semi-finals. They trailed the "Vees" 2-0 early in the series.

As for Adam, he recently got married and began work as a chiropractor. Jordan too is slated to be married soon. That has pretty much spelled an end to their competitive hockey careers.

"We'd have loved to go to Europe and play professionally for a time," said Adam. "If I was single, I'd probably be in Europe.

"But, I stopped on my own terms to go to chiropractic school. The dream is over."

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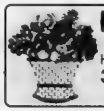

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Canadians help launch Israel art web portal

Jenny Hazan
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TEL AVIV — Three young Canadian Jewish women have helped to launch a new web portal – Omanoot.com – an English-language site showcasing Israeli arts.

Quite possibly the first site of its kind, it encompasses all the arts of an entire country, including film, music, literature and visual art. Omanoot.com – "omanoot" means "art" in Hebrew – aims to paint a picture of Israel that fewer people see and give them a different sort of opportunity to connect to the country.

"Everybody knows about Israeli technology and startups, but the same creative energy is pouring into the arts," says Omanoot.com founder Edoe Cohen, 32. "We want to bring that energy to the world. Why do people fall in love with Israel? It's not the politics. It's the culture and the vibrancy, and the creative energy of our society."

Cohen, who moved to Israel from the United States when he was 15 years old, arrived at the idea for Omanoot.com when he was a student of political science and modern Jewish studies at Columbia University in New York. It was just after the second intifadah, and sentiment on campus was vehemently anti-Israel.

"I realized very quickly that the way to make people feel connected to Israel was not through 'talking heads,' but through cultural diplomacy," says Cohen, who was instrumental in bringing Israeli bands and other artists to campus.

"People connect to the culture, the people, the energy [of the country]. I saw first-hand the power of the arts to bring people together and connect them to Israel."

Cohen, who is enrolled in the Kellogg-Recanati International Executive MBA program at Tel Aviv University, commenced work on the site in 2007, after receiving startup funds from several philanthropic sources, among them the ROI Community of Young Jewish Innovators, a worldwide network of young social entrepreneurs.

ROI also helped connect Cohen to the Career Israel program, where he found the interns he needed to make the site a reality. Among the 20 members of his all-volunteer staff from North America, the United Kingdom, France and Israel are Canadians Alix Billinkoff, Romy Poletti and Orli Kessel.

Billinkoff, 23, from Winnipeg, works as Omanoot's webmaster. She joined the project five months ago, when she arrived in Tel Aviv as part of a long-term Israel experience program. "[Working for the site] has been a great introduction to Israeli culture," says Billinkoff, who was familiar with a few very popular Israeli music groups before she started at Omanoot, but has since been exposed to all sorts of Israeli art scenes.

"The site is amazing," says Billinkoff, a business graduate from the University of Manitoba. "It gives Canadians access to Israeli art that is otherwise almost impossible to get in Canada. The site makes it possible to experience Israel from the comfort of home and stay connected with Israel after you visit and return home."

Until Omanoot.com, says Poletti, 27, from London, Ont., most people's impression of Israeli art was restricted to their parents' dusty Judaica collections from the 1970s and '80s. Omanoot gives a thus-far non-existent window into a living, breathing, thriving, multi-faceted contemporary Israeli art scene.

"There is nothing else like [Omanoot] that speaks to young people, and I think it's really important – this is a really great way to show that there are amazing dynamic things happening in Israel," says Poletti, who came to Israel for the first time with Birthright Israel in July.

She intended to return to Israel for one month after the trip, but has stayed on for the last four months and counting. "I absolutely love it here," says the McGill University graduate of art history and communications.

Poletti is working on Omanoot's marketing strategy, which in its first phase aims to connect the Diaspora to Israel and strengthen that connection and, in its second phase, intends to connect all people to Israel.

"Who knows that street art in Tel Aviv is among the top scenes in the world? This is not something that's known in a synagogue in Toronto. They aren't talking about that in Sunday school class," says Poletti. "But it goes beyond that. [Omanoot] is not only a way to speak to the Diaspora, but to the world, globally. That's my dream."

After five months in Tel Aviv, gathering content, in the form of artist biographies and art profiles for Omanoot, Kessel, 24, returned to her native Ottawa in June, where she works in human resources for Canadian Citizenship and Immigration. She still writes and edits for Omanoot.

"It's wonderful to be able to stay involved in Omanoot. It's a very powerful way of speaking about Israel. The site gives valuable insight into the beauty and joy of Israel, and also the difficulties and uncertainties," says Kessel, a graduate of Queen's University with a degree in finance.

Her one-on-one work with Israeli artists provided a window into the country's "artistic psyche," she says. "There is so much more going on than what people living outside of Israel, who have never been to Israel, can ever imagine. There is such a vast cultural richness to the art that comes out of Israel, and the drive that artists have to create, to be seen and heard, is nothing short of incredible."

Although the site intends to show a side of Israel "beyond the conflict," a lot of Israeli art takes this subject head-on. "Their [the artists'] work sometimes expresses things that can't be explained in words, like what it's like to live in instability," says Kessel.

Omanoot doesn't shy away from political content. "We're committed to featuring artists of every ethnicity and religion," says Cohen. "Nor will we shy away from art that might be critical of Israel. That's part of being a thriving democracy."

Currently, the site's film channel has the most content, including artist profiles, interviews, photos and clips. Visitors can also purchase films on the site. Eventually, Cohen hopes to offer full-length features, streamed directly from the site. He says the remaining channels – visual arts, music, and literature – will be filled with content by the summer. "The minute we finish the sections, we will add more content and more functions to the site."

It will take time, but Omanoot aims to post profiles not just on mainstream artists who receive a lot of media coverage, but also on independent artists and student artists, to give a feel for the ever-changing and developing artistic innovation taking place on the ground.

"The collection is very eclectic," says Cohen. "A visitor might come to the site because he likes [the band] Hadag Nahash, but once he's here will discover many other Israeli hip-hop musicians."

In addition to the raw content the site makes available to users, it also features lesson plans, meant for schools.

"Omanoot.com delivers the beautiful Israel to Israelis and to Jews and non-Jews everywhere," says Justin Korda, director of ROI. "We are especially proud that ROIers on both sides of the Atlantic have teamed up under Edoe's visionary leadership to showcase Israel's multi-faceted art scene."

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Web TV hosts hangs out with Canadian Jews in L.A.

Jordan Press
Special to The CJN

Samantha Gutstadt learns something new about herself every day. The 30-year-old actor, producer and web TV host recently signed up for Google alerts about herself.

A note lands in her inbox any time her name pops up online, such as recently when her name appeared on a website dedicated to celebrity dating gossip.

"Dating? I'm married," Gutstadt says with a laugh.

She laughs again talking about the alert that told her some random person on the Internet Movie Database added her to a list of the hottest Canadian women in Hollywood.

It has been about four years since Gutstadt moved to California to make it big as an actress, but a funny thing happened along the way: Gutstadt, a Toronto native, has made a name for herself as a web TV host on *This Week in Fashion* and on the website RealTVFilms, for which she covers film festivals worldwide.

"I think sometimes our paths and careers come by accident. I came out here wanting to act. I started booking hosting work... It started as a way to make money and not bartend," Gutstadt says on the phone from California.

Now, Gutstadt sees herself hosting for years to come, producing more films and continuing with her acting and modelling career. And she'll do it all her way, an extension of her fashion sense that can only be called the Samantha Style.

As an eight-year-old, Gutstadt would lay out her clothes for school. Not once would she don a dress, not even for picture day at Leo Baeck Day School. She couldn't be like any other little girl at school — she had to be Sam G.

Today, the Samantha Style might be a dress with a tie, or a cuffed suit with studs. There's a sense of old and new that gives you an insight into her personality.

"Clothes are an expression of our personalities. Style is about who you are," Gutstadt says. "I'm a bit of classic... with a bit of edge."

It was the Samantha Style that drove her to California in 2007. If she was going to make it as an actress, she felt she had to be in Hollywood to make her dreams come true. It was a decision she made despite knowing what accompanies such a dramatic move: Jewish guilt.

"You have no idea. We did something weird. We moved to L.A.," Gutstadt says, referring to her husband of more than four years, Ron Nayot. Gutstadt jokes that her parents were concerned that once in California, Gutstadt would end up hanging out with Lindsay Lohan and turning into a Charlie Sheen "winner."

"None of that happened... We literally moved out here to hang out with Canadian Jews," Gutstadt says with a laugh. "Anyone who is Canadian and Jewish in L.A., I know.

"Here, you meet one person and then you meet everyone. I never appreciated the global community of Jews."

Understanding Gutstadt begins with understanding her parents. Her father, Eli, is a lawyer who was born Germany and grew up in New York and Toronto. Today, he lives on a farm in Caledon, Ont., retraining retired racehorses.

Gutstadt's mother, Janice, introduced her daughter to the arts, relying on her background in dancing from York University, her career as an English as a second language (ESL) teacher and love of writing. And they played tennis, which Gutstadt excelled at as a child and continues playing to this day.

"My whole childhood was being part of the Richmond Hill Country Club," she says. "I was part of a non-Jewish tennis sporting world, and Leo Baeck."

Today, Gutstadt is very much a part of the show-business world, landing commercials, acting roles and hosting gigs — Gutstadt is the Tampax Pearl girl with the dress problem and the one destroying the silence in the Hearing Foundation of Canada's mellow yoga class.

She has also attracted attention for her work as a producer on her dark comedy short, *Shiva*, which airs on Bravo TV in Canada in April.

Shiva is the story of a woman who goes to shivahs in search of true love in the arms of widowed husbands. The idea for the short came from her step-grandfather. He told her that an unknown woman showed up to a shivah with a casserole in a bid to woo the recently widowed husband, in this case Gutstadt's step-grandfather.

"It was sad because she was also widowed," Gutstadt says. "He didn't even really know her. She was literally crashing the shivah, and she was trying to get him to take her out on a date. Apparently, she did it to other men, too.

"Of course, there's comedy in there, but there's also a darkness."

Despite leaving the comfort of her hometown of Toronto for Los Angeles, Gutstadt says she feels more connected spiritually with her Judaism, leaning on it as part of the personal growth someone goes through when they become a stranger in a strange land.

She said she's organized Passover seders with her friends for the past two years. "It's special," she says.

The late actor Corey Haim was invited to last year's seder. Gutstadt got to know the Toronto native during her time in California, inviting him over years earlier during Chanukah. They grew closer during their time spent together on the set of the 2009 feature *Shark City*. Gutstadt text-messaged Haim with the Passover invitation the night he died.

"I woke up Thursday hearing the news that he died," Gutstadt says, becoming quiet. She wonders if he got her message. Her humbling silence reveals the soft side to Gutstadt's edge. It's that soft side that tugs at Gutstadt's heart and makes her believe that she may be back in Toronto one day.

"Right now, I'm undecided. It's going to be L.A. or Toronto. Until we have kids, we're going to be here," she says. "I want to get to a certain place with work, but having a kid in L.A. without your family around and when you're not settled with work seems horrifying to me," she says. Los Angeles, she adds, is "a tough place to have a traditional anything because it's not a traditional place. It creates challenges."

Talk long enough with Gutstadt and you get the impression that she can handle any challenges California can throw her way. Her diversified career portfolio might leave a lesser person exhausted, but Gutstadt thrives on it.

"I don't know if it comes from my parents, but I just love it. I wake up and make a list about what I have to do today," she says. "I have that fire in me. No one needs to push me."

That's the Samantha Style.

Samantha Gutstadt

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Energy conservation in Israel

I was recently in Israel representing a company I am on contract with and to speak at a renewable energy conference in Eilat, co-sponsored by the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

I was part of a delegation put together by Canada's National Research Council. I wanted to understand the current Israeli state of mind with respect to energy conservation and advances in renewable energy. At the same time, I was tasked to determine if there was an opportunity to expand distribution of my client's energy consumption benchmarking software to Israel.

Having received no pre-briefing from the Canadian Embassy, I started to assemble my own comparative study between the situation in Ontario/Canada and that of Israel.

Sustainable Jew

Fred Winegust

Some of the factors I used in the comparison included looking at carbon inventories of both countries, electricity generation capacity and consumption patterns between residential, commercial, institutional and industrial users in order to establish a numerical baseline.

It was also important to develop a clear understanding of which Israeli government ministries had control of the various programs that would give various stakeholders the incentive to either conserve energy or provide additional energy to the Israeli power grid from renewable sources.

To get some cultural grounding, I pretended to be a new immigrant. I used that perspective to gain an understanding of how the relationship between the customer and the utilities that provide electricity and water worked.

I also looked for school-based programs in Israel similar to the Ontario EcoSchools program, which would teach students about environmental issues and allow them to select activities to implement at school in order to learn by experience.

When looking at Israeli schools, it was important to establish whether the people responsible for school-building operations were already measuring the energy consumption of each school and had the ability and financial support needed to execute energy conservation and/or renewable energy generation measures.

What was also critical was whether school operations had found a way to connect their actions to relevant parts of the school curriculum. Was there a way to show students not only what was done, but also how the science behind the conservation effort worked? Were there lessons available to explain the economics behind the decision to implement the solution? Was there a clear connection made to help students understand how the school's actions would have an impact on the overall goal for energy conservation and renewable energy generation in Israel? Would students be inspired to come up with additional ideas and would the operations side be in a position to implement them?

However, what struck me most was the grassroots effort in Israel to deal with these opportunities. Many NGOs were spending more time soliciting sponsorship, as opposed to executing an organized plan to collaboratively bring their individual strengths together with the objective of inspiring measurable behavioural change in Israeli society around environmental impact.

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1 c slivered almonds, toasted
1 tbls + 1 c sugar, divided
1 1/2 sticks butter
1/2 c Cocoa
5 eggs, separated
1/8 tsp salt

CHOCOLATE SAUCE
1/3 c brown sugar
2 tbls cocoa
1 tsp potato starch
3/4 c evaporated milk
1/2 stick butter

Heat oven to 375°. Grease bottom of 9" springform pan. Place almonds in food processor with 1 tbls sugar; process until finely ground. Set aside. In small saucepan, melt butter; stir cocoa into cooled butter.
Beat egg yolks with 3/4 c sugar in large bowl. Add chocolate mixture, salt, almonds. Beat egg whites until foamy. Gradually add remaining 1/4 c sugar, beating until stiff. Add about 1/4 beaten egg whites to chocolate mixture; stir until well blended. Gradually fold in remaining egg whites. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 40-45 min. Cool 10 min in pan on wire rack. Unmold; carefully peel off foil. Cool completely. Serve with WARM CHOCOLATE SAUCE.
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• Italian novelist Rosetta Loy, above, who talks about the aspects of her work that relate to the Holocaust in an interview from her home in Rome.

Also on the web

• Jewish high school students in Montreal are invited to participate in an environmental project that will be done with their First Nations peers in the province.

• Thirty-four students at Herzliah High School in Montreal created four different micro-restaurants. For two days this month, the cafeteria was turned into a food court where students, staff and visitors could buy a variety of dishes and treats.

Exclusive to cjnews.com

• 18-year-old graduate of Forest Hill Collegiate Institute in Toronto, chosen for a Waldman scholarship.

• The 'French paradox': eat high-fat foods and lose weight. The French are thinner and healthier than we are while eating food that sends our diet gurus into apoplectic fits, they have less heart disease and diabetes and fewer strokes.

Hamotzi on melba toast

She tells me that when she walks out of the shower and stares at her face in the mirror, she's in disbelief. She says that somewhere, some time, 86 crept into her and took her history.

"It's gone," she blurted out.

I asked her to explain.

We sat together on a velvety French lounge in her living room surrounded by old smiles in splintered wooden frames.

"You are a young man," she said, "and can't imagine what lies ahead of you."

"If you're lucky, the angel of death will tap your shoulder while those whom you love are still alive. If you're not lucky, you'll live as if it was forever."

Urban Writer

Avrum Rosensweig

The phone didn't ring while we talked. Nobody knocked at the woman's old door. The TV channel she was watching was the one with the building security cameras. Who would enter? Who would leave? It was as if she was a protagonist in a chassidic tale – lonely, alone and deserted, except without the shack on the outskirts of the forest and a need for firewood.

We continued to talk. "I always believed you can judge a person by the number of toilet rolls in their cart," she giggled. "I can spot colitis from aisle 1."

"I live on my pension and am lucky if I can buy a challah for Shabbos at the end of the month. So sometimes I'll make Hamotzi on melba toast. Is that OK?"

I asked the elegant lady if anybody comes around, who the children are in the pictures, if she'd like the Internet.

She told me, most genuinely, that her children moved away many years before and her friends are dead. Sometimes her children and grandchildren call, but they offer up little of their lives, as if sitting mile-high in a treehouse.

"I seemed to have worn off after time," she said. "Nobody comes around," she added, "except for a Jewish child down the hall." The wise woman turned to me. "There seems to be nothing classic about my time. Or is it me?"

I asked her again if she'd like the Internet, a computer.

"What is it?" she asked.

I told her I could get her a computer and someone to teach her how to talk to people all over the world. "Maybe you could e-mail a man in Peru." She blushed but smiled cutely. "Me? This?"

"Sure I'd love that," she exclaimed. "But I need visitors too. I told you, you don't know what lies ahead of you. The worst of it is loneliness, so wide and shrill you can feel it and hear it. Death is likely friendlier, my dear."

"Give me a face. A heartbeat to equal mine. Let me feel a hand on mine. That is what I want. Please."

I gave her a kiss and promised I'd write about her and ask everyone to adopt a senior. She thanked me and handed me a present wrapped in a paper bag. "Sometimes I open the window just a crack, so I can hear the wind weep," she whispered.

I got home and unravelled the paper – it was the Sunday *New York Times* – and ribbons. In it was a picture. She was young, in a Renoiresque world where unattractiveness had no invitation, when history included her and she thought she knew what lay ahead.

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Food for thought...

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

I had no idea that math education in elementary school was a subject people were passionate about. But when the subject kept coming up over breakfast following weekday morning services at my synagogue, I realized that a story idea had fallen into my lap.

I learned a few things writing it, too. Who knew that manipulating numbers can teach kids life lessons?

Yosef Tastassa also writes about life lessons (and academic ones) in this supplement, but his context is more exotic than the average classroom. Tastassa and his wife, Estelle, took their three children on a 10-month trip through Asia, Australia and New Zealand. His article offers a glimpse into what they all learned.

As well, we look at the issue of perfectionism, how families who don't send their children to day school can best impart Jewish education and identity, and what place hugging has – or doesn't have – at school.

Educator Dan Goldberg, who has a PhD in clinical psychology, reflects on an alternative approach to bullying that avoids common pitfalls; Sheri Shefa writes about how she and her husband decided on a daycare centre for their young son, and university student Rachel Miller shares her thoughts on her year in Israel.

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GRADE 1 SIDDUR

Grade 1 student Racheli Laitman of Eitz Chaim Day School (Spring Farm) davens from her new siddur.

The quest for perfection

Laura Stricker
Special to The CJN

When Barbara Albert, a teacher at Associated Hebrew Schools, assigned homework and then took up math problems with her Grade 5 students, she didn't think much of it. Until, that is, at meet-the-teacher night that same day, when a few parents told her their kids had used calculators to solve the math problems.

This experience left her wondering why kids are so afraid to make mistakes, and where the quest for perfection comes from.

"I don't know," she said, when asked that question. "Whether it comes from parents, whether it's a self-driven thing, I'm not sure. As Jewish parents, we definitely foster it, and then there's competition from each other. [Students] perceive that another person's doing something better than they are, and it pushes them to try to do better."

The issue of perfectionism has taken on greater prominence lately with the publishing of Amy Chua's book *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*. In the book, Chua, who is Chinese and married to a Jewish man, discusses the strict way in which she raised her two daughters. Her methods included not letting them go to sleepovers, have play dates, be in a school play, watch TV or get a grade lower than an A. The book has spawned a number of articles and blog posts comparing Chinese and Jewish mothers.

Barbara Kay, a *National Post* columnist, talks about how her sister, who was a top student, would tell her parents she got 95 per cent on a test. However, that was not the highest mark in the class. While her parents were proud, Kay writes, they would have been even prouder if she had gotten the best mark in class.

"Ms. Chua's extreme methods actually are unnecessary, as the Jewish experience – high expectations, high sensitivity to children's… needs – proves."

While Albert has not read *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*, she believes there are similarities between the Asian and Jewish communities in terms of striving for perfection.

"There's always this question that… we were the minority, and we had to show our mettle somehow. [Academics] were an easy way for us to shine."

A young university graduate, who asked that her name not be used, went to a Jewish high school for girls. She said that she did not feel pressured by her parents to do well in elementary school, but did in high school.

"I felt pressured in high school to get good grades, because everyone in my family went to University of Toronto, so I had to go there, too. And if I didn't get the grades to get in, [my parents said] I wouldn't get a good job and wouldn't get married."

"The day school system is a pressured system because no matter which day school it is, we're doing the curriculum in less time than the public school," Albert, who has been teaching at Associated for 28 years, said. "There's the pressure to get it done, the pressure to teach it and the pressure to learn it.

"The parents want their children to go to the best schools and be the best, because like any good parent, they want their child to do better than they did. There's got to be a balance, and that's where everything comes to a head. We want people to be happy, and to get the message across that just getting 100 per cent doesn't quite do it."

"It's not just the marks," she added. "Social skills are very important."

Parents admit to doing kids' homework

Laura Stricker
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When Ziva Rotman wanted to make sure her students were doing the work she assigned, she stopped giving them homework.

Rotman, who taught grades 2 and 4 at Westminster Public School in Thornhill, Ont., from 1988 to 1995, and now teaches high school in Israel, says she stopped giving homework because "the kids didn't really do it, and if they did, it created a lot of… fights [at home]."

She also cites parents helping their kids with the work as another reason for cancelling homework. "I never did assign much homework anyway, and once I stopped I decided to continue, preferring to let them do the work… under my supervision."

A study conducted in 2008 for Ask Kids, a search engine through which students can research school topics, found that, of the 778 parent participants in the U.S. based survey, 43 per cent of the parents admitted to having done their kids' homework.

Brian H. was friends with someone in elementary school whose mom did her homework for her. This affected her negatively, he said – she had a "sense of entitlement" and didn't make it through university.

"When you have somebody that's over-excelling, [it made me] feel stupid around her," he said. Because her mom was so involved, Brian added, she was often one of the top students in class.

"She seemed almost too smart because her mom was doing the homework for her… [Her attitude was] that things should come to her easier.

"She is definitely a victim of her mom's meddling," he said, adding that she stopped talking to him, and all their mutual friends, in high school.

While parents doing homework for their children is not a good idea, Rotman says helping them out or even just supervising can be good for the students.

"I find that kids who do homework under parental supervision do a better job, and their parents feel they are part of their children's experience," she said.

"The problem is," she continued, "that parents can be quite competitive and want their children to look better than others and seem to do better in school… and so they would do their kids' work in order for the kid not to fail.

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Options for Jewish education

Lauren Kramer
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How to impart a Jewish education to our children is a subject many Jewish families struggle with. Jewish day school education can be prohibitively expensive – for some, unjustifiably so. For those who choose public school for their children, there are still options when it comes to Jewish education. The question becomes which of those options to choose.

Which one gives the most bang for your buck? Do you opt for Jewish summer camps and religious after-school programs? Do you become more involved and active in Judaism at home and in the synagogue? Do you send the kids to Israel when they're young adults and hope that somehow they'll absorb what it is to be Jewish by osmosis in the Jewish state?

Seymour Epstein

Toronto writer and consultant Seymour Epstein – former UJA Federation of Greater Toronto senior vice-president for the Centre for Enhancement of Jewish Education – says that aside from Jewish day school, the "best combination possible" is a mix of Jewish educational summer camp and some kind of supplementary school.

"It's not going to give the child the kind of deep literacy you get from a day school education," he said, attributing the difference to the number of hours and the intensity of the day school program. "On the other hand, sometimes camp plus supplementary school score higher on [imbuing] Jewish identity than just a day school."

That is particularly true if the camp and supplementary school are geared to the family's lifestyle and denominational affiliation – like Reform Judaism or modern Orthodoxy, he said.

Start at home

Leora Isaacs, vice-president of programs and organizational learning at the Jewish Educational Service of North America (JESNA), says the value of Jewish life and tradition at home is incalculable. "If you're talking about fostering Jewish identity and connection to Jewish people and the community, the primary source of identity building is the family, hands down," she says. "Home, and the Jewish values you teach and model are primary. Everything else flows from that."

Steven M. Cohen, research professor of Jewish social policy at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, has done extensive research about the impact of various forms of childhood Jewish education on the Jewish identity of North American adults. In a 2004 report, he noted that the most consistent measures of influence were Jewish day schools, attending supplementary schools for seven years or more and travel to Israel.

"Jewish camping and youth group exert more modest but nonetheless across-the-board effects," he wrote. "Participation in all forms of informal Jewish education substantially elevates adult Jewish identity indicators, and the combination of youth groups, camping and Israel travel produces notable increases in all available indicators of Jewish identity."

Cohen added that in college, participation in Hillel and Jewish studies programs also tends to enhance Jewish identity.

Jewish Sunday school

The report noted that when Sunday schools are the only form of Jewish schooling, they perform weakly as an instrument for enhancing Jewish identity.

The reasons, Cohen suggests, could be deficiencies in basic structure, teachers, leadership, and/or curriculum. "Another possibility is that such schools tend to serve youngsters from families with relatively low levels of Jewish engagement, reinforcing their relative distance from conventional Jewish life," he writes.

Morton Weinfeld, a professor of sociology at McGill University, says most of the observations by American researchers would apply to Canada as well. "The Jewish day school norm is more common in Canada because there's more funding for it," he explains. "As a result, there's less urgency involved in making those other options more effective."

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Jewish camp is 'a good springboard'

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Jewish after-school programs have come a long way in the last decade, according to Isaacs. "JESNA has been rethinking what it means to provide really powerful part-time Jewish programs after school," she says. "We're doing experiments in various communities to come up with alternative models for Jewish education, using the arts, drama and music."

You can't underestimate the importance of complementary Jewish education, says Steven Kraus, education consultant at JESNA. "Jewish after-school programs remain the number 1 venue for children to receive a Jewish education in North America."

Ron Polster

Jewish overnight camps

Another form of complementary Jewish education is Jewish overnight camping.

Among its Jewish overnight camp incentive grant programs, the Harold Grinspoon Foundation recently initiated a North America-wide program to provide scholarships of up to $1,000 to first-time Jewish campers throughout the United States and Canada. Titled PJ Library Goes to Camp, its goal is to encourage Jewish children to attend those camps, which are seen as places of fun, friendship and profound Jewish influence.

In Canada, incentive and needs-based programs to get Jewish kids into Jewish camps are also in place. Ron Polster, director of Jewish identity programs at UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, said federation has spent $250 million per year for the past two years getting some 550 Jewish kids in Grades 2 through 7 into those camps through a program titled TopBunk. "The funds have been allocated by private donors in Toronto, by the UJA and by the Foundation for Jewish Camp," he says.

Of the children who received those incentive dollars to go to camp, the majority attended neither Jewish day school nor afternoon congregational school. But most of them returned to camp a second time, and later became involved in Jewish youth groups and Jewish Community Centre events. "They've become more engaged from a Jewish perspective," Polster says. "We're using Jewish camps as an outreach vehicle for those families. It's not a panacea, but as part of a repertoire of other identity building programs, it's a good springboard for future Jewish involvement."

TopBunk is an incentive program, not a needs-based program, he adds. "Another $500 million goes towards a needs-based subsidy program, some of which is used to send Jewish children in financial need to Jewish camps."

Statistics indicate that TopBunk and programs like that offered by the HGF are barking up the right tree. Jack Wertheimer, professor of American Jewish history at the Jewish Theological Seminary, published a study in September 2010 on how leaders in their 20s and 30s are reshaping North American Jewish life. In it, he notes that two-thirds of today's young Jewish leaders went to Jewish overnight camp.

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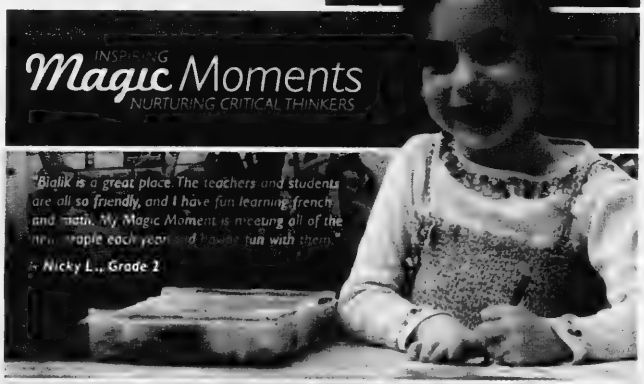

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Jewish teachers use common sense, not hugging bans

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

It's not uncommon to see elementary and high school students giddily embracing in the hallways between classes, but a number of school administrators in the United States have tried to put a stop to these public displays of affection with an outright ban on physical contact between students.

While the trend has not yet reached Canadian schools, institutions in California, Illinois, New York, Florida, Texas and even schools in England, have enforced rules banning any physical contact between students.

Earlier this year, a 17-year-old anonymous senior at a New England high school posted a petition on a parenting website called FreeRangeKids.com after the administration at her school implemented a touching ban.

"The only appropriate touch, we are told, is a handshake. Presumably, this is to thin out the kissing couples who clog up the halls," she wrote.

"Touch can be a powerful bonding mechanism between friends, and any rule that fails to differentiate between acts of sex and acts of friendship seems arbitrary and inherently draconian," she said, adding that students should not be taught to see all touch as inherently bad, rather they should learn what is and is not an appropriate public display of affection.

A middle school in Fairfax County, Va., has a no-touch policy that is so strict students are reprimanded for holding hands or high-fiving.

Meanwhile, here in the Greater Toronto Area, no such policies exist, even in Jewish private schools. And if they do, they are not enforced.

Benjamin Cohen, Bialik Hebrew Day School's principal of general studies, said his school doesn't have a hugging policy.

"It's really not been an issue here. It really is a non-topic here," Cohen said.

He said he assumed it is more of an issue at public high schools.

"If it were an issue, we might have to develop a policy, but it's not and it's just not on our radar."

Eric Petersiel, Leo Baeck Day School's head of school, said his school also doesn't have an official hugging policy, but acknowledged that students, especially female students, tend to be very affectionate with one another.

Sometimes, if he feels that students are taking things too far, he'll intervene.

"Certainly, when I see girls walking down the halls who have an extremely physical relationship, and that is very common, I ask them to keep their hands to themselves," Petersiel said.

"I do think there is a point at which it moves from a positive required demonstration of warmth into something a little different and we do try to discourage it."

He said that his concern with physical contact between the students at his school – which goes up to Grade 8 – has less to do with sexuality and more do to with how the kids socialize.

"I get more concerned about what it does to the social impact of the group. It becomes an issue of who's cool, who's popular and who's my really good friend, versus the kids who aren't a part of that," Petersiel explained.

"The cool girls who hold hands walking down the hall becomes an exclusion of the girls who aren't participating."

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Hugging is a 'more sensitive' issue for male teachers

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Isaac Oziel, a grades 6 and 7 teacher at Central Park Public School in Markham, Ont., said that his school doesn't enforce a ban of physical contact between students, but teachers are encouraged to use their judgment if they see students behaving inappropriately.

"We are not formally trained about what to do with students who are affectionate with each other. If anything, it may come up in casual conversation or advice may be given from administration if we ask for it," Oziel said.

He said that from what he's seen, the hugging doesn't really start until Grade 7, and he wouldn't feel the need to step in unless a student complained about being uncomfortable.

Keeping students in check when it comes to PDAs (public displays of affection) on school grounds is one thing, but what should teachers do if students want a hug from them?

"It's one of those really difficult realities," Petersiel said.

"Building a positive relationship between the child and the teacher is still the most important factor in successful education. For some children, they still need a gentle, thoughtful touch."

Petersiel said that the issue becomes even more sensitive when a male teacher is involved.

"As a male head of school, or when I was principal, I was really careful to get down on my knees, to their level and tried to be very careful about the nature of a hug," he said.

"But there are kids who still need it and you have to be able to offer the warmth and knowledge you have and not be afraid, as long as your intentions are good."

Petersiel said that he once had a student who needed a hug from him every day.

"That was hard because I didn't want anyone else to question what the motivation was, so again, I made sure that it was always very public, I made sure I got down on her level and I gave her a superficial hug," he said.

"But it's hard. You have to be incredibly aware and conscious of the perception of what's going on."

Oziel said that as a male teacher, he is also very conscious about the way he interacts with his students and is careful to limit physical contact as much as he can.

"There are times a particular action by a male teacher, while entirely appropriate, may be deemed otherwise by someone who's watching, while the same may not be thought of if it was a female teacher and student," he said.

"I think male teachers have to be more guarded in their discussions and actions, and more aware of any situation that may seem inappropriate."

Oziel said that in his six years of teaching, he hasn't yet had to deal with a student who was looking for a hug, but he imagines that he'd try to defuse the situation with something less intimate.

"If a student approached me for a hug, there are many other things I could do to counter it, like a high five."

Oziel and Petersiel agree female teachers don't need to be as guarded when it comes to physical contact with students.

The situation becomes even more complicated if it involves a male teacher and female student.

"It's harder with a girl as she gets a little older, because there is an immediate question as to what the intention of an adult is when they hug a child," Petersiel said.

"You have to be really careful about that, but I think you can't pretend that it is not part of a positive educational relationship between an adult and a child."

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Social inclusion: a unique approach to teasing and bullying

Dan Goldberg
Special to The CJN

Students in elementary and middle school are social animals. Connection with and acceptance by peers is all-important. Conversations revolve around who is in and who is out, who is up and who is down.

Social skills are not fully developed, however, and the claws are often far tougher than the armour. Many adults still ache over the teasing or exclusion they experienced at school.

Although schools are sometimes reluctant to acknowledge the presence of teasing or bullying – either because they are afraid it will tarnish their reputation or because they have not found a successful way of addressing it – it is a universal phenomenon. I have never met a teenager or adult who has not experienced or witnessed at least one episode of teasing or bullying at school.

The question, therefore, should be not whether teasing or bullying exists at a given school, but rather how the school approaches this inevitable part of growing up.

Even if 90 per cent of all students are thriving socially, that is not enough. A school rooted in Jewish values has a responsibility to provide a caring and nurturing environment for every one of the children who are entrusted to its care.

For educators committed to dealing constructively with teasing and bullying, there is no shortage of handbooks, guest speakers and packaged programs to choose from.

Unfortunately, most approaches fail to deliver the promised "bully-busting" results. New strategies tend to be greeted with a jaded roll of the eyes by educators, parents and even students.

My first encounter with the Social Inclusion Approach (SIA) to teasing and bullying was as a parent at the Alan Howard Waldorf School (now the Waldorf Academy).

This approach was developed by Prof. Kim John Payne (director of the Collaborative Counseling Program at Antioch University New England) and is now in place at 5,000 schools around the world, including all schools in the United Kingdom where the approach is mandated by law.

The Social Inclusion Approach includes a number of features that set it apart from other approaches to teasing and bullying.

For example, where most strategies focus on bullies and bullying behaviour, social inclusion works with the entire school community – faculty, students and parents.

Where other programs may provide educational sessions that label and discourage bullying (most kids already know that teasing isn't nice), the SIA works to foster empathy and compassion along with a practical understanding of how these feelings can be translated into caring behaviour in the context of everyday life at school.

At the heart of this approach is the recognition that in most contexts where bullying takes place, the most powerful party is neither the bully nor the victim. True power lies with the bystanders who are in the majority.

In most settings the bystanders are a silent and passive group, but SIA focuses on creating a culture where students feel empowered, and where speaking up on behalf of a classmate is encouraged and supported. A quick poll in any middle school classroom will reveal that virtually every student knows who gets along and who doesn't, who the leaders and underdogs are, and who is bullying whom.

In spite of this awareness, information is withheld from adults because informing or "tattling" on peers is considered a violation of the unwritten code of the schoolyard. Moreover, it is the experience of many children that involving adults only makes things worse.

The Social Inclusion Approach encourages disclosure by taking a non-punitive, no-blame approach.

Bullies are held accountable for their actions, but the approach is constructive and result-oriented.

Where attempts to "bully the bully into not bullying" invariably increase the suffering of the victim by driving the antisocial behaviour underground, SIA works to humanize and empower all parties involved. In a culture where disclosing to an adult leads to a positive, non-punitive response, students become increasingly willing to speak up.

When I introduced the Social Inclusion Approach at Krieger Schechter Middle School in Baltimore, where I served as head of Judaics from 2005 to 2007, there was a good deal of eye-rolling.

It was not that the faculty or parent body didn't care about teasing and bullying. They cared deeply. However, they were not eager to have their hopes frustrated once again.

After a group of administrators from Krieger Schechter met with Payne, who responded to their doubts and concerns, there was a consensus that this approach had a unique chance of success.

At this point, the Social Inclusion Approach is in its fifth year at Krieger Schechter and continues to be an important part of the culture there.

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Program maintains dignity of bully and victim

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This is not to say that teasing and bullying have been eradicated. In fact, any program which promises an end to all bullying should be viewed with great suspicion.

However, the faculty, students and parents at Krieger Schechter have developed a shared understanding and set of practices which encourage pro-social behaviour and which reduce the likelihood of teasing and bullying.

When teasing or bullying does occur, there is a process in place that guides all parties (victims, bullies, educators and parents) toward a positive resolution.

Another unique feature of the approach is the use of student helpers. When a case of bullying or serious teasing arises, both the bully and the victim are prepared separately for a problem-solving meeting.

In the prep meeting, both the bully and the victim have a student helper – an older student who takes notes on the experiences and concerns of the student (bully or victim) whom he or she is supporting.

Later on, at the problem-solving meeting, the experiences and concerns of both parties are calmly shared by the student helpers, thereby avoiding the "he-said, she-said" debate that typically occurs when a victim and a bully are brought together.

It is a hugely empowering experience for a victim of bullying to have an admired older student speak up on his or her behalf.

It is also a sobering moment for a bully to hear about the misery, dread, loss of appetite and sleeplessness that his or her behaviour is causing – not from a finger-pointing adult, but from a calm and articulate older student.

At the same time, the dignity of the bully is supported by his or her own student helper. If a kind and empathetic impulse is to be awakened within an aggressive child, his or her humanity cannot be neglected.

Moreover, if compassion and understanding are central values within a school community – as they should be in any Jewish school – then they must be applied universally.

Within the Canadian Jewish community, the Social Inclusion Approach is currently being piloted not at a school but at a summer camp. In the summer of 2009, my wife, Netta Zweig, who is now the SIA point person in Toronto, introduced the approach at Camp Ramah in Canada, where she was serving as the administrative director.

Although this approach had never been implemented in a camp setting, Netta felt that a summer camp offered unique opportunities for social inclusion work. Unlike a school, where the students go home to their families every night, a summer camp is a contained community that encompasses all aspects of a camper's experience.

Over the past two summers, SIA has begun to take root at Camp Ramah.

A committee affectionately known as SWAT (social wellness action team) meets twice a week over the course of the summer to guide the continuing implementation of SIA in camp and to address specific concerns as they arise. The work of the summer SWAT team is carried out during the year by Ramah's lay social health committee.

Although the Social Inclusion Approach was not specifically developed for use within Jewish schools, its underlying values are very Jewish in character. In working with both Krieger Schechter and Camp Ramah, Payne has noted the affinity for this approach that exists within the Jewish community where derech eretz (respect) is a core value.

A central goal at any Jewish school is to teach the students to act in accordance with the ethical principles of our tradition.

A Jewish school should have a Jewish soul. It should be a place where all members of the community are treated with dignity and respect. A child who excels in Hebrew, Bible and Talmud but routinely teases and embarrasses classmates has failed to receive a proper Jewish education.

As educators at any Jewish institution – school or camp – I believe the highest achievement to which we can aspire is for the young people entrusted to our care to look back at their experience with us as a time when they felt valued as human beings and where they felt inspired to value others.

For information about how to bring the Social Inclusion Approach to your school or camp, contact Netta Zweig at nettazweig@rogers.com.

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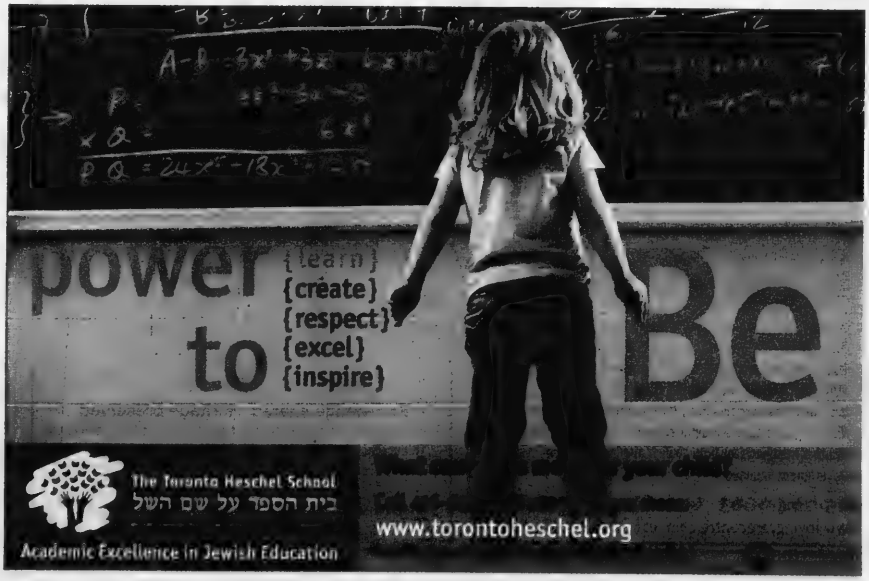
STANDING UP TO BULLIES

For the past four years, students at Associated Hebrew School's Danilack Middle School have worn pink one day during the school year to show that they stand up against bullying. From left are Josh Maker, Benjamin Dzaldov, Mitchell Glazer, Jeremy Marco, Max Guttmann, Noah Shechtman, Jared Ash and Sam Glowinsky.



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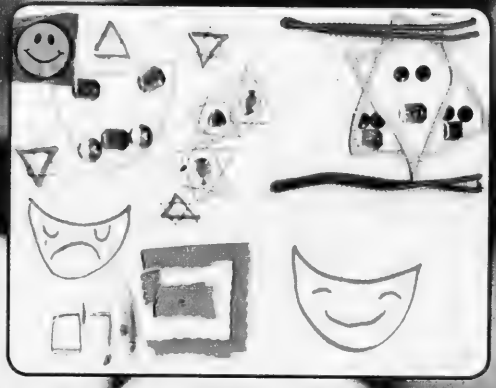

Purim in Israel is one of the country's most beautiful holidays. It is marked by tions of varied creative and ethnic customs. Above all, Purim in Israel means

As most of us know, one of the key mitzvot of Purim is to celebrate to the maximu of this mitzvah, the large cities of Israel used to host rather boisterous parades

The streets were packed with throngs of people watching the festivities unfold and controlled mayhem. Clowns, dancers, magicians, bands and a variety of other perfo beautiful costumes led the way. In some cities even the mayor joined the festivities.

Today, however, due to security and budgetary reasons, the streets are much As some of you also know, in cities that were surrounded by a wall, such as Jerusalem Purim was always delayed by 24 hours. The reason for this was to recall that it took lo of ancient Persia to get to the enemies who were hidden inside the wall that surrounde Shushan.

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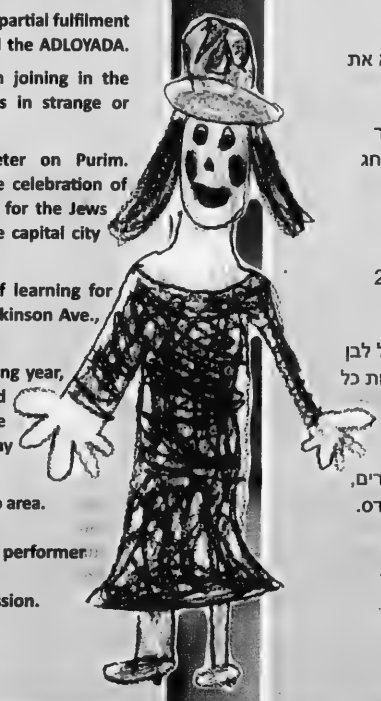

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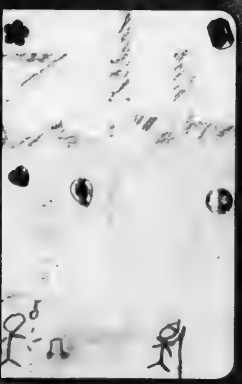

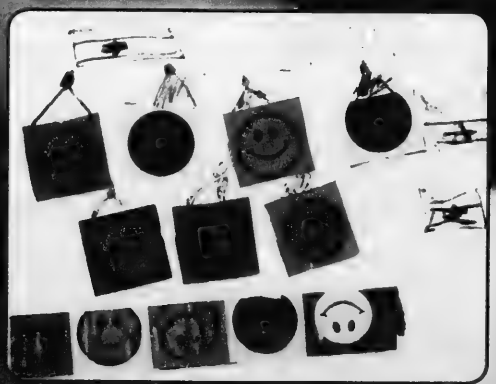

Math teaches kids more than just numeracy

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Lori Shapero-Press, a Grade 1 teacher at Toronto's Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School, believes that math studies in elementary school impart broader lessons that students can use throughout their lives.

"It's all about problem-solving in life and making your way," said Shapero-Press, who earned her master's of education degree with a specialty in math education six years ago from the University of Toronto's Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

"In any situation in life, you need to step back, reassess [the situation], read it, try an approach to solve it, and if the solution doesn't make sense, you try another approach."

One method that she uses in the classroom is having students think aloud when they're doing math. As a result, she said, they learn strategies from one another.

She tells students she doesn't want to know what the answer is; she wants to know the strategy. "Obviously the right answer is important, but the most important thing with young children is the process."

Shapero-Press' love for math dates back to her childhood. "I grew up in a family that loved games," she said. "We did a lot of number games and math games.

"I always loved figuring out math and puzzles. It just excited me, and it made sense... You get that light bulb to go off."

She said it's important for parents to use math at home with their children, and that there are many card games and board games that involve math.

A mother of three, she sometimes introduces a math problem at dinner, perhaps telling her children that there are 12 strawberries for them to share, and that "we have to make it fair."

Or she might ask them how much time there is until they have to leave the house. "I just throw it in there. We're using it all the time."

Lori Shapero-Press

Carol Klarman

Carol Klarman, who teaches Grade 1 at Topcliff Public School, also believes that math has relevance in life. "We really have to train children to be problem solvers," she said. "I think we have to provide them with what we call deeper thinking skills, questions where the answer is not [right or wrong] and can't be memorized."

"I think a big part of it is that we don't know what we're training children for. Technology is changing so fast."

Klarman said she was math phobic and a "horrible" math student until she started teaching the subject herself. For years, she said, she didn't understand that math was about "pattern" rather than finding the right answer.

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Math problems should be relevant to kids

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When teachers "step back and let the students become their own problem solvers," it helps them understand and remember the concepts, said Klarman, who has been teaching for 18 years and has also completed an additional qualification course in math at York University.

By assigning her students open-ended math problems such as, "If Cookie Monster has 10 cookies and wants to put them on two plates, think of all the ways he can do that," Klarman can assess variables like the number of answers the students come up with, and whether they are approaching the problem in a systematic way. "You're looking to see that they understand the math that's going on."

To get students to think, she likes to pose questions "in a problem-solving way." She offered as an example a "what geometric shape am I?" riddle.

Eric Golombek, principal of Associated Hebrew Schools' Posluns Education Centre, said that few elementary school teachers have extensive training in math. "Many come out of university with math anxiety. It's important that we develop the comfort level and expertise of those teachers, so they don't pass on any math anxiety [to their students].

"Many tend to be women who have not had great math experiences, and we want to make sure they are positive role models for the next generation of girls," he added.

Golombek, who has conducted professional development math sessions for teachers at national conferences, said that another issue is that, in North America, there's a tendency to "spoon-feed approaches" to doing math.

"We don't give children enough time to truly engage in thinking mathematically. Children need experiences struggling with authentic problems that are challenging, without teachers stepping in."

As well, he said, math problems should be relevant to students. Historically, math has often been taught "in isolation from how it's useful.

"Children can relate to the math if it's important to them."

Golombek doesn't see math as a hard sell. "I think kids are naturally inquisitive. They like challenges. When it's framed in terms of something that's relevant for them, children are eager to do math."

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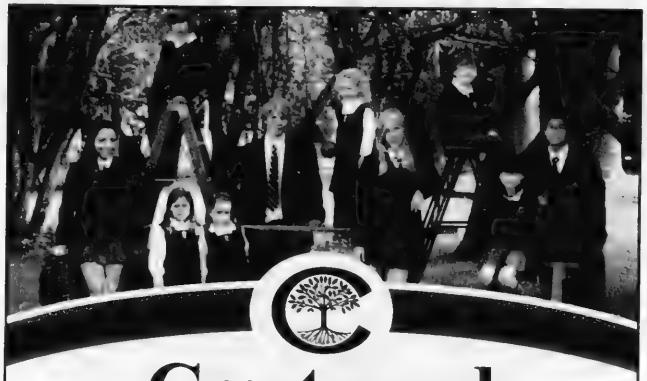

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Finding the daycare you want can be a challenge

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

When we first discovered we were expecting our first child, the shock, joy and excitement were overwhelming. It took us a while to really believe that we would soon, God willing, become parents.

Once the pregnancy became less of a concept and more of a reality, it was time to get organized.

We needed to make doctors appointments, decide on a hospital, find an obstetrician and sign up for prenatal classes.

Having everything in order before my baby bump started to show made me feel empowered and confident.

Now all I had to do was look forward to meeting my baby and enjoying a full year of maternity leave.

"So, have you started looking into daycare yet?" a new mother asked me.

Seriously? Even for someone like me, who loves to plan ahead and prepare well in advance, the idea of deciding on the best daycare for a fetus was ludicrous.

I brushed off the question and judged the mother for being a little too "Type A" for her own good, and decided that I could at least wait until the baby was able to sit up on its own – outside of my womb – before I started to inquire about daycare.

It wasn't until my baby was about four months old that I started to understand why she asked me that question.

We all want the best for our children. Making a checklist of what you want in a daycare is the easy part. Finding a daycare that offers what you want can be more difficult. And getting your child into one without having to be placed on a two-year waiting list can seem almost impossible.

If you're not particular about the programming, it might not be so hard. But in our case, my husband and I wanted our son to be in a Jewish daycare with a good staff-to-child ratio, one that served kosher food and taught the kids to speak Hebrew.

After doing an Internet search of Jewish daycares in the Greater Toronto Area, I began skimming the websites, weighing the pros and cons of what each centre had to offer.

Honestly, it felt a lot like being a high school student again, trying to figure out the top three universities I wanted to apply to.

I came up with a few places and immediately started making phone calls.

I discovered that there are many centres in the GTA that devote at least part of the day to Jewish and Hebrew programming. They include Advanced Care and Education (ACE) daycare and Alef Bet daycare in Thornhill, Four Season's Child Care centre in Maple, and Gan Shalom Nursery and Gan Yeladim Day Care Centre in Toronto. But for some, the demand is so high that the waiting list can be two years long.

I started to get a little worried. What would I do if I couldn't get my son into a program before it was time for me to go back to work?

I started polling my young mom friends who had recently been through the daycare search themselves.

One of my friends said she remembered visiting a home daycare that offered a beautiful, clean space and programming entirely in Hebrew, and it served kosher food.

She said the only part of the curriculum that raised concern for her and her husband was the fact that the staff spoke Hebrew all day long.

They worried that their daughter wouldn't speak any English if she was exposed only to Hebrew five days a week, or that it might confuse her to hear Hebrew at daycare and English at home. In the end, they opted for another daycare.

Ironically, the very thing that turned them off from the home daycare was what my husband and I were most excited about.

We have often heard the cliché that babies are like sponges and are able to learn new languages much more easily than adults.

We always knew that our son would be exposed to different languages growing up – my parents are Israeli immigrants who speak Hebrew at home, my in-laws are Spanish Moroccans who speak both French and Spanish, while my husband and I speak English at home.

So when we learned about a daycare that offered Hebrew all day long, we jumped on the opportunity to expose him to a second language. Thankfully, they had the space, and my son's been enjoying his time there since January.

Of course, he is only 14 months old and is still only building on his five-word English vocabulary, so maybe we're taking this daycare thing a little too seriously.

As a working mom, all I can really ask for is that he doesn't cry when I drop him off, he plays, eats and sleeps well at daycare and crawls enthusiastically toward me when I come to pick him up.

Everything else at this point is just gravy.

A year at Bar-Ilan – not just academics

Rachel Miller
Special to The CJN

We wake up at the crack of dawn, freezing as if we're in Toronto in February. It's cold and it's damp. We quickly get dressed, drag our bags to the bus and get on board.

There are tea and cookies for us if we want, but at 4:30 a.m., no one is all that hungry. By 4:45 we are off.

It's a short drive, and my excitement builds as we close in on our destination. At least mine does. I think the rest of the people on the bus have fallen asleep again.

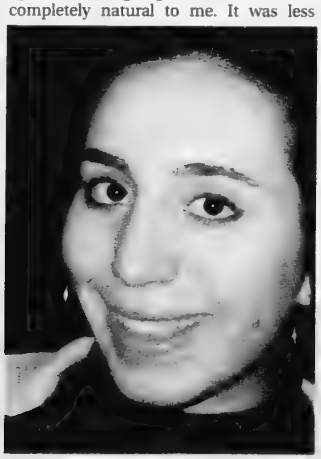
When we arrive, we are taken on a 10-minute hike on an upward path. As we reach the top and the view comes into sight, all the huffing and puffing seem worth it. The Israeli Negev is lit by the predawn sun. It's spectacular.

I open my siddur and start saying the morning prayers. Now, I have yet another level of appreciation for the beauty of this world and specifically the amazing country Israel, which I am lucky enough to call home.

Coming to Israel was not an easy choice. I was lucky enough to have been accepted at all the universities I had applied to in Ontario. It wasn't easy to turn my back on all those offers and basically put my life on hold for a year. But I knew that I wasn't ready for university, and Israel called.

I attended Associated Hebrew Schools from kindergarten to Grade 8, when I switched to Vaughan Secondary School, a public high school. Though no longer a part of the Jewish school system, I began my involvement with Torah High and National Council of Synagogue Youth (NCSY). NCSY is a Jewish youth group aimed at teenagers who are interested in exploring their Jewish roots. I loved it – in fact, it became a key part of my life. The crazier things got in my life, the deeper I delved into Judaism.

When an adviser from NCSY brought up the idea of going to Israel, it seemed completely natural to me. It was less natural for my parents, but they eventually came around. I knew that in order to grow into the person I wanted to become, I needed to be in Israel. At the beginning of October, I left for my new home in Ramat Efal.



Rachel Miller

The program I'm in is the Israel Experience at Bar-Ilan University, a mixture of both Jewish studies and first-year university courses. Right from the beginning, I loved the program.

I had been to Israel once before, as a participant on the March of the Living. I was deeply touched by the experiences in both Poland and Israel. However, I did not really get to see the country.

With the Israel Experience at Bar-Ilan, we are constantly on the move, seeing all parts of our homeland. Even better, this is done with a great group of students and some of the most amazing teachers you will ever meet.

Recently, we went to Caesarea. Everyone climbed over the fence to go down to the freshwater pools. It was a bonding moment. Later, the guide told us that we were the first group he had seen to do that. We were also the only program he had seen to put on skits and other small group presentations at the coliseum. That's just what we do.

We students aren't the only ones who like doing out-of-the-ordinary things. Often, there's a staff member leading us to do things we might never have tried. They have led runs up mountains during a long hike through the Negev, and an onion fight while we were volunteering with Table to Table, an organization that grows and harvests food for the hungry.

Despite their troublemaking tendencies, the program would not be the same without them. They have so much to teach and I have learned so much from everyone involved with making the program great. I appreciate that a good part of my growth is the result of the hard work put in by the staff and *madrichim*.

Twice a week, one of our *av bayits* (house fathers), Ari Yablok, does two classes with us. I love going over to his place and learning with him or his wife, Ayelet. They are such warm, welcoming people, taking care of us 24 hours a day, on top of caring for their own family.

Meir Balofsky, informal educational director, has people at his house every week for a *tisch* (a gathering where we sing songs, tell stories and give l'chaims) every Thursday and for Shabbat. He is always a blast to be around and is definitely one of the reasons I love this program. I go to his house at least once a week, and have become really close to the whole Balofsky family.

That's something that's great here – everyone is warm and welcoming. From the beginning, I felt as though I was home.

And it's not just the program. Everywhere you go in Israel, you meet people who are willing to help you out or have a conversation with you on the street.

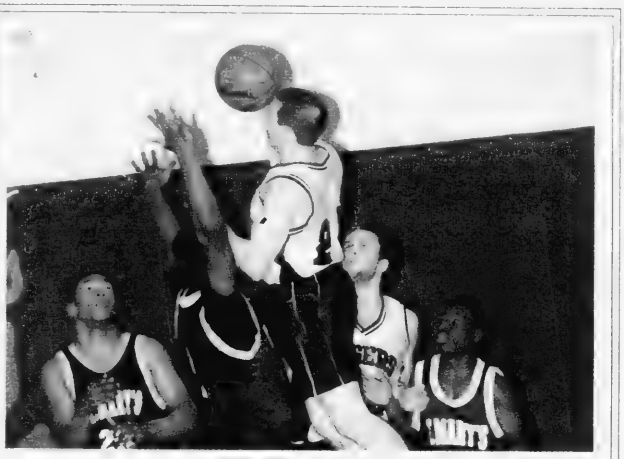
That's not something I ever really imagined until I got here. I love that you can ask someone for directions and they will walk with you at least part of the way to make sure you get where you need to go. It's one of many things I love about this country.

Everywhere I go I have a new love and respect for Israel. The amazement has not gone away, and I try hard to make sure it never will.

Every time I pray at the Kotel, I marvel at the fact that Jews all over the world pray facing Jerusalem, and I am doing services right in Jerusalem.

Being here has just blown me away. I have learned so much about myself and am growing religiously and personally in ways I could not have begun to expect.

I know that when I do leave, I will not be the same person as the one who arrived last October. I have a love for Israel now that goes beyond words.



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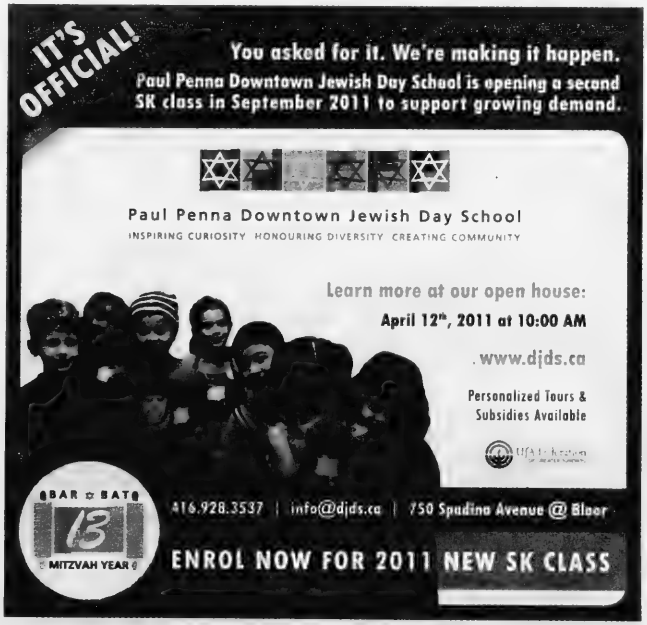
Jonah Osher, a student at the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto's Wallenberg campus, takes a shot during the quarter-final playoff game of the Toronto District Colleges Athletic Association, against St. Mary's Catholic Secondary School, while teammate Misha Herschorn looks on.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Downtown Jewish day school 'bursting at the seams'

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

It's a commute that only the most committed of parents would undertake.

Every day, kids from as far away as the Beach, High Park and the Danforth make the trek to the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School, housed in the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre (JCC) at the corner of Bloor and Spadina.

Perhaps it's the diversity of the student body or the school's focus on creativity and community, but there's something about the school that attracts the support of such far-flung families, said school principal Rhonda Rosenheck.

In fact, the school is proving so popular – largely with families in the Annex, but as far north as Lawrence Avenue – that it's planning a significant expansion. Starting next September, the school will offer a second senior kindergarten class for as many as 16 kids. It has also acquired two additional rooms, and its board has adopted a growth plan that will see it rent outside space beginning in 2013 to house grades 6, 7 and 8. Longer term, a move to an entirely new facility that could accommodate up to 350 students is being considered.

Currently, the school educates 157 youngsters from kindergarten to Grade 8. It rents eight classrooms and two program rooms for arts and music, plus use of the JCC's salt-water swimming pool. It also has arranged for access to the roof for recess and it can use nearby fields owned by the University of Toronto for lunch and recess.

While space is at a premium, that hasn't stopped parents from trying to enrol their children.

"Twenty-four is the SK cap, and for the last several years we've had a waiting list. We simply had to turn away people. That had become a pattern," Rosenheck said.

When the school started 13 years ago – "we're in our bar mitzvah year," she quipped – its enrolment was only 10 children.

But, "the Jewish population is growing downtown," Rosenheck said. "It has a different makeup of families who are making the choice not to live in the heavily Jewish neighbourhoods up north.

"The families coming to us have a lot of diversity. They're religiously mixed, racially mixed, with single-gender families.

"There's a very broad diversity of families here and for most, they would go to public schools if not our school," she said.

"Our attitude is, 'Thank God we are so diverse.'"

In addition to teaching Hebrew, Judaic studies and French, the school's overarching message is that "we don't all have to be the same to have a strong Jewish community."

The children learn "to be open to other ways of being Jewish," Rosenheck said.

Apparently the message is being received loud and clear. With interest in the school growing, "the board made the philosophical decision to grow. We considered a new facility, but found it's not feasible," she said.

As the school continues to add more children, enrolment might one day reach as many as 350 youngsters, Rosenheck speculated. That would far exceed the space currently available. The board is acting conservatively by adding a kindergarten class while expanding to a facility close to the JCC.

"We've been working with the owners and broker of a building nearby, and we've budgeted for the leasing costs," she said. Such a move would be an interim measure. "It gives us the time to raise $8 million to $12 million to create the space that we really need for the school."

Rosenheck expects that "in two to four years, we'll know where the growth stage will go. We're all bursting at the seams and we need the attention of UJA Federation and donors to show during the incremental growth stage that the community is growing and this is what the people moving and living here want."

B'NAI MITZVAH

Every year, students of bar and bat mitzvah age at the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School celebrate at a special school ceremony. From left, front row, are Heitan Ben Avraham, Jonathan Rosen, Hershel Nashman, Sam Brooks and Jedediah Kliger. In the middle, from left, are Adam Finkelman, John Lee Cooper, and Aaron Shrier. Back row, Raphael Kay, left, and Gavriel Swayze.

Leo Baeck offers International Baccalaureate program

Cara Stern
Special to The CJN

Toronto's Leo Baeck Day School has become the only Jewish day school in North America to offer the International Baccalaureate program.

"It is the highest form of international education," said Desmond Bender, dean of academic development for the school.

The program, which applies to students from grades 6 through 8, emphasizes critical thinking skills and presenting multiple perspectives so students can learn to come to their own conclusions about difficult issues, said Eric Petersiel, head of the school.

Despite the IB authorization, the curriculum won't change, he said. Instead, the teachers will use IB-approved approaches to convey the same material.

The program was initially created so children of diplomats could move every few years and their education wouldn't suffer, he explained. "It takes whatever curriculum you teach in the place that you are, and applies pedagogic practices to raise up the level of education."

One of the differences from regular teaching methods is the connection of subject material from one class to another.

"Our brains don't compartmentalize," Bender said. "It's this linkage, this connection between what you learn and the world, and what you learn in one subject and another subject."

Principal of Leo Baeck south campus, Jonathan Harris, said the notion of questioning knowledge rather than simple acceptance is central to both IB and Leo Baeck philosophies.

"We speak often of teaching our students to make positive Jewish choices, and we take an active, rather than a doctrinaire, approach to Judaism," he said in an e-mail.

It took about seven years to complete the transition, beginning with former director of the school Zita Gardner's retirement, Bender said. "It was her swan song to implement this program."

Throughout the years, the teachers have trained to use IB methods, Petersiel said. "We had to show evidence that we were already engaging in innovative education practices."

Petersiel said he doesn't expect the addition to cause an influx of students to the school. Although parents are aware of the program, the school is mostly at capacity.

Laurie Davis, president of the school's board, and whose three children have gone through the Leo Baeck program, said IB's mission statement seems to be a perfect match for the school.

"The parallel was uncanny," she said. "It was almost as if the IB philosophies were written with a liberal Jewish day school in mind."

For example, IB stresses a responsibility to other people in the world, which Petersiel calls a basic tenet of good Jewish education.

These parallels make Leo Baeck unique, he said, as many other schools have difficulty accepting some of the basic fundamentals of the programs, such as the requirement to teach a second language – an issue for many American applicant schools.

However, he said, Leo Baeck teaches French and Hebrew, allowing them to exceed this requirement.

There are currently 72 other IB-authorized schools in Ontario, 20 of which run the Middle Years Programme – the one being implemented at Leo Baeck.

As Leo Baeck has classes only up to Grade 8, the students won't receive a diploma. However, they can complete the final two years of the five-year program at an IB-authorized secondary school.

Regardless, Bender said there are benefits to studying under the IB philosophies even without the incentive of a diploma.

"The skills that they develop are especially critical thinking and informed decision making, and those skills are transferrable to any school," he said.

Additionally, teachers from all grades will be expected to use IB techniques, even for students in the primary years.

Through the program, students "become far more worldly in their outlook and their ability to critically assess what is out there," Bender said. "We owe our kids the very best, and we feel this is how we can achieve that."

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How kids address teachers: What's in a name?

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Four years ago, Toronto's Leo Baeck Day School reversed a long-standing policy regarding the way in which students are expected to address teachers.

For the first 34 years of the school's existence, kids called teachers and administrators by their first names, but now they use titles and surnames.

The change at the school bucks a trend of increasing informality in the greater community. "This is not a society where the average adult has a title," said Eric Petersiel, Leo Baeck's head of school. "Parents' friends, by and large, are first names for everybody now. For me to be Mr. Petersiel is totally out of the norm of who I am in life."

The new policy, instituted while he was principal of the school's south branch, was prompted by the staff, he said.

But far more important than mode of address, according to Petersiel, is how teachers build a relationship with their students "in a respectful and meaningful manner."

Paul Shaviv, director of education at the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, said there are "no hard and fast rules" regarding how students address teachers at the two-campus secondary school. "But," he added, "I think very few if any teachers are called by their first names."

In the 1960s, and even more so in the 1970s, it began to be more common for students to call teachers by their first names, Shaviv said. "Most people understood that for a classroom to be effective, the relationships have to be clear. While a teacher can be friendly with the students, they should not be the friends of the students.

"It has to be noted that a teacher, particularly at the high school level, should never be part of a social circle or an emotional circle... There has to be a dividing line between the teacher and the social network."

The British-born Shaviv, who began his career in London, said that while in England, he saw very formal relationships between teachers and students, as well as very informal ones.

It is "actually much harder" to make the informal relationship work successfully in an educational setting, he said. "The line becomes blurred, and I think that can be an impediment to the educational process.

"Different standards can be appropriate in different schools, but at the end of the day, it's the actual teaching and education that count.

"I tend to lean on the side of maintaining clear boundaries."

At the Toronto Heschel School, students use the title "Moreh" or "Morah" – the gender-specific Hebrew words for "teacher" – followed by the staff member's first name.

School founders implemented the policy to minimize "an artificial gap" between teachers and students, according to Gail Baker, Heschel's principal and head of school.

There is already a "natural" gap because of the teachers' roles, she said. "Those are to be respected. We don't even think about it any more.

"We wanted to say that there is a difference. We all have our roles... We wanted to make that statement, but we didn't want to make it bigger than it needed to be."

Earlier in her career, she answered to "Ms. Baker." Now, she said, "it would be strange to go back... This was kind of a breath of fresh air. It just felt right."

At the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School, there is still less formality, and also less uniformity. "People get to be called what they like," said principal Rhonda Rosenheck, who prefers to be called by her first name.

She said she's never found that being on a first-name basis diminishes the respect she receives or her sense of authority. "Nobody is confused about my role."

However, she said, she wondered whether a title might be an advantage for an educator who looks young or less authoritative.

Mitch Parker – principal and clinical director of Zareinu Educational Centre, whose students have special needs – is either "Mitch" or "Dr. Parker," depending on the context.

"We try to maintain a reasonably informal atmosphere in the school," Parker said. As well, both he and Rosenheck noted that their first names are easier to say.

However, Zareinu has a class that runs out of Eitz Chaim Day School, where staff members are referred to by their titles, and where he is known as "Dr. Parker."

Although he has preferred to be known by his first name since he began his career 30 years ago, he noted that "in certain settings, maintaining that level of intimacy is not appropriate. Students have to learn that sometimes it's appropriate and sometimes it's not."

Using his first name indicates in part that "we're all in this together," Parker said.

But, whether or not a title is used, he believes that students will respect him "if I'm doing my job the right way, and if I treat them in a respectful way."

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Travelling teaches lessons not found in the classroom

Yosef Tastassa
Special to The CJN

Leaving a routine life to travel around the world as a couple is one thing. Doing the same thing as a family is completely different – and much more complicated.

In July 2009, my wife Estelle and I and our three children – ages 11, 8 and 2 – left our home in Israel to embark on a 10-month trip through Thailand, Vietnam, China, Australia and New Zealand.

It took us six months to prepare for the journey, because we had to make arrangements for such things as health coverage, transportation, insurance and logistics. The most complicated issue was the education of our two older daughters, Hila and Ariel.

Prior to our departure, we co-ordinated their educational program with the Israeli Ministry of Education, and with our daughters' school principals.

The decision was to teach Hila and Ariel mathematics, English and Hebrew literature while we were travelling, beginning in September once summer break was over.

After our trip, the girls completed the last six weeks of their school year in Israel.

Estelle is a special education teacher, and we felt comfortable with the fact that we would have to do all the teaching while we were travelling.

At the beginning of September, we found ourselves living in a motor home and crossing the huge Australian Outback. Three or four times a week, after eating breakfast and washing the dishes, we pulled the schoolbooks out of the closet and taught the girls for two hours at a time.

Hila, second from left, and her sister Ariel pose with members of the Flower H'Mong tribe in North Vietnam, near the Chinese border. *[Yosef Tastassa photo]*

Although Hila and Ariel are very disciplined, at first it was difficult for them to accept their parents as teachers. Also, we parked at campsites, and everything distracted them – geese, lakes, trees, forests.

But there are advantages to one-on-one teaching, and soon it became part of their normal routine.

Six months into the trip, the girls – who could barely speak English when we left home – had a fluent spoken language and a rich vocabulary. We moved to Toronto last summer, and their language skills helped them a lot during their first few weeks at a Canadian public school in the fall.

But in retrospect, general studies – even though they are very important – were not the most important thing they learned.

We are grateful to God and to the circumstances that life gave us. The fact that two young girls and their little toddler brother had the chance to see and experience the world with their own eyes is a priceless gift.

Not many people have met the long neck tribes on the Thailand-Burma border, cooked traditional foods with the minority tribes of remote North Vietnam, danced in folk festivals in western China, learned the unique tradition of the Aboriginal Australians, or joined the famous Maori Hakka dance in New Zealand – all by the age of nine. When we visited cooking schools in Thailand and North Vietnam, Hila and Ariel held in their hands fruits, vegetables and spices that I don't even know the names for.

In New Zealand, when we met the Maoris, we told the girls that the British had conquered New Zealand and that now the Maoris – the indigenous people – are re-establishing their own identity. We compared it to what happened when Judaism was suppressed by the Romans and we kept our own culture. They learned a lot of history.

The girls matured a lot. There are many things that schools cannot give, starting with true respect for other cultures and languages, learning geography through one's eyes rather than from books, learning life skills like getting along in a strange neighbourhood, and understanding that life is not perfect and that there are obstacles of all kinds that one must strive to overcome.

In Israel, everything was in place. Everything was known. But there are many things that change in life. Going on a journey where every day is a new day gave the children the feeling that even though we're not in control of everything, it's fine. They became much more adaptable.

But the most important thing for us was that we became a better family. When siblings live together for 315 days in a 40-square-foot space, there is no escape, either physical or mental. Some days, I would drive 11 hours without stopping.

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One Purim, two different ceremonies

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife, Sara, celebrated Purim at the prime minister's office on Sunday by receiving children from a nearby hospital. Outside the prime minister's office, merely metres away in the protest tent erected on behalf of Gilad Schalit, the IDF soldier kidnapped by Hamas nearly five years ago, Gilad's father, Noam, right, listens to the reading of Megillat Esther.

[Flash90 photos]

Canada honours Congress

Environment Minister Peter Kent, left, the minister responsible for Parks Canada, presided over the commemoration of the national historic significance of the founding of the Canadian Jewish Congress in a ceremony last week in Montreal. Mark Freiman, Congress' national president, stands with Kent alongside the new plaque. The inscription on it reads, in part, "Regarded by many as the 'Parliament of Canadian Jewry,' the Congress continues to provide a voice for the Canadian Jewish community both nationally and internationally." ***Please see related story on page 32.***

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CANADA

Teen Committed

MONTREAL — Maor Attar, 19, was found not criminally responsible for murdering his sister by a Quebec Superior Court judge March 16 because he's schizophrenic. He'll spend an indefinite period at the Philippe Pinel Institute for killing Shirel Attar, 14, in their Côte St. Luc home last summer. He's been held there since his arrest hours after repeatedly stabbing and bludgeoning the girl, obeying, as the court heard, voices in his head. He'll be assessed annually to see if he's fit for release. He had no previous diagnosis of mental illness.

Diplomat Speaks

MONTREAL — Israel's first Bedouin diplomat, Ishmael Khaldi, spoke to a receptive audience of more than 100 students and teachers at Collège Laflèche in Trois-Rivières, Que., during Israeli Apartheid Week (IAW). Although the school didn't formally take part in IAW, there is campus support for boycotting Israel. Khaldi, whose visit was organized by the Quebec-Israel Committee, is a former deputy consul in San Francisco, one of the highest ranks ever held by an Israeli Muslim. Now an adviser to Foreign Affairs Minister Avigdor Lieberman, he didn't deny discrimination exists in Israel, but he said he's proud to be Israeli.

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Trip Impact Studied

BOSTON — The impact of a Taglit-Birthright trip is significant and lasts for years, a new study says. Participants in the 10-day Israel trips are more confident advocates for Israel, are 46 per cent more likely to feel very connected to Israel, and are 51 per cent more likely to marry a Jew than their peers who applied for, but didn't go for space reasons, on a Birthright trip. These are some of the findings of *The Impact of Taglit-Birthright Israel: 2010 Update*, a study by Brandeis University's Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies. It follows the centre's 2009 report, *Generation Birthright Israel*, and looks at 2,000 young Jews who applied for and/or went on Birthright trips from 2001 to 2005.

Sweden Urged to Protect Jews

STOCKHOLM — The Simon Wiesenthal Center called on the Swedish government to assume the cost of protecting the Jewish community.

Rabbi Abraham Cooper

Senior SWC officials, who visited Stockholm and Malmo on a week-long fact-finding trip, accused the government of making the Jewish community pay the equivalent of a "Jewish tax," requiring it to pay for most security measures, including barriers against attacks outside the shul during services.

The Jewish community is in danger in Sweden, the centre said. "Sweden intelligence has identified over 400 Islamist radicals and neo-Nazis," said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, its associate dean, in a statement issued March 15 from Stockholm. "Coupled with global threats from 'lone wolf' operatives, Jews are a primary target for hate crimes and terrorists."

Centre officials met in the southern city of Malmo with key political, Jewish and Muslim officials and top police officials. The centre issued a travel advisory for Jews on Sweden's third-largest city last December after a spate of antisemitic incidents was ignored.

Some 800 Jews live in Malmo among a total population of 300,000, which includes a large, mainly Muslim, immigrant community. About 400 antisemitic acts were registered in Malmo in 2009 – more than half of the total number of hate crimes in the city. A 2009 Davis Cup tennis match there between Sweden and Israel took place in an empty stadium due to security concerns after anti-Israel protests over the Gaza war.

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Udi, aged 36. Ruth, 35. Yoav, 11. Elad, 4. Hadas, just three months old.

The names of the Fogel family rang out at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation last Thursday evening in a moving memorial service to the members of the clan who were butchered by Palestinian terrorists in their West Bank home on the night of March 11.

Calls for unity and strength – and to refrain from revenge – were sounded at the hour-long service organized by Shaarei Shomayim and UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

The somber memorial, attended by about 800 people, coincided with the pre-Purim Fast of Esther, which commemorates the fast by Jews of the ancient Persian empire before a battle against their enemies.

In a horrific crime that sickened even hardened Israelis, the five members of the Fogel family were stabbed to death by one, or possibly two, terrorists who snuck into the West Bank settlement of Itamar on a Friday night.

The blood-soaked images were splashed on the front pages of Israeli newspapers and websites, amid warnings of their graphic content.

The children were stabbed in their sleep. Two other Fogel children reportedly slept through the nightmare and were unharmed. The family's eldest daughter, Tamar, 12, returned home from a Bnei Akiva youth meeting to make her harrowing discovery.

Though saying he was "lost for words," Israel "will not stop until these [attackers] are brought to justice," pledged Amir Gissin, the country's consul general in Toronto.

Gissin blasted the "hypocrisy" of western governments for outwardly supporting Israel but also funding the Palestinian Authority.

He said "it doesn't matter if prisoners in Israel have stolen a car or murdered a baby. The families of prisoners held in Israeli jails will continue to be supported. Their families will get monthly payments from the PA. It's part of their budget. Where is this money coming from? It's coming from western governments.

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Israel's consul general in Toronto, Amir Gissin, addresses memorial service.
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Sanctimony, not integrity

From the editor's desk...

Of the many qualities that attach to the proponents of the campaign against Israel acronymically known as BDS – boycott, divestment and sanctions – integrity is not among them.

One can talk about commitment. They are certainly committed and faithful to their objective to the point of zealotry. Indeed, in an off-kilter sort of way, one can even talk about a misplaced and misdirected idealism animating some of the activists in their campaign against the Jewish state.

But integrity is utterly missing in their behaviour. Nor is it surprising that it is because integrity requires some concession to truth and honesty.

The BDS proponents make none and are quite pleased not to. They concede only to their ideology, which, rather than truth, prefers the sanctimony of self-justification.

Were the BDS crowd even minimalist seekers of truth and endorsers of honesty, they might have expressed surprise, if not regret, that the government of Iran had been caught last week trying to send some 50 tons of weapons to its Hamas proxies who rule Gaza.

The arms were hidden under sacks of cotton and lentils in three of the dozens of containers aboard the Liberian-registered ship Victoria.

Among the weapons found were six C-704 shore-to-sea missiles (made in Iran according to Chinese specifications), 230 120-mm mortar shells, which have a range of 10 kilometres; 2,260 60-mm mortars, whose range is 2.5 kilometres and 74,889 Kalashnikov rifle bullets.

The weapons, of course, were intended to be used against Israelis, much like the Grad rocket that was launched from Gaza into southern Ashkelon on Sunday evening and the 50 rockets fired from Gaza into southern Israel last Saturday evening.

The Victoria was interdicted by the Israeli navy, its arms seized. Then it was released to continue its journey.

Given Hamas' declared intention and its ongoing efforts at waging genocidal war against the Jewish state, no fair-minded individual would suggest that it was unlawful or even unreasonable for Israel to intercept those weapons.

Moreover, no country in Israel's situation, facing the threats it does from so many hostile neighbours, would act differently than Israel acted and acts to protect its citizens.

Israel's naval blockade of Gaza has a narrow purpose, namely to prevent guns and missiles from reaching Hamas. It achieved that purpose last week without disruption to the welfare or well-being of the people of Gaza.

The collaboration between Iran and Hamas does not seem to offend the conscience of the high-minded BDS crowd. They offered no comment, issued no press release, found no reason to express disappointment of any kind in Gaza's leaders.

There would not be anything amiss with the lack of discomfort on the part of the BDS-ers if Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (the Iranian leader) and Ismail Haniyah (the Hamas leader) were collaborating on, say, preventing erosion of Gaza farmlands, desalinizing the salty waters of the Mediterranean, or even replacing the former Israeli agricultural hothouses destroyed by Hamas in 2005.

But the entire world knows that the Iranians and the Hamas Gazans collaborate and co-operate on one objective only. The Iranian leader has so often and so earnestly expressed it: "wiping Israel off the map."

Yet the BDS group that operates the Canadian Boat to Gaza website blithely, and likely blissfully too, proceeds undaunted in their mission "to send a Canadian boat to challenge the blockade of Gaza, in co-ordination with similar international efforts."

That they have no regard for the truth is proven in the following passage on the website. "The blockade of Gaza... restricts bringing materials into Gaza and it does not allow anything to leave Gaza either. This, in addition to starving the population, denies the Palestinians of Gaza the ability to trade with the world, further suffocating them."

Nothing about this sentence is true.

As many as 400 trucks a day travel into Gaza from entry points in Israel bringing thousands of tons of supplies and all manner of humanitarian, commercial, construction and consumer goods to the people of Gaza.

The BDS gang's website celebrates the fact that they have already raised $240,000 of the $300,000 they need to set sail the end of May with "the Freedom Flotilla 2."

Abjectly lacking in integrity, the BDS gang is bothered not at all by their disregard and disdain for the truth.

Oh, and by the way, Gilad Schalit still remains a prisoner, almost five years since he was kidnapped by the BDSers' heroic role models.

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HAPPY VOLUNTEER FOR ISRAEL

Bloria Roizman of Toronto was part of a 12-person volunteer crew – two Canadians and 10 Americans – who served on an army base in the Negev with the Sar El program recently. Sar El volunteers work for two weeks at an army base in Israel. Here Roizman sorts through unneeded military uniforms.

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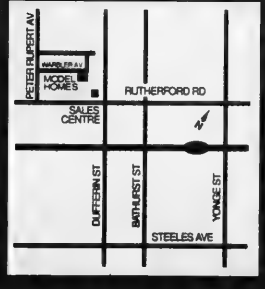

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Cancer patient battles health care system

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

According to the Ontario health-care system, Jill Anzarut, 35, discovered she had breast cancer too early.

The mother of two young children, Anzarut went to her doctor in December after finding "something" on her right breast.

"I had always thought that breast cancer would be detected by an actual lump, but this [didn't feel like that] so I wasn't that worried."

She had it checked out with her doctor, however, who sent her for an ultrasound, and ultimately for a biopsy at Princess Margaret Hospital's rapid diagnosis clinic.

The results were that she had an aggressive form of breast cancer – HER2 (human epidermal growth factor receptor type 2) – and treatment included chemotherapy and the drug Herceptin, which has been found to halve rates of recurrence within four years of diagnosis for women with that type of breast cancer.

Anzarut, who had her first round of chemotherapy on March 9, said the problem is that she does not qualify for the $40,000- or $50,000-a-year medication under OHIP until the tumour is greater than one centimetre, and her benefits package at work does not cover it.

"The irony is that if I purchase the drug privately, government regulations do not allow Princess Margaret Hospital to administer it, so I would have to pay a private clinic. That means even more money."

Ron MacInnes, manager of public affairs at Cancer Care Ontario, said that ultimately, Deb Matthews, minister of Health and Long-Term Care for Ontario, has to approve the funding of the drug.

"Recommendations are based on direct evidence, and [at the size of this tumour] there is no evidence available on [Herceptin's] effectiveness. The decisions are not ours to make."

David Jensen, media relations co-ordinator, communications and information branch, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, said that Herceptin is currently funded through the New Drug Funding Program (NDFP) for the treatment of patients with certain types of early stage breast cancer following surgery and after chemotherapy, and the treatment of patients with certain types of metastatic breast cancer.

Reimbursement requires compliance with clinical eligibility criteria developed, based on evidence-based guidelines and approved by the provincial expert committee, he said.

Jensen said the Breast Cancer Disease Site Group (Breast Cancer DSG) produces evidence-based reports to assist practitioner and patient decisions about appropriate health care for specific clinical circumstances. The DSG recommends the use of Herceptin if the patient has a node-negative tumour with size greater than one centimetre.

In a new development, however, it was reported in the March 18 *Globe and Mail* that the Ontario Ombudsman is investigating the government's failure to provide Anzarut the drug. Andre Marin announced that he is investigating whether the province's decision to limit funding was informed and reasonable. "Based on our informal interviews with oncologists and officials from Cancer Care Ontario and the ministry, I've determined that this case raises issues serious enough to warrant a systemic investigation," he said in a news release.

Anzarut has met with Ken Dryden, member of Parliament for York Centre, and Monte Kwinter, member of provincial parliament for York Centre, who have both been supportive, she said.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced last week, the government's plans to renew support for the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer, an independent, not-for-profit organization whose goal is to help save Canadian lives.

Although weakened from last week's treatment and battling a cough and cold, Anzarut said she is "hanging in. At the end of the day, I have no choice but to take the drug. We'll have to do what we need to do to get it."

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Lebovic campus receives government funding

Ottawa to contribute up to $15 million for Phase 3 of new community campus

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Julian Fantino, minister of state for seniors and MP for Vaughan, announced on March 14 that the federal government will contribute up to $15 million toward Phase 3 of the Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Jewish Community Campus, on Bathurst Street north of Rutherford Road in Vaughan.

Fantino made the announcement on behalf of Chuck Strahl, minister of transport, infrastructure and communities.

The estimated total costs for Phase 3 are $45 million, and construction is expected to be completed in fall 2016. Federal support is conditional on the project meeting federal conditions and the signing of a contribution agreement with UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, according to a joint news release by the federation and the Canadian government.

The federal funding falls under the major infrastructure component of the Building Canada fund. UJA Federation is responsible for the remaining costs.

The campus already houses the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto's Kimel Centre. New buildings and services are expected to be phased in from 2012 to 2016.

Speaking in the unheated, partly built Schwartz/Reisman Centre – one of three Jewish community centres in the GTA being funded by the federation's $225-million Tomorrow Campaign – Fantino said the announcement was "really about community building." The centre is expected to open in fall 2012.

"Our government remains focused on the economy, and completing our economic recovery is an important task we have embraced," Fantino said.

The project is "a fine example" for its creation of jobs and future recreation facilities that will serve the community, he said.

The project will include a conference centre, theatre and lecture hall, an outdoor pool and multi-purpose facilities that will be available to all York Region citizens.

Fantino credited Bernie Farber, national CEO of Canadian Jewish Congress, as one of the main people who helped him understand that the project "is more about community building than a particular project that is singular to one specific community in our city."

An artist's rendering of the Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Jewish Community Campus.

Elizabeth Wolfe, chair of the board of UJA Federation, said the new centre will be "a place for everyone – young and old, Jew and gentile, those of all affiliations, abilities and interests. It will be a place of culture and education, recreation and wellness, celebration and integration, health and social services."

Vaughan mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua said the project was "a perfect example of what can be achieved when people pool their resources to bring about positive change."

Ted Sokolsky, president of UJA Federation, said the event was a unique partnership between all levels of government and the non-profit world, and that the project was about both nation-building and city-building.

"The ceremony today is a testimonial to a belief in the future," he added.

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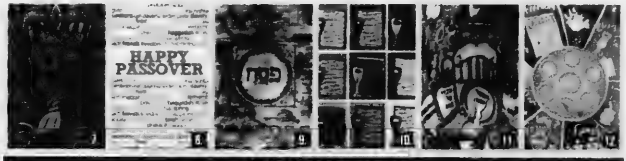

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Abbas still stuck

Flying essentially undetected last week under the radar of the media's focus on the catastrophe in Japan and the civil war in Libya, was the decaying dirigible of Palestinian aspirations of statehood being steered once again by Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas into a parking garage, to sit again unused, rusting a bit more, flying nowhere, soaring no higher than the pavement of the street, where rabble rules and sewage flows into the water.

Rather than dedicate his efforts to finding common ground with Israel, Abbas announced that he will instead invest his time in reconciling with the rulers of Gaza. "I declare that I am ready to go to Gaza... to end the split and form a new government," he said in a speech before senior members of his Fatah Party last week.

Abbas was responding to a publicly expressed invitation by Hamas leader Ismail Haniyah for his West Bank counterpart to come to Gaza to heal the rift between the two governments.

Hamas, it must be remembered, violently and brutally expelled Abbas' Fatah-dominated party from Gaza in 2007. The two factions hate each other and compete for the loyalty of the beleaguered Palestinian people. Indeed, Israel was called upon by Fatah members fleeing Gaza to protect them from the murdering Hamas loyalists chasing them to the border.

Were it to truly moderate and remove from official Hamas dogma such odious doctrines as, "[L]eaving the circle of conflict with Israel is a major act of treason and it will bring curse on its perpetrators," unity between the two factions would be welcome as a possible step toward ultimate peace.

But Abbas' own party, let alone the PA, of which his party is its largest constituent member, is replete with odious doctrines, too. The lionizing and effective "canonizing" of Palestinian terrorists is a case in point. For example, a town square in al-Bireh, near Ramallah was named last week after Dalal Mughrabi, a terrorist who was involved in killing 37 Israelis in 1978.

The ceremony took place barely two days after Palestinian terrorists slaughtered five members of the Fogel family in Itamar in the West Bank. Abbas condemned the atrocity. But his condemnation, though not perfunctory in its language, was nonetheless hollow in its effect, in light of his government's actions essentially endorsing terrorism with the Mughrabi celebration.

There are no peace negotiations now between Israel and the PA. Nor are there prospects that negotiations will resume in the foreseeable future. By preferring to court Hamas rather than an Israeli negotiating partner, Abbas shows that his true objective is to forgo a negotiated peace treaty for an imposed one.

But just like the Palestinian dirigible stuck in the hangar, not moving, such an arrangement will not fly. There cannot be peace if the two parties do not work out its terms.

25 years ago in *The CJN*

The ultra-right-wing National Front party – whose leader, Jean-Marie Le Pen, was described by Jewish leaders as racist and antisemitic – won 35 of 577 seats in the National Assembly and nearly 10 per cent of the vote in national elections in France.

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We must not forget Schalit

Through the Schalit awareness campaign, students are trying to learn about the reality of being held captive by Hamas for four years, the time that Gilad Schalit has been away from his family ("Hillel launches Schalit awareness campaign," Feb. 10). This campaign is crucial for Schalit's release, because it creates both Jewish and non-Jewish opinions, which will help create a mass opinion for the awareness of his capture and his imminent release.

People are forgetting about Schalit. Forgetting is what we're not supposed to do. As a modern Orthodox Jew, I feel as it is my responsibility, along with every other Jew, to remember Schalit. His entire life has been taken away from him, and through various campaigns such as this one, we will be able to take it back. Schalit's story is becoming a symbol of oppression and sadness for the Jews. We can fight for him. We can be unified in this important cause, and maybe someday, Schalit won't be a symbol of sadness and will turn into a symbol of happiness.

Daniel Gemara
Toronto

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Rabbi Kelman's contribution to Reena

I was delighted to read of the Ontario Trillium Foundation grant that is enabling a residence facility now under construction at the Lebovic Campus in Vaughan ("Reena receives Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant," March 10). However, it was hurtful to read that Reena was established by the "parents of children" with developmental disabilities, with the article neglecting to mention their mentor, the late Rabbi Joseph Kelman, who founded the organization.

One person rarely mentioned in connection with Reena is Rochelle Carrady. After reading that Rabbi Kelman was being recognized for enabling a bar mitzvah celebration, the first ever, of a group of Down syndrome children, she spoke with him about her disabled children. Impressed with his initiative, she arranged for him to meet the late Joe Berman and his wife, Helen, known for their caring and financial generosity. As a result, the Bermans established and funded small Reena group homes in place of the large existing institutions. The Reena residences have multiplied over the years under the able administration of Sandy Keshen and her staff, and are supported by the community, along with the parents of disabled children.

Sara Edell Schafler-Kelman
Toronto

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Israel and the U.S.

Bert Raphael's March 10 letter, "Israel has always defied the U.S.," fails to distinguish between situations in which Israel and the United States' interests coincide and diverge. In 1967, when Israel easily decimated the Egyptian military, as was predicted by U.S. and Israeli intelligence, Israel was fulfilling its assigned role to counter the threat of Nasser's independent Arab nationalism. However, when, in 2005, Israel declared a firm intention to sell advanced missiles to China, in clear violation of U.S. demands, Israel was forced to not only pass legislation to bar such sales but also to write a letter of apology to the United States for planning the sale. Israel's main enemy isn't Iran or Hamas or Hezbollah, but hubris.

Jeffrey Rudolph
Montreal

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Jews in Guatemala

As a director of a charity that builds schools and educates children in Guatemala, I visit there at least every two months, and I have spoken to Rabbi Jacques Cukierkorn several times ("Letter from Guatemala," March 17). He is a Reform Rabbi who truly "gets" the concept of loving all Jews. His affiliation with Casa Hillel takes him outside of the insular comfort zone that so many Jewish communities around the world have erected for both good and not-so-good reasons. Rabbi Cukierkorn and the Casa Hillel community are committed Jews who foster a love of Judaism, a love of Israel and a love of reaching out to the disadvantaged. Although not part of mainstream Judaism, their commitment to klal Yisrael is no less sincere. Although Casa Hillel is small, it is growing throughout Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras. They are not welcomed by the mainstream community, because they are brown and because they are Reform converts. They are also not solidly middle-class. The "who is a Jew" question isn't just restricted to Israel and first-world countries. It is, unfortunately, alive and well in Guatemala as well.

Kolel and Access Education Guatemala Children's Fund is leading a "voluntour" to Guatemala at the end of April. We will be having Shabbat dinner with Casa Hillel and look forward to sharing our thoughts, dreams and our kavanah with this inspiring group of Jews.

Adrienne Rosen
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Obama is weak against Mideast strongmen

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Libya's ruler Col. Moammar Gadhafi has revealed the weakness of U.S. President Barack Obama. The leader of the superpower called upon Gadhafi to leave – and Gadhafi wasn't scared. The whole world saw how very easy it is to preach democracy and liberty from afar, and how much harder it is to back up the verbiage with military action against a cruel tyrant who slaughters his own citizens.

Gadhafi's determination has tipped the balance, at least for the present, in the struggle for survival by rulers of Arab countries against their peoples in revolt. Saudi Arabia followed in his footsteps and sent its army to Bahrain to rescue the regime of the Sunni minority from the wrath of the Shiite majority. The Americans demanded reforms and openness in Bahrain, and the Saudis have in effect occupied the neighbouring island, which is linked by a bridge to their country.

The harsh and cruel Gadhafi has always tested the normal limits of the behaviour of states and leaders. He has already shown it is possible to survive for years in power under sanctions, threats and even American bombardment. However, the Middle East is full of leaders and governments who have heard demands and dictates from Obama and have simply said, "We've heard you" – and continued doing as they liked unscathed.

During the past two years, for example, Iran has advanced its nuclear program and paid no heed either to Obama's lures or his warnings. For its part, Israel slowed down settlement expansion for a while, because the president demanded it, but then went back to building in the territories.

Even Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas said no to Obama, when the president suggested he waive a condemnation of Israel at the United Nations in exchange for a package of benefits and incentives. Fifty minutes on the telephone, and Abbas didn't budge.

Obama always goes with the strong and kicks the weak. When the opposition demonstrations in Iran were brutally suppressed after the falsification of the presidential election results in 2009, Obama disassociated himself from the demonstrators and in effect supported President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. He apparently assessed that the regime would survive and hoped his neutrality would lead to a thaw in the relations between the United States and Iran. But the Iranians interpreted Obama's stance as weakness and showed no interest in the dialogue he offered them.

In Egypt, the masses went out to demonstrate in the streets, and the moment Hosni Mubarak was weakened and the army disassociated itself from him, Obama wiped out 30 years of alliance and co-operation. When it emerged the army had taken control of Egypt, the U.S. president supported the generals. Mubarak and the deposed president of Tunisia hesitated to open fire on the demonstrators and were dethroned. Gadhafi fought back and his rule has been saved. For now.

Obama's successful race for the presidency, centred on the sweeping promise of "change," aroused tremendous expectations. In an instance of putting the cart before the horse, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize without having done anything. His supporters say that due to the very fact of his presence and the positions he has articulated, he has encouraged supporters of democracy in the Arab world and has lowered the flames in the Middle East.

Their claim is not entirely unfounded. Even before the street revolts in Tunisia and Egypt, the Obama administration had advanced southern Sudan toward independence. The borders between Israel and its neighbours have been a lot quieter since he took office than they were during the terms of his predecessors Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

Nevertheless, a far more activist foreign policy was expected of Obama. Both those who admire him and those who do not assessed he would force Israel to quit the territories and would establish a Palestinian state in them. And, indeed, Obama went further than his predecessors and declared that the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict was a national interest of the United States. Right after his inauguration, he appointed George Mitchell, who successfully mediated in Northern Ireland, as special envoy to the Middle East.

Here in the Middle East, it was immediately realized that Mitchell was of no value, although he continued to be hosted for futile discussions. He has not been seen for some time now in Jerusalem and Ramallah, even though formally he still holds the envoy position. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is working with Washington now through Mitchell's rival, Dennis Ross.

When he took office, Netanyahu assessed that Obama would try to depose him. His fear of the president led Netanyahu to impose a settlement freeze at the end of 2009. The fear evaporated when the Republicans regained a majority in the House of Representatives last November and positioned themselves as a shield against administration pressure on Israel.

The stance of the House, whose Democratic leaders also offered their support of Jerusalem, pushed Obama to impose a veto on the UN Security Council resolution condemning the settlements – contrary to his administration's position. But recently, when a veteran right-winger asked Netanyahu why he will present a diplomatic plan in the near future, the prime minister explained: "Obama will be elected for a second term."

U.S. President Barack Obama

Since his party's defeat in the congressional elections, Obama has preferred to reach agreements with the Republicans and to rule from the centre. His energies are already focused on his campaign for re-election, and at a time like that, one doesn't wrangle with powerful sectors and lobbies such as supporters of Israel. It seems he is waiting for the diplomatic battle expected this summer in advance of the Palestinian declaration of independence. At that time, Obama will have an opportunity to apply pressure to Netanyahu and Abbas – both will be in need of his support. It is doubtful he will take advantage of this opportunity at the start of his election year. But even if Obama makes public a plan for an Israeli-Palestinian agreement, the sides will likely reject it.

And until summer arrives, Obama will have to deal with the waves of revolt in the Middle East and Netanyahu's insistence on keeping control of the West Bank.

"We don't want Iran 14 miles off our coast, and that's not going to happen," a Saudi official told *Washington Post* columnist David Ignatius in no uncertain terms. This is how the Saudis are justifying the dispatch of their army to Bahrain – and this is exactly how Netanyahu is explaining his demand to maintain control of the Jordan Valley and the ridges overlooking it, where the settlement of Itamar is located.

U.S. may talk with Hezbollah's political leadership

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JERUSALEM — The administration of U.S. President Barack Obama is considering reaching out to the political leadership in Hezbollah, the *Washington Post* reported on Friday, stressing that at this stage it was an intelligence effort, not a policymaking one.

In an opinion piece appearing on the newspaper's online edition, columnist David Ignatius indicated that Washington was considering an effort similar to the one the United Kingdom implemented "during the 1990s with Sinn Fein, the legal political wing of the terrorist Irish Republican Army.

"That outreach led to breakthrough peace talks and settlement of a conflict that had been raging for more than a century," Ignatius wrote, adding that several U.S. officials were expected to endorse dialogue with political elements of both Hezbollah and the Taliban in an upcoming intelligence report.

Writing of the effect recent Mideast turmoil may have had on Obama's decision to accept these recommendations, the *Washington Post* writer said that the "political time bomb ticking away in the [intelligence report] is the question of whether the United States should seek some kind of direct or indirect engagement with Hezbollah — at least with its political wing.

"Officials who support this course argue that the organization is like the IRA or the PLO — with non-military components that can be drawn into a dialogue," Ignatius added.

Ignatius quotes in his article one intelligence official, John Brennan, known for supporting a move toward dialogue with the Lebanese militant group, as saying that while "Hezbollah started out as purely a terrorist organization back in the early '80s," it has "evolved significantly over time."

"The bottom line," the *Washington Post* article concluded, "is that after a decade of American wars in the Middle East, the Obama administration is increasingly looking for ways to talk with adversaries and draw them into a process of dialogue.

"The world is changing, and perhaps so should U.S. policy," he added.

Bold change is an opportunity

Question: "How many congregants does it take to change a light bulb in a synagogue?" The answer is: "*Change*? You vant we should *change* the light bulb? My grandmother donated that light bulb!"

Change is never easy – personally or communally. Most of us like our lives, habits, institutions – or at least are so addicted to them we fear the unknown. As informal, democratic structures keeping our traditions alive, Jewish communities frequently resist change – even when they need it. And Jewish institutions are particularly loath to change themselves – particularly when they are still functional. Usually, we change when it is too late – failing to move deliberately ahead when strong and instead scrambling chaotically, reactively, when weak.

Gill Troy

in Montreal

Aware of the challenges in changing, the Montreal Jewish community has, nevertheless, bravely launched the unification of Jewish People's and Peretz Schools-Bialik and United Talmud Torahs/Herzliah into a new, innovative, centre of educational excellence to create Montreal's New Community School.

The visionaries behind the initiative understand the difficulties involved in combining two educational institutions, each with a proud past and distinct personality. The challenge is ensuring that 1 + 1 does not equal 1 – shrinking two institutions into a third, but to make 1 + 1 = 3, creating an institution that is bigger, better, bolder than the two were separately, when 1 + 1 only yielded 2.

The Montreal Jewish community needs a flagship school reflecting the character of Montreal's unique community. In the 20th century, Quebec's linguistic obsession yielded schools often defined by the languages they emphasized. A new school suited for the 21st century starts with the assumption that Jewish identity is about who we are not what language we speak. This school will reflect the central value of klal Yisrael, the unity of the Jewish People, that broad connection we feel one to another by sharing that noble title "Jew," while making them deep, passionate, literate Jewish patriots, committed to our shared sense of community with a common heritage and common values.

Simultaneously, we have diversity within the unity. The new school will accommodate – and nourish – different languages, different traditions, different levels of observance, different communities of origin – while maintaining high standards of excellence and a tone not just of mutual respect but of community solidarity. Students will go deep, reaching into the particular traditions, ideas and Jewish expressions they bring from home, that anchor them, while also going broad, weaving their particular thread of home heritage and observance into the rich communal tapestry that unites Montreal Jews – and Jews worldwide.

The phrase New Montreal Community School says it all. "New" – it will be cutting edge. "Montreal" – it will reflect Montreal's uniqueness as one of the most Jewishly literate, committed, activist, Zionist, multi-lingual, diverse communities in North America. "Community" – in an age of extreme individualism, disposable relationships, and the lure of the here and now, Judaism is about community, continuity, commitment – which cultivates and roots an individual. And "School" – by learning together, volunteering together, living together, students can benefit from the greater resources one thriving educational centre can offer while maintaining their particular identity. And in age of fragmentation, when everyone wants to know if you go to a Reform school or a Conservative school, if it is Ashkenazi or Sephardi, to be able to answer, "Yes, it is a community school," could be a great peoplehood platform, a great way of reminding us that the core values, the defining narrative, the central rituals, the rich civilization – the Montreal Jewish community – uniting us is more significant, resonant, lasting than whatever differences we might have.

Other communities have succeeded with community day schools – Boston, London and – dare we say it – Toronto. Montreal's time has now come to create this while preserving Montreal's special character.

Another light bulb joke: "How many Jews does it take to change a light bulb?" The answer: "30. One to change the bulb, and 29 to discuss it, yelling conflicting instructions to the person changing the bulb." This bold change is an opportunity to have a communal conversation about what community means, what Judaism means, and why we should send our children to Jewish day schools in the first place. Rather than staying on the sidelines complaining, parents, students and alumni should line up to help write this great new chapter in Montreal's history, saying, "*Hineni*, here I am, how can I help?"

Be happy (it's Adar again)

The Talmud, in Masechet Taanit 29, teaches that when the month Adar enters, joy increases! There's a question as to whether that's a statement of fact or a command to make it so. Either way, the month of Purim is supposed to be extra happy. This year is a leap year, so we get two Adars to be really happy. A quick explanation: since the Jewish year comprises 12 lunar months, it averages only 354 days (12x29.5). To bring it in sync with the seasons of the 365.25-day solar year, a leap year of 13 months is scheduled seven times in a 19-year cycle. The added month is always an Adar II, making this, the leap year Adar (including its Rosh Chodesh days) a 60-day affair of joy.

But we Jews are funny about happiness. We say, "Oy, I'm so happy I can plotz" or "I'm so happy I could cry." Some of us are most happy when we're miserable. We love aggravation! We live for *tsuris*. Happiness is so elusive. We walk toward it and see it from a distance, but we don't recognize it even when it falls in our laps. We chase this fat little mouse in whatever way we can, but we don't know what it is we're really trying to catch. How many of us know people who are really, really happy – existentially so, without the "I'd be happier if..." or the "I'll be happier when..." ?

It seems to me that we really don't need any more electronic gadgets or whatever else is on at the moment. What we need are happiness lessons. At life's supposedly happiest moments, many of us are too nervous or busy or thinking about something else to truly be happy. At a wedding, we worry about the caterer. At a family meal, there are little squabbles and petty arguments. When we go out to have "fun," we're aware of how much it costs. Our kids have "fun" by escaping into movies and video games that annoy us.

Several years ago, Dennis Prager wrote a thought-provoking article titled, "You Think You're Happy? Think Again." He noted, "I wonder whether people today are not actually being taught to feel unhappy... Is there anybody who couldn't be shown that he or she is capable of experiencing more joy in virtually every area of life?... The list of missed delights is endless."

No matter how good things get, they could always be better. It's rare that anyone says, "That's all the money I want. That's fine – I can stop making money now. " Or "that's all the *kavod* I want. I'm through. I don't want any more recognition." As Prager says, "There is never a point at which we will not want more. Never. Ask those with great wealth and great sex." What would the whole advertising industry do if we didn't want to have more, if we didn't feel unhappy with what we already have?

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein

in Toronto

And if we only wanted to be happy, it should be easy. But we want to be happier than other people, which is always hard, because we imagine other people to be much happier than they are, and to be much happier than we could possibly ever be.

In the February issue of *Toronto Life*, editor Sarah Fulford discusses a newly released study by the Canadian Centre for the Study of Living Standards, which indicates, not surprisingly, that "income isn't the most important determinant of individual happiness... physical health and stress levels and even a sense of belonging matter more."

So let me tell you a secret. The point of Judaism isn't happiness, either, even in a leap year full of Adars. Maybe that's why we come away disappointed so much of the time in our Jewish lives. That's not to say Jewish events can't be fun or have joyful, joyous moments. They can and they should. But the point of living a Jewish life, ultimately, is to pursue meaning. Purim morphs into Pesach, a holiday filled with substance and significance, and a sense of belonging.

Adar lets us off easy, with graggers and masks and some schnapps. It's a fleeting sort of happy. But it's a kind of first baby step toward the spiritual depth that being really happy would demand.

An enduring political relationship

The monument strikes a first-time visitor to Guatemala City, a congested urban sprawl of unlovely low-rise buildings incongruously set off by gleaming glass-sheathed skyscrapers shaded by lush tropical vegetation. The golden Magen David, fabricated from metal, is more than 10 feet high and is supported by three brown rectangular blocks. Erected in 1997 to pay tribute to Israel and highlight Israel's enduring relationship with Guatemala, it is situated in a circular parkette in Zona 9, a fashionable neighbourhood in Central America's biggest city.

Sheldon Kirshner in Guatemala City

By coincidence, the city's only mosque, Mezquita De Aldaawa Islamica, an ornate yellow and white building protected by a high wall, stands just around the corner.

Political relationships come and go as national interests shift, but Israel's friendship with Guatemala – a nation of 13 million with a strong evangelical Christian streak and a tiny Jewish community, has stood the test of time.

"Our bilateral relations are excellent, not only because of the long history we've shared, but also because of our presence in Guatemala," said Israel's ambassador, Eliahu Lopez, a seasoned diplomat who took up his post in the summer of 2009.

In an unmistakable sign of the esteem in which Israel is generally held in this country, the National Congress, Guatemala's parliament, honoured the Jewish state shortly after Lopez's arrival in Guatemala City.

When two-thirds of the legislators in the National Congress expressed gratitude for Israel's contributions to Guatemala, Roberto Alejos, the Speaker, said, "If there is thriving agriculture, it's an Israeli contribution. If we have education, medicine and security, it's the Israelis who shared with us their rich experience."

In the wake of Alejos' speech, Lopez – who previously served in Venezuela, Germany, the Caribbean, Ethiopia, Paraguay and the former Czechoslovakia – was called to wave the Israeli flag in the centre of the chamber. Bowing his head in appreciation, Lopez thanked the National Congress for this signal honour, saying he felt national pride at a moment when Israel faced international difficulties following its invasion of the Gaza Strip.

He added, "Despite its political problems, Israel continues to share its experiences with friendly countries such as Guatemala."

Shortly afterward, Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman phoned Guatemala's vice-president to thank him for the event.

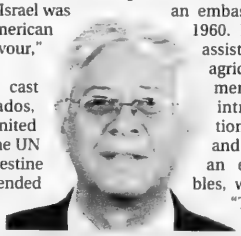
Even judged by the hard, unsentimental realities of Realpolitik, Israel can usually count on Guatemala, a nation whose historical narrative has been suffused with bloodshed and tragedy since winning independence from Spain in 1821.

A close U.S. ally for generations, Guatemala was one of 33 countries that voted for the Nov. 29, 1947, United Nations Palestine Partition Plan, which paved the way for Israel's creation less than a year later.

Guatemala was the first country in Latin America to come out in favour of partition during the roll call.

"Guatemala's support of Israel was a signal to other Latin American countries to vote in our favour," observed Lopez.

Guatemala's vote was cast by Jorge Garcia Granados, its ambassador to the United Nations and a member of the UN Special Committee on Palestine (UNSCOP), which recommended partition.



Eliahu Lopez

Granados, who went on to become Guatemala's ambassador to Israel, wrote a book about his pivotal role in Israel's establishment, *The Birth of Israel: The Drama As I Saw It*, published in 1949 and sold by Amazon.com today.

The scion of an influential family, Granados had no previous involvement in Jewish or Arab affairs when the Palestine file was thrust on him. But in his memoir, he writes, "I felt great sympathy for the Jews as a result of the world war, felt great admiration for what I saw as Jewish development in basically what I viewed as a barren land."

He went on to voice disgust that the Palestinian Arabs had been under the sway of the Mufti of Jerusalem, who had allied himself with Nazi Germany and fascist Italy.

Granados' sentiments are doubtless sincere. But one can safely assume that U.S. pressure was a factor in Guatemala's decision to recognize Jewish statehood.

Nine other countries in Latin America – an American sphere of influence since the 1823 Monroe Doctrine – voted for the 1947 partition plan: Bolivia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay and Peru. Six Latin American nations – Argentina, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Honduras and Mexico – abstained. Only one Latin bloc country, Cuba, voted against the resolution.

There was perhaps another reason why Guatemala voted for Jewish statehood. The major stockholder in the United Fruit Company, a key player in Guatemala's agrarian-based economy, was Samuel Zemurray, a Russian-born American Jew and a staunch Zionist.

After winning statehood, Israel formed good relations with Guatemala, opening an embassy in Guatemala City in 1960. Israel offered Guatemala assistance in such vital fields as agriculture and water management. Indeed, Israeli experts introduced the drip irrigation technique to Guatemala and helped farmers develop an export trade in vegetables, watermelons and melons. "These products are today the major bulk exports of Guatemala to the United States," said Lopez, who marked his 65th birthday on March 10.

Israel has also sold military equipment to Guatemala, he noted.

When the United States cut off military aid to Guatemala in 1977 to protest human rights violations by Guatemalan government forces during the 36-year civil-war period, Israel stepped in to fill the gap.

Guatemala bought Galil rifles, Arava aircraft and computers. Guatemala also purchased Israeli armoured personnel carriers, Dabur-class patrol boats, machine guns and grenade launchers. Israeli advisers provided advice on counter-insurgency warfare.

This Magen David monument in Guatemala City signifies Israel's good relationship with Guatemala.
[Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Since the 1950s, more than 5,000 Guatemalans have gone to Israel for advanced training in security, rural development, agriculture, medicine and technology, while Israeli companies like Solel Boneh and H & C have built hydroelectric plants and highways, Lopez said. Guatemala, in league with Costa Rica and El Salvador, was one the first countries to transfer its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Citing its "intimate relationship" with Israel, the then-Guatemalan president, Ramiro de Leon Carpio, announced the move in 1994, much to the surprise of his foreign minister. Arab countries responded by suspending purchases of Guatemalan cardamom, angering local farmers.

Since the Arab world bought 85 per cent of Guatemala's cardamom crop, the Guatemalan government backed down, moving its embassy back to Tel Aviv. "This was an act that Israel could not stop," said Lopez. "Guatemala had to follow the lead taken by all countries in Central America."

This glitch notwithstanding, Israel and Guatemala continue to be the best of friends.

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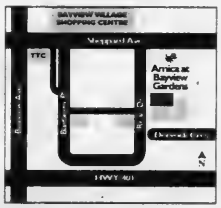

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Elliott Malamet, left, and Rabbi Avi Weiss *[Frances Kraft photo]*

Ordaining women not radical: rabbi

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Rabbi Avi Weiss believes that the best dvar Torah a rabbi can give consists of "not so much what you say, but what you do."

Speaking at a Torah in Motion (TIM) program held March 13 at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, Rabbi Weiss said he believes that non-violent civil disobedience is as important as quiet diplomacy.

A longtime activist – who became widely known for Soviet Jewry advocacy, and who suffered two heart attacks during protests and was arrested numerous times – he made headlines more recently for ordaining Rabba Sara Hurwitz, the first female to be ordained as an Orthodox spiritual leader, last year.

Rabbi Weiss – senior rabbi of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale and founder of the "open Orthodox" rabbinical school Yeshivat Chovevei Torah and its counterpart for women, Yeshivat Maharat – was interviewed by TIM co-founder Elliott Malamet in a program titled Activism and Advocacy: A Lifelong Commitment to the Jewish People.

The rabbi said he did not believe he was doing anything radical by ordaining Rabba Hurwitz, and added that he was surprised by the level of rhetoric that ensued.

He said he felt there had been an evolution in the Orthodox world over the past 100 years in terms of women and Jewish learning, citing the Chafetz Chaim's endorsement of women learning Torah, and the advanced Kolel program for women at Stern College. As well, he noted, women are now serving as *yoatzot Halachah* (halachic advisers) and in spiritual leadership positions in Orthodox synagogues.

"What I did that was different was to give it a title," Rabbi Weiss said. "That's where I took a step and went where others have not gone, but functionally, there literally was no difference."

He added that, for him, "rabba" is not the same as "rabbi." Orthodoxy is not egalitarian, he explained. "Ninety per cent of what a rabbi can do, women can do. A very significant 10 per cent, women can't do."

He noted, as well, that there are some things women can do as spiritual leaders that men cannot. Rabba Hurwitz can't be on a beit din for conversion, but she can counsel a woman who is converting and "literally" take her into the mikvah, Rabbi Weiss said. "That's a very powerful move, in my opinion.

"We desperately need spiritual leadership," he added. "For me, to limit spiritual leadership to 50 per cent of the pool doesn't make sense."

Rabbi Weiss, who was born in 1944 and ordained by Yeshiva University in 1966, attended a haredi school as a youngster and also studied at Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh in Israel.

His first pulpit, a year-long stint in St. Louis, was "the first time a yeshiva boy was seeing the real world," he said.

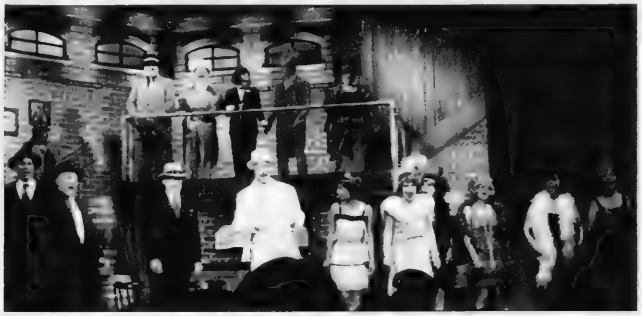
The rabbi credits his Polish-born father – who was raised a Chassid and went on to become a rabbi at Yeshiva University – for instilling in him "a sense of Jewish activism." However, he said, it took time to manifest.

Although Rabbi Weiss was involved in the Soviet Jewry movement early in his career in the 1960s, he was not yet attending rallies. "I feel somewhat shamed that I was not out there protesting with them."

At one time, he added, he was also "very inspired" by Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of the extremist Kach party and the Jewish Defence League. They "broke on a variety of issues," Rabbi Weiss said – to the extent that the two were scheduled to debate on the night that followed Rabbi Kahane's assassination in 1990.

Rabbi Weiss founded Chovevei Torah in large part because of "a precipitous move to the right" in Orthodoxy.

"There is latitude and flexibility" in Halachah, but within parameters, he said.



Beth Tzedec's annual Purim play, themed the Roaring 20s' includes a cast of over 50 singers, dancers and actors, ranging in age from 8 to 77-years.

Purim play transforms participants' lives

Compiled by CJN Staff

A 12-year-old girl, who could barely utter her own name because she was so painfully insecure after being bullied at school, sang and danced centre stage with confidence.

A cancer survivor with a prosthetic throat, who courageously auditioned to be a backup dancer, did the unthinkable when she performed a vocal solo.

A widow in her 70s who was a shut-in for a year following her husband's death rediscovered her zest for life when she joined an unlikely ensemble of non-professional actors that became an inspiring, new-found family.

These are just some of the stories of the members of Beth Tzedec Congregation who performed in the synagogue's annual Purim Family Musical on March 17 and 20. The musical has been sold out every year since its inception six years ago.

The event has transformed the lives of those who have volunteered to participate in this musical extravaganza.

"The camaraderie among the cast is awe-inspiring. They invest hundreds of hours rehearsing. A professional orchestra, spectacular sets and elaborate costumes culminate in a superior musical production beyond compare," said Cantor Simon Spiro, who produced and directed this year's musical in collaboration with his wife, Aliza, an award-winning songwriter.

This year's theme was the Roaring Twenties – complete with flappers, machine-gun-wielding bad guys, a spirited speakeasy and a shvitz, where Mordechai sweats to the oldies, a musical number choreographed to the famous 1920s tune *Puttin' On The Ritz.*

The cast of more than 50 singers, dancers and actors, ranging in age from 8 to 77, included entrepreneurs, dentists, accountants, marketers, bankers, lawyers, engineers, teachers, and even rabbis, former synagogue presidents and maintenance staff.

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COR fights Passover inflation as it educates

Jennifer M. MacLeod
Special to the CJN

"Can you say mashgiach?" The COR's Rabbi Tsvi Heber is standing in front of a group of middle-school students at the Village Shul Hebrew School. On this chilly evening, he is Mister Kosher, tossing out Post-It notes and pens for every correct answer.

Rabbi Tavi Heber

"And who's the rabbi who slaughters the animals? The sho-" – a student calls out "shofar," but Rabbi Heber gently offers "shochet."

From classroom visits to synagogue forums, supermarket tours and even koshering home kitchens, the Council of Orthodox Rabbis' educational and outreach services are expanding as it positions itself to become the friendly face of kashrut in Toronto.

"What do we check an egg for?" Rabbi Heber asks the class.

"There might be an omelette inside!" shouts one student.

"Poison!" calls another.

Joking aside, the kids are fascinated. Few consumers know exactly what kashrut agencies do. Many assume they just look at ingredient lists and supply a symbol for packaging.

With Rabbi Heber at its helm, COR in the community is all about proving that keeping kosher at home doesn't have to be difficult – or expensive, for example, with this year's brand-new Passover pricing initiative.

This year for the first time, several divisions of COR (the hechsher of the Kashruth Council of Toronto) have come together under the leadership of Rabbi Yacov Felder in a four-fold approach to keeping food costs down: educating consumers about items that don't require Passover supervision (they can be purchased at regular prices); working with retailers to minimize costs at Passover; initiating dialogue with wholesalers; and getting the message out to synagogue leadership in the Orthodox community.

Rabbi Felder understands the scope of his undertaking and admits this "isn't just a one-year project."

Some savings may be immediate. From mouthwash to juice to dishwasher detergent, what goes into your mouth or onto your plates doesn't always need expensive Passover certification. This year's Passover Guide, available online and from COR, contains an expanded list of these and other categories where regular products may be used during Passover.

On the retail front, COR will "identify areas where prices seem to be inflated [and] seek the root cause," whether wholesaler, manufacturer or both. "If we can keep prices down, it will be good for the retailer" because customers may start buying kosher year-round, spreading out the profits, Rabbi Felder says.

He is aware that there may be resistance. Passover is retailers' busiest season, and many feel they must mark up prices to make money. Rabbi Felder admits that slightly higher prices may be justified by additional labour and inventory, "however, it doesn't justify a major hike.

"Contrary to popular belief," he says, "kashrut fees are not what cause [prices] to go up," since establishments under COR pay the same amount for full-time kosher supervision year-round. "We'd like it to be a positive message."

COR also seeks ongoing dialogue with consumers and community leaders about Pesach pricing, Rabbi Felder says, not because "we have control... but we do have some sway, and we'd like to bring this issue to the forefront."

Back in Rabbi Heber's classroom, he's polling the kids about junk food: "Which chips do you like best?"

"Can I have two favourites?" one calls out.

It's late, and talking about food is distracting, but they're still asking questions: "Is all water kosher?" "If water had bugs in it, would it still be kosher?"

Bugs have become a popular topic, given recent infestations of the nearly-invisible critters that can render even the most kosher strawberry inedible. In-home demonstrations are a great way to learn more, Rabbi Heber says. "We can actually stand around a kitchen island with a lightbox and a sink and discuss how to check and wash fruits and vegetables thoroughly."

But produce doesn't only mean bugs: "We had a class... on fruits and vegetables coming from Israel... encouraging people to buy them and educating them in how to deal with them [halachically, separating Torah-mandated tithes] at the same time." Programs are also available on kosher alcohol, separating challah and many more: there is hardly a food-related topic COR won't come talk about.

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Lebovic Campus receives $15 million boost from federal government

Funds to help build phase 3 of project including theatre, outdoor pool

By Barbra Green

Construction on the Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Jewish Community Campus ground to a halt on the morning of March 14th.

For one hour, the site was still as the Honourable Julian Fantino, Minister of State for Seniors and Member of Parliament for Vaughan, announced a $15 million contribution by the Government of Canada to Phase 3 of the Lebovic Campus.

"Our government remains focused on the economy which is why we are proud to invest in this local infrastructure project that will create jobs, strengthen Vaughan's economy and improve the quality of life of all York Region families well into the future," said Fantino.

The Phase 3 project, at the corner of Bathurst Street and Lebovic Campus Drive, includes a conference and celebration pavilion and atrium, a theatre and lecture hall, an outdoor pool, as well as a number of multi-purpose programming and meeting facilities that will be available to all citizens of York Region. Construction of Phase 2 is already well underway, and will feature the incredible Schwartz/Reisman Centre, home to two indoor pools, a fitness and conditioning centre, daycare and preschool, and a community arts centre.

(l-r) Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor of Vaughan, MP Julian Fantino, Ted Sokolsky, Elizabeth Wolfe and Joseph Lebovic amidst the campus construction

Julian Fantino, Minister of State for Seniors and MP for Vaughan

Construction workers examine renderings of the future facilities on the Lebovic Campus

Elizabeth Wolfe, Chair of the Board, UJA Federation, thanked Minister Fantino for the government's generous support of one of Canada's fastest growing communities, and reflected on Jewish Toronto's proud past and bright future.

"The story of Toronto's Jewish community, in many ways reflects the narrative of our great nation. Canada is a country built on the hopes and dreams of those searching for a better life for themselves and their families," said Wolfe. "In Canada, we found safety and success; opportunity and acceptance. We found a place to put down roots and build community. And today, as you see all around you, that building continues."

"Through UJA Federation's Tomorrow Campaign, we are following in the footsteps of the visionaries who came before us; the men and women who planned and built for generations to come," said Wolfe. "Today, through projects such as the Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Jewish Community Campus we continue to build not only stronger communities, but stronger Canadians as well."

The Lebovic Campus is one of three exciting centres of Jewish life being built as part of UJA Federation's Tomorrow Campaign. The $400 million capital endeavour, chaired by Gerald Schwartz and Lawrence Tanenbaum, with leadership at the Cabinet level by Leslie Gales, also includes the midtown Sherman Campus at Bathurst and Sheppard, and the Miles Nadal JCC and Wolfond Centre for Jewish Campus Life in the downtown district. With the support of all three levels of government and numerous Jewish community philanthropists, $300 million has already been raised.

Artist's rendering of the Brown/Lederman Outdoor Pool

Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor of the City of Vaughan, also addressed the chilly but cheerful audience which included representatives from many of the community agencies and partners that will form the fabric of the Lebovic Campus. He spoke of the city's support for this "world-class" campus from the beginning, more than a decade ago, when the now prime 50-acres was just farmland and a dream.

"Today, we not only celebrate community building, not only do we celebrate the great achievements of the Jewish community here in the city of Vaughan and beyond, but I do believe that today is a day when we truly celebrate nation building," said Bevilacqua.

It was a sentiment echoed by Ted Sokolsky, President and CEO of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

"This is one of those great moments that we can celebrate – as citizens of Vaughan, as citizens of Ontario, and as proud Canadians – what we can achieve when we work together," said Sokolsky.

"Those who believe in the future, help build the future. And all of you here today - especially our representatives of government – they believe in the future, they are creating the future, and it has been our honour and pleasure to be their partners in this city building."

For video highlights and photos of the event, please visit LebovicCampus.com

Artist's rendering of the Lebovic Campus

Where it all began

Construction and funding take the headlines today, but the story of the Lebovic Campus dates back more than a decade. Without the vision and imagination of men such as Leo Goldhar, current Chair of the Campus Management Committee, and Lou Greenbaum (pictured l-r) the 50-acre site on Bathurst north of Rutherford Road might still be farmland. In the year 2000, these Tomorrow Campaign pioneers helped to find and acquire the land where the Lebovic Campus now stands.

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We've seen the past, and it works

Rabbi Philip S. Scheim

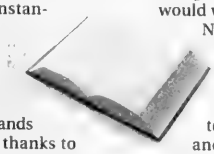
Best Buy, the technology superstore, offers in its U.S. stores a new program called "Buy Back," through which customers purchase a plan to sell back their computers, cellphones, televisions and other electronics when a new version of the product is introduced. "Future-proof your technology," the promotion encourages, recognizing that electronics become outmoded and undesirable moments after their removal from the packaging, at the current lightning-fast cycle of technology upgrades.

Contrast this with the visit of the late *New York Times* senior editor James Reston to Communist China 40 years ago. During his trip, he underwent an emergency appendectomy. Following the surgery, he was treated with acupuncture for pain management, a therapy largely unknown in the west at the time. Upon his return to New York, he wrote about his experience and introduced his readers to acupuncture, saying: "I've seen the past, and it works!"

The Torah reading of Shemini introduces us to kashrut, the Jewish dietary code, which continues to influence millions of Jewish lives today, as it has done for millennia. On a daily basis, we can say that we have seen the past, and it works. This ancient code, perhaps more than anything else, has preserved Jewish distinctiveness, thus helping to prevent our dissolution into surrounding cultures.

This is not to suggest that we're not enticed by the Best Buy campaign, that state-of the art technology doesn't interest us. Indeed, as these words are typed on my MacBook Pro, I have instantaneous access to thousands of classic Judaic texts, thanks to Bar-Ilan University, and many other religious Jewish sources of electronic learning. At the very time when we can say that we have seen the past by studying texts that take us back through the accumulated centuries of Jewish wisdom, we welcome the cutting edge of technology, which helps us access more and more of our past in as efficient and all-encompassing a way as possible.

Rabbinic Reflections



When Eliezer Ben Yehudah arrived in Jaffa 130 years ago, he instructed his family members that they were permitted to speak only Hebrew at home. In so doing, he transformed them into the first modern-Hebrew-speaking family in history and set the stage for the revival of Hebrew as a spoken language and the language of the Jewish state. He understood that the past would work, that our ancient language would become our stepping-stone into modernity.

Not long thereafter, Theodor Herzl would write *Altneuland* (Old-New Land), rendered in Nahum Sokolov's Hebrew translation as Tel Aviv – combining tel, an archeological term calling to mind an ancient civilization, and aviv, meaning spring, signifying rebirth and renewal. The first modern Jewish city and the language spoken in its streets both powerfully reflect the strength that we continually derive from our deepest historical roots.

Indeed, we have seen the past, and it works.

Rabbi Philip S. Scheim is spiritual leader of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue in Toronto.

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Connection between leaders, people is crucial

Rosh Chodesh Nisan is around the corner, and it carries significance in and of itself. On the first of Nisan, Israel inaugurated Aaron's family as priests and the Tabernacle, the *Mishkan*, as holy space. But it is also on the first of Nisan that two of Aaron's sons, Nadav and Avihu, perish suddenly for bringing strange fire before God.

While the priesthood designates a societal hierarchy within Israel, it does not represent absolute power. The tragic reality of Nadav and Avihu is that they did not adhere to the strict laws of ritual. A priest, facilitating the spiritual ritual of someone from Israel, cannot get creative. The ritual is a dialogue between a person and God. The priest is there to know the laws and perform the ritual meticulously, but he must never overstep.

One of the challenges of Jewish leadership is to continuously value the congregation of Israel. That does not mean value them in a conceptual way but in a very real way. In other words, you cannot spend every day studying the laws and values of the Torah and scorn the Jewish community that tries to live them.

All too often in today's world we encounter someone who makes a derogatory remark about Jews and then follows it with: 'It's okay, I'm Jewish'. Somehow self-mocking is acceptable, while the same statement said of another would be deemed racist.

The Jewish model is to value both the leader and the society as needing each other. People are likely to forget what was learned by rote but will remember what they did or where they were when they learned it. It's known as the "tip of my tongue" phenomenon. I remember everything but what I need.

Midrashic Moments
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The great sages of Israel show us examples of this symbiotic relationship. In the Talmud, it speaks of an event in Nisan. The leadership of that time couldn't remember a detail of the law and were told of this great scholar named Hillel. Hillel was brought to them and remembered not only the law but also how to have deduced that law if he weren't there. As Hillel is speaking with everyone, he begins to scold the people for not learning enough from their leaders.

No sooner does Hillel finish berating the community when he is asked whether or not a person can carry a knife on Shabbat if he forgot to bring it in the night before. Hillel responds by saying he remembers learning that law, but he cannot now remember what it says. His solution is to go outside and watch the people, the everyman. He instructs the leaders to always depend on the people who may not have studied the law but have devoted themselves to shaping their lives around it.

It is easy for leaders of a people to feel disconnected from the people themselves. As one rabbi once mentioned, it's hard for rabbis to make friends. And yet our texts tell us that the connection between the leaders and the people is crucial to the process.

In the month of Nisan, we inaugurate our priesthood and we lose two young priests who overstepped. We need our ritual leaders to be strict in their facilitation and they need us to make our Judaism a natural part of our actions. It is that mutual need and respect that should define every Jewish community.

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Jews, Italians commemorate their friendship

A while back I wrote about a project that I became involved in with the consul general of Italy, Gianni Bardini. It was Bardini who told me how impressed he was by the close relationship that our two communities have developed here in Toronto. He was moved to tears when he heard the story of Miriam Frankel, a young Italian Jewish girl from the city of Trieste who was deported to Auschwitz.

It was these events that led Bardini to wish to do something to commemorate, on an ongoing basis, the warm, cordial and mutually beneficial relationship between the Jewish and Italian communities. As president of the Canadian Institute for Mediterranean Studies, I have been fortunate enough to become the facilitator of this exciting venture. The participants include Amir Gissin, consul general of Israel in Toronto; the Canadian Jewish Congress and UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, as well as the Goggio Chair of Italian Studies, located at St. Michael's College at University of Toronto.

As the opening salvo in our project, we are bringing in Edward Goldberg, the founder of the Medici Archive Project, the Italian equivalent of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Cairo Genizah combined. (The Cairo Genizah is a collection of almost 280,000 Jewish manuscript fragments found in the *genizah*, or storeroom, of Ben Ezra Synagogue in Fustat, now Old Cairo, Egypt.) The Medici Archive Project is a treasure-trove of information about the Renaissance.

It was the Medici family who, as merchant princes and patrons of the arts, played a pivotal role in this great age.

Past Forward

Alex Gropper

The archives contain more than a million documents, of which, amazingly, 60,000 deal with the Jews of Tuscany. I thought that highlighting our work together in one of the great ages of the past would be a wonderful way to introduce our project. (Goldberg speaks at 6:30 p.m. on April 27 at the Italian Cultural Institute, 420 Huron St.)

Gissin was the one who came up with a contemporary event to promote our project. He has arranged for a basketball game between the national teams of Israel and Italy to be held at the Air Canada Centre.

Despite these two wonderful events, we still did not have something that we could support on an ongoing basis to commemorate the friendship of our two communities. At our meetings, we were unable to come up with an ongoing project worthy of our support. Then, out of the blue, I received an e-mail from Michael Chazan, the director of the Archaeology Centre at U of T.

Chazan asked for my help in getting U of T involved in an archeological excavation in Israel. Then the name of an archeological site hit me – this is exactly what we had been looking for. It's called Tel Huqoq and dates to the Roman period, has a synagogue and is mentioned in the Christian Bible.

Bardini was as excited as I was about the idea. When we met with Gissin, he shared our enthusiasm and offered his hearty endorsement. It's great to know that I had hit a home run. We now need assistance in helping to raise the necessary funds.

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Charoset: nuts, mortar and love

It may not have the fame of matzah. Or the kick of a mouthful of maror. But charoset, that lively mixture of nuts and wine and apple, plays a delicious role as we eat our way through the seder. As well, charoset is chock-full of symbolism about the Exodus, and even about love in the most desperate of times.

Unlike matzah and maror, charoset is not mentioned in the Torah. There is, however, a discussion in the Mishnah about whether eating it at a seder is a mitzvah – or just an efficient way to blunt the sharp taste of the maror, which is dipped into the nutty concoction. That dipping is alluded to in the third question of Mah Nishtana. **[http://bit.ly/charos2]**

The best known reason for charoset is found in the Talmud that says that it's made with ginger and cinnamon to represent the mortar, clay and straw that the Israelite slaves used to construct buildings. **[http://bit.ly/charos1]**

"I always was a charoset kid," recalls Steve Cohen. "It was really charoset that I loved... my mother's... Just finely chopped apples, sweet red wine and finely chopped walnuts. My only problem with charoset was that it didn't remind me of mortar, no matter how much I stretched my imagination." Read on to find out whether Cohen – now Rabbi Cohen of Congregation B'nai B'rith in Santa Barbara, Calif. – ever resolved his dilemma and what he told his congregants. **[http://bit.ly/charos3]**

Making the connection between charoset and bricks wasn't a stretch for Joseph Joel. Joel was a 19-year-old private serving in

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the 23rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry in the 1880s when he found himself trying to observe Passover. Thanks to "Yankee ingenuity... we obtained two kegs of cider, a lamb, several chickens, and some eggs. Horseradish or parsley we could not obtain, but in lieu we found a weed, whose bitterness, I apprehend, exceeded anything our forefathers 'enjoyed.'"

But as Joel explains, "The necessaries for the *choroutzes* we could not obtain, so we got a brick, which, rather hard to digest, reminded us, by looking at it, for what purpose it was intended." **[http://bit.ly/charos4]**

Aside from just eating it, charoset has become part of the seder ritual for some Jews. As the evening concludes, some Sephardim take charoset and place it in five places around the home to symbolize the *khamsah* – God's protective hand of five fingers. **[http://bit.ly/charos5]**

And what's the connection between charoset and love? As explained at momentmag.com, according to Rabbi Akiva, "charoset is a reminder of the Egyptian apple orchards where Hebrew women secretly made love to their husbands and bore children, thus defying the pharaoh's ban on procreation. Rabbi Akiva says that Israel was delivered from slavery in Egypt because of these 'righteous women's deeds.' His inspiration is the verse from the Song of Songs recited on the Sabbath of Passover week: 'Under the apple trees, I roused you. It was there your mother conceived you.'" **[http://bit.ly/charos6]**

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Jewish communities urged to fight Israeli boycott

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

One of Israel's foremost tacticians fighting the global anti-Israel boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement says it's time for Jewish communities worldwide to join in the battle.

DJ (David) Schneeweiss, Israel's former deputy ambassador in China, who is now a representative of the Foreign Ministry, co-ordinates Israel's anti-boycott strategy. He spoke with *The CJN* earlier this month while on a visit to Toronto.

DJ (David) Schneeweiss

Schneeweiss said it's important for people to know that the movement is not something being driven by any one group or central command post.

"It's not just someone sitting in Tehran saying, 'OK, now we're going to activate this [BDS] cell on this campus.' It's students and people getting brought into this thing which has a life of its own now," he said.

Schneeweiss added that BDS organizers dress up their cause by attempting "to own the most powerful terms of the western lexicon. Words like 'human rights,' 'war crimes,' 'apartheid' and 'justice'... are terribly powerful terms."

So when BDS organizers cloak themselves in these terms, they're able to connect with and "mobilize or at least make themselves more conceptually available to ordinary people," he said.

While Diaspora communities have been dealing with the BDS campaigns for years now, Schneeweiss said domestically, Israelis are finally starting to understand the scale of it.

"Israeli media tends to play up the movement such that Israelis begin to think that the whole world is against them," he said. "And while there is, I think, a distorted view of this phenomenon in Israel, we have to remember that there is a hostile campaign against Israel and we do well to be aware of it."

There is a positive side to it all though: rebuking the BDS movement has given Israel and Diaspora communities more common cause and is strengthening the relationship between the communities, he said.

Schneeweiss also had words of hope for Zionists who fear the BDS wave cannot be effectively countered because they are seemingly outnumbered.

"Numbers don't have to work against us, because the same tools are available to [pro-Israel] activists. Ordinary people can be involved in promoting Israel. That's how the other side is doing it," he said.

"It's not that difficult to be empowered. Information is available on anything and everything. Knowledge is power – all you have to do is build a community around that."

He said from Israel's point of view, one of the lucky things about the BDS movement is that it's a "completely zero-sum agenda."

The BDS movement is "completely out of synch" with dominant western values, he said, even though it seeks to portray itself as part of this value system.

"They're against dialogue, reconciliation, engagement and working together. They're even against having a conversation. They talk about blacklisting Israelis for being Israeli, in not having academic exchange in any shape or form. They talk about not allowing cultural icons, who may be critical or not, from coming to Israel.

"So all we have to do is own these values – engagement, reconciliation, dialogue – ourselves. Our people can fight the good fight with good ideas and the truth."

Schneeweiss believes that as long as Israel doesn't lose sight of its national goals, then it will naturally succeed in countering the BDS campaign.

He cited Israel's recent decision to apply for membership in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) – it was granted membership in May 2010 – as "the right thing to do" both for political reasons and economic objectives to harmonize Israel's legislation with other economic world powers.

"That is a great response to the BDS agenda, which seeks to untether us [from the community of nations]. But we didn't do it [join the OECD] because of BDS, we did it because it was the right thing to do for Israel."

As for the BDS's impact on Israel, on the whole the results of the campaign have been something short of stellar, he said.

"If you look at the 'success' in the inverted commas of the BDS movement, they haven't achieved any kind of economic effect whatsoever [on Israel] nor have they achieved any practical boycotts. There are no declared boycotts by any serious pension funds or institutions that these guys have tried to target.

"But what they are trying to do is create the image of Israel being boycotted and of being an apartheid state. Because if they do, they know ordinary people will do the math [and conclude] 'if Israel is an apartheid state and being boycotted by so many people, then maybe I should join that movement, too.'"

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Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

A Los Angeles-based organization is calling on supporters of the State of Israel to head out to their local malls and grocery stores on March 30 and go shopping.

Celebrating Israel and purchasing everything with a "made in Israel" label on it can serve as an antidote to an international boycott campaign being pushed by a coalition of anti-Israel organizations, said StandWithUs, a 10-year-old pro-Israel NGO. The group, which has chapters in several American cities, the United Kingdom and Israel, is urging schools, synagogues, community organizations and individuals to participate in its BIG (Buy Israeli Goods) Day.

Roz Rothstein

"We need to show the boycotters that their efforts are doomed. Let the boycotters know that when they call for boycotts of even one or two stores or products, they will face a much larger movement to buy Israeli goods," said StandWithUs co-founder and CEO Roz Rothstein.

"We are telling people to go to their local stores, request the exact Israeli products being targeted and buy them out. Let store managers know they should keep Israeli products well stocked on the shelves."

Opponents of Israel are promoting a very different message. Groups like End the Occupation and CODEPINK are asking shoppers to avoid Israeli products. They are also calling on their sympathizers to push for a divestment from Israel as well as a boycott of academic and cultural exchanges.

The March 30 date corresponds to Palestinian Land Day, when six Arab Israelis were killed in 1976 during protests against government confiscation of land. According to the Global BDS (boycott, divestment and sanctions) Movement website, "the BDS national committee (BNC) is calling on you to unite in your different capacities and struggles to join the Global BDS Day of Action on Land Day, 30 March 2011, in solidarity with the Palestinian people's right to self determination on their ancestral land."

Originally launched in 2005 by a number of Palestinian organizations and controlled through the national committee, the effort has gone international. The BDS website features video of past protests in England, Spain, Sweden and Canada. Protesters, employing street theatre, song and dance, have targeted Toronto's Mountain Equipment Co-op for stocking Israeli-made merchandise and Chapters Indigo, for the support of "lone soldiers" by Chapters principals Gerry Schwartz and Heather Reisman. Protesters have also targeted the Aroma Espresso Bar, a franchise of an Israeli-based cafe chain.

StandWithUs believes far more people support retailers who stock Israeli products than those who want a boycott. On Nov. 30, 2010, Rothstein noted, protesters in Brooklyn, N.Y., stood outside a large pharmacy and urged shoppers to avoid Israeli products. StandWithUs, in conjunction with the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce, countered the boycott by mobilizing supporters to enter the store and purchase every Israel-made product they could find.

"Delighted store managers said it was their best shopping day and promised to keep their shelves stocked with the targeted products," StandWithUs stated in a news release.

A similar tactic has been used in Toronto. Before Passover two years ago, Not in Our Name, a small Jewish group that supports a boycott, marched outside a downtown LCBO. Dozens of Israel supporters, responding to a mobilization effort co-ordinated by the Canada-Israel Committee's (CIC) Buycott Israel program, countered that demonstration by purchasing the store's entire inventory of 150 cases of Israeli wine. Last October, when protesters demonstrated at Aroma's Bloor Street cafe, sources told *The CJN* there was no effect on its business.

Sara Saber-Freedman, CIC's executive vice-president, said "buycott" campaigns originated in Canada and have spread worldwide. "The broad concept is that the power of the pocketbook counters the boycott effort. The message needs to be that when you target Israeli goods for boycott, the consequence will be more sales, not less.

"It flips the effort to delegitimize Israel from something that is negative for Israel and attaches a negative consequence to boycotters – the opposite of what was intended."

The CIC fully supports the StandWithUs campaign, Saber-Freedman said.

Rothstein said opponents of the boycott can visit http://www.buyisraelgoods.org for information about Israeli consumer products available by region. The site's Canadian section lists 22 categories of merchandise from baby and child apparel to women's swimming attire. Dozens of merchants in the Toronto area are cited, along with several in other cities including Vancouver and Montreal.

Rothstein believes the boycott effort has backfired. "I believe they think they are making a difference. Really, what they are accomplishing with their hostile campaign is to coalesce the pro-Israel, pro-peace community into doing counter-campaigns. It becomes clear, when they do these flash mob dances at stores, that they do not advocate peaceful coexistence. They do this because it's their way of going on the attack and working to isolate and demonize Israel," she said.

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Puppeteer donates collection to Heschel School

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Meshka the Kvetch, Shlemiel, Shayna Blumka, the rabbi, and baby Heshele Peshele have a new home as of last week.

The (almost) life-size puppets were created by set designer Joanna Dabrowski and are part of the collection that storyteller and puppeteer Leslie Robbins-Conway has donated to the Toronto Heschel School.

Robbins-Conway, a founder of Jewish Storytelling Arts in Toronto, has lived in Owen Sound, Ont., for the past 11 years. She visited the school last Friday morning to perform for students, all of whom were in costume for Purim.

The puppets and props will be displayed and used, Heschel principal Gail Baker told *The CJN*.

Robbins-Conway, a teacher by training, has been a professional storyteller for more than 30 years. Her performances also draw on her musical and vocal training.

These days, she and her partner, Paul Conway, put on "country supper storytelling concerts," including one that is Shabbat-themed. As well, Robbins-Conway teaches at Owen Sound's Beth Ezekiel Synagogue.

Robbins-Conway had been looking to donate her collection, but nothing seemed like an ideal fit, until she saw an edition of the Lola Stein Institute's *Think* magazine that arrived as an insert in *The Canadian Jewish News* a few months ago. The institute was started in association with the school.

The issue of the magazine happened to be about using arts in the school, Robbins-Conway recalled.

At her performance for junior kindergarten, senior kindergarten and Grade 1 students, Robbins-Conway – aided by the puppets and her friend, Ann Thomas – performed *Meshka The Kvetch*, a cautionary tale about a woman who complains so much that people start to avoid her and her exaggerated descriptions began to become reality.

"That is totally the funniest," whispered one young child.

Robbins-Conway also narrated a story acted by Baker and facilities manager Greg Austin for the younger children, and she performed for older students later in the morning.

Judith Leitner, Heschel's director of arts, said the school already has a lot of puppets because of its arts-based learning. "We use the puppets to help teach," she said. "It creates a whole different learning environment."

The gift from Robbins-Conway is "a huge honour," she added.

Young children at the Toronto Heschel School watch intently as Ann Thomas, at left in top picture with Meshka puppet, and Leslie Robbins-Conway, with puppet Shayna Blumka, perform for them last week. Robbins-Conway donated her collection of puppets and props to the school. ***[Frances Kraft photos]***

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Toronto congregation marks 50th year in Jerusalem

More than 200 former members have made aliyah since 1961

Jenny Hazan
CJN Israel Bureau

More than 200 former members of Toronto's Congregation Bnai Torah have moved to Israel since the synagogue was established in 1961.

Some of them gathered at the Shimon Hatzaddik Synagogue in Jerusalem on March 12 to reunite with current synagogue members, 35 of whom had just wrapped up a tour of Israel on the occasion of the synagogue's 50th anniversary.

Feature

From Feb. 20 to March 3, the mission toured the country, visiting the reconstructed Hurva Synagogue in the Old City, which was destroyed by the Jordanians in 1948; the synagogue in Zippori, site of Rabbi Yehuda Hanasi's editing of the Mishnah, and Tunisian Synagogue Ohr Torah in Acco. The reunion party in Jerusalem was the high point of the group's 10-day mission.

"The atmosphere is electric," said 50th anniversary celebration chair Jack Kahn at the reunion. "People are coming tonight that we haven't seen in 20 or 30 years, all of them hugging and kissing each other. It's an unbelievable experience."

A past president of Bnai Torah, located on Patricia Avenue, Kahn has been a member for the last 42 years.

The reunion was equally emotional for former synagogue members who reside in Israel, including Yehuda Poch, director of communications at One Family Fund, the Jerusalem-based organization dedicated to helping Israel's victims of terror.

Poch made aliyah in 1997, at the age of 26, ending a 20-year membership to Bnai Torah. His three brothers and parents followed him. He was pleasantly surprised to find a huge photograph of him and one of his brothers in the synagogue's foyer on the night of the reunion.

Poch said the photo took him back to 1980, when he was nine years old, the year the synagogue bought a block of Toronto Blue Jays tickets and he and his brother won a stadium tour. The photo was taken on the field, by a professional photographer.

"That's the kind of place it was," recalled Poch. "Not many shuls would have the idea to get a bunch of baseball tickets and take the congregation to a baseball game together. It's one of my fondest memories."

Poch remembers the synagogue's annual picnic with fondness. "The entire membership showed up," he said. "It was the most fun thing people could look forward to the whole year."

Former member Jonah Pressman also has happy childhood memories of Bnai Torah. He joined the shul as an 11-year-old in the mid-1970s, when his family moved from Montreal to Toronto. He was a member until he made aliyah four years ago.

This is a community of very devoted people. They are devoted to the needs of the Jewish people and the Jewish state, and they are committed to Jewish values

"I had my bar mitzvah in the shul and so did my two sons," said Pressman, who now lives in Beit Shemesh. The reunion was a great opportunity not only to meet with current members on tour but also to meet with former members now living in Israel, he said.

"We usually only see each other when someone from the synagogue passes away and we meet at the funeral. This time we got together for a phenomenal simchah. It was great!"

Rabbi Yirmiya Milevsky

Poch and Pressman are in good company among former Bnai Torah members who came to Israel. They include the late Henry Weinberg, the only Canadian Jew who was a member of the Knesset; David Weinberg, director of the Israel office of the Canada-Israel Committee, and two of the shul's former leaders, Rabbi Shlomo Jakobovits, brother of former British Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits, and Rabbi Sholom Gold, who now serves as rabbi emeritus at one of the largest shuls in Har Nof and as dean of the Avrom Silver Jerusalem College for Adults.

What accounts for the number of of synagogue Bnai Torah members who have made aliyah? David Woolf, co-chair of the mission and longtime shul member, said that "somehow, without preaching or promoting, we have a large population that moved here.

"[The synagogue] was just such a wonderful place to bring up children," said Woolf, who has two children and four of his 13 grandchildren living in Israel. "It was very accepting. There was a tremendous amount of chesed and open homes. It was welcoming and giving, and fostered a positive attitude toward both Judaism and Israel."

The community atmosphere can be credited in part to the influence of the synagogue's longtime Rabbi Raphael Marcus, who died of cancer in 2007 after serving as Bnai Torah's leader for 27 years.

"But it wasn't just [his] leadership," Poch said. "The members of the synagogue were [always] geared toward religious Zionism."

Rabbi Yirmiya Milevsky, who became the leader of Bnai Torah about a year ago, concurred. "This is a community of very devoted people. They are devoted to the needs of the Jewish people and the Jewish state, and they are committed to Jewish values," says Rabbi Milevsky, who participated in the mission. "It is a privilege and an honour for me to join this community."

While members are proud of the synagogue's aliyah record, it is a double-edged sword. The challenge now facing the community is its dwindling membership, particularly of young families.

Bnai Torah's membership has declined from 350 families at its height to 200 to 250 in recent years. The community is taking measures – including mortgage assistance, get-togethers and rabbi's classes – to attract new young families to replace those who have moved to Israel.

Although Woolf acknowledges the importance of attracting new members, he said, "I think we did a better thing by building up Israel."

Pressman, who said he wanted to make aliyah since he was seven years old, agrees. "Our success is our failure and vice versa. Our failure to keep young people [in the shul] is our success in getting them to move to Israel. We're building a home, and this [Israel] is our future."

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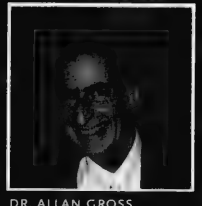

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Passover food drive a year-round effort

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

Debbie Wasserman, co-chair with Karen Fenwick, of National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto section's Passover food drive, has been working on this year's drive since the last one ended.

Debbie Wasserman, co-chair, 2011 Passover food drive stands with Matzah Man, Gabriel Bernard, 13.

"There is always follow-up. It never just ends," said Wasserman, who works on the drive, now in its 28th year, three days a week year-round.

Last year, they delivered boxes, which include many of the essentials needed for the seder and for the week of Passover, to more than 10,000 recipients, she said.

"There are so many people who need help. I want to spread the word so that Toronto Jews will worry about those who are in need."

To help spread that word about this year's drive, which officially began on March 23, she's asked volunteers to stand outside various supermarkets and in front of Council House at 4700 Bathurst St., in two costumes they've had made up for the drive, a matzah man and a matzah baker. "I just want to attract attention," Wasserman said.

"Many people in the community don't realize there are so many families, especially the working poor, who can't afford Passover food. These include recent immigrants, single mothers and those with disabilities. Recipients are all referred by an agency, rabbi or doctor."

When kids go out with their parents on delivery day – this year it is April 10 – "their eyes are opened. They meet people who are thankful for anything they can get, and they learn that there are Jews living in real poverty. They've seen a family living in a garage, or in one room in a house.

"We're encouraging people to come out on delivery day. We never have too many drivers."

The drive needs monetary donations, Wasserman said, because they can buy wholesale, exactly what they need. "The basic boxes are identical, so we know just what we need to get."

There are bins placed around the city for food donations, she said, and nothing goes to waste. "We donate extra food to the kosher food bank, to Jewish Family & Child, or to Ve'ahavta."

She is thankful to the Jewish community for their help in running the drive. "People are really stepping up. Picking up the food in bins at the supermarket is a huge job, and lots of schools and groups come in to help sort and pack the food. Many of the kids have prepared cards, which they put in the box. That makes it much more personal."

High school students looking to get community service hours can make arrangements to come in and help pack, she said.

To participate on delivery day – about 3,000 boxes are packed and delivered – arrive at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St., 8:30 a.m. to noon, with a driver and a helper. For information, call NCJW, 416-633-5100.

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Murder of Fogels likened to Purim story

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"Let's not forget that when Israel is being attacked," Gissin said. "Let's not forget that western money is used to pay the families of the most outrageous murderers."

The message from the government of Israel is "togetherness and strength," he said.

In a stirring address, Rabbi Chaim Strauchler, spiritual leader of Shaarei Shomayim, likened the murder of the Fogels to the part of the Purim story in which Mordechai tears his clothes and dons sackcloth and ashes when he learns that the Jews of Persia are in danger.

The Fogels "weren't killed because they were settlers. They were killed because they were Jews," Rabbi Strauchler said.

"They lived their lives for the State of Israel and for the Jewish people. These were the best that we have."

The 11-year-old victim, Yoav, had planned to dress as the late Israeli general Moshe Dayan for Purim, the rabbi said.

The murdered baby, Hadas, was "just three months old. Three months old!"

He asked that on Purim, Jews hand out one extra mishloach manot (edible Purim gifts) in memory of the Fogels and in the name of Jewish unity.

"Our hearts are broken almost beyond repair," said Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Ottawa's Machzikei Hadas Congregation. "They [Palestinians] are giving out cookies in celebration."

Rabbi Bulka said he was angered by the reaction to the killings by Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, who condemned the murder of "all innocent civilians."

That, Rabbi Bulka said, is "code... their way of saying we don't condemn this at all because we don't consider any Jew as a civilian. Every Jew is a soldier.

"If they are right – that we are all soldiers – that means we are all part of the same army that together is in a battle not only involving Jews but the entire free world. If the Jews lose, the world is finished. The world has to know that."

Rabbi Bulka said seeking revenge is not the Jewish way.

"Vengeance is not in our blood. Vindictiveness is not in our hearts. In the worst of circumstances, we remain sensitive and caring.

"And if an episode like this does not bring us together, then I don't know what will."

Memorial candles were lit by local students and a prayer was recited for the victims of the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear crisis in Japan. The service was led by several young emissaries from Israel.

Psalms and the *K'el Maalei Rachamim* prayer were recited by Shaarei Shomayim's Cantor Avraham Sultan

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Co-ordinated response thwarts Iranian intrigue

An unusual set of events occurred last week involving Israel, Egypt and Turkey in the seizure of weapons headed for Gaza. Though very significant developments, they attracted relatively little media attention, given the understandable focus on the emerging nuclear crisis in Japan and upheavals in Libya, Bahrain and Yemen.

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

On March 16, the *National Post* carried a Reuters report about Israel's seizure the day before of a German-registered cargo ship, Victoria, in the Mediterranean, 320 kilometres off the Israeli coast. The Victoria had set out from the Syrian port of Latakia, stopped in Turkey, and was headed for Alexandria, Egypt, from where the weapons were to be smuggled to Hamas in Gaza. (According to Israeli officials, Turkey was not involved – the stop at a port there is seen as an Iranian diversionary tactic.)

The ship was taken to the port of Ashdod, where 50 tons of Iranian-supplied weapons were itemized and displayed. These included sophisticated radar-guided "C-704" anti-ship missiles made in Iran. A similar missile disabled an Israeli corvette off the Lebanese coast during the 2006 war against Hezbollah. Israel's navy commander has called them "weapons that shift the balance" in the region.

This is far from the first such interception at sea of Iranian-supplied arms. In 2009, also in the Mediterranean, Israel seized the Francop, which was carrying hundreds of tons of arms, including rockets, for Hezbollah. Not to be forgotten is the "Karine-A" weapons ship, captured in January 2002, carrying tons of Iranian arms for the late Palestinian Authority president Yasser Arafat's Fatah.

Anshell Pfeffer and Barak Ravid reported (*Ha'aretz*, March 17) that Israel planned to file a complaint with the UN Security Council's sanctions committee over Iran's efforts to smuggle arms to Gaza via the Victoria. The basis is that this represents a gross violation of UN Security Council Resolution 1747, which forbids Iran to export arms. Pfeffer and Ravid reported the committee would also review Iranian arms smuggling efforts worldwide. In the past six months alone, at least five Iranian arms shipments have been seized: in Nigeria, Afghanistan, Italy, the Mediterranean Sea and Southeast Asia.

Yaakov Katz, military analyst for the *Jerusalem Post*, wrote (March 17) about what he called Israel's ongoing "shadow war" against Iran. The capture of the Victoria "is just another chapter in the larger covert war that Israel is waging against Iran and its terror proxies throughout the Middle East and joins a long list of similar operations that have taken place in recent years.

An Israeli soldier holds one of the missiles found on the Victoria.

"The battle against Iranian arms shipments to Syria, Hezbollah and Hamas is extremely complicated and involves unprecedented co-ordination between Israel and its allies, primarily the United States."

This is where the story gets intriguing.

Just two days before the capture of Victoria, Egypt's military shelled seven vehicles carrying what were likely Iranian-supplied arms from Sudan over the border into Egypt en route to Gaza. Several vehicles were destroyed and the weapons taken.

It has been generally thought that with the overthrow of president Hosni Mubarak in Egypt, Israel would lose its security co-ordination with Cairo and that the Gaza border would become more porous. This incident shows that such concerns have yet to materialize. Egypt still views Iran as a dangerously destabilizing force. And Iran is trying to ramp up its aggression to take advantage of upheaval in the Arab world.

This leads to the third event that occurred during this period. On March 16, Turkey forced an Iranian cargo plane en route from Tehran to Syria to land at a Turkish airfield, where it was reportedly searched for weapons connected to Iran's nuclear program. While Turkey's foreign ministry played down the affair, no disclosure was made about what was found aboard.

As with the case in Egypt, given the frayed relations between Jerusalem and Ankara, this incident is particularly telling. Given its timing, which coincides with the search of the Victoria, it serves as evidence of a still-strong Israeli intelligence link to Turkey. And it shows, too, that Iran is seen as a threat throughout much of the region, and must be confronted as such.

Paul Michaels is communications director for the Canada-Israel Committee.

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New day school program serves learning disabled

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

Children with moderate learning challenges now have the opportunity to be part of the mainstream Hebrew day school system.

Mitch Parker, principal of Zareinu Educational Centre of Metropolitan Toronto, a school for children with physical and developmental disabilities, said that a new program housed at the Patricia campus of Eitz Chaim Day Schools caters to students with learning disabilities.

"This is a group of children who need more than the day schools offer, but not as much as Zareinu. It is a niche that needed to be filled," he said.

He acknowledged Eitz Chaim's dean, Rabbi Isser Pliner, as well as staff and students, who welcomed the students into the school.

Currently, the program is running with six students and four staff, and students divide their day between Jewish and general studies.

"They are also integrated into Eitz Chaim daily activities, including morning davening, recess, lunch and gym. That means there is an important social aspect to the program as well."

Until now, Parker said, these students were not getting adequate support in the Hebrew day schools. "Some had one-on-one aides, but the instructional gap increased as they got older."

The six students, he said, were originally at such schools as Zareinu, Associated Hebrew Schools, Cheder Chabad and Netivot HaTorah Day School.

"The program is proving to be a success, and we're hoping to recruit more students. I believe that there s a need for this type of class in the broader community."

A second program, Yeshivas Binyan HaTorah, established with the assistance of Zareinu, is an alternate yeshiva program housed at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Synagogue for older students with learning disabilities.

"The seven students in the program want to be in a yeshiva environment, but until now there was not a place for them," Parker said.

The students attend classes six days a week, and faculty is trying to provide individual instruction within a religious context.

"The boys – they would take girls, but none have applied – are learning, and they feel good about themselves. A couple of them had been looking for a yeshiva, but had been told they don't have the skills. This is the answer for them."w

PURIM FISHING: The Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School was a hit at the Miles Nadal JCC's recent Purim carnival. The student council's "Catch-a-Crane" game had lineups all day, with excited children eager to fish for an origami crane. Pictured is Grade 3 student Amen Goltz-Pinkas.

PURIM PROJECT: Haman (Daniel Starr) leads Mordechai (Sophie Pencer) on a horse through the streets of Shushan as part of a Purim project in which junior kindergarten students at the Toronto Heschel School created a photographic Megillat Esther.

PURIM CARNIVAL: Students at Netivot HaTorah Day School celebrated Purim early at the school's annual carnival, where they enjoyed games, treats and prizes. Pictured, from left, are Grade 2 students Joshua, Tani and Elisha.

[Rebecca Ansel photo]

PURIM PARTIERS: Music teacher Marky Weinstock and Rabbi Noam Katz, dean of Jewish living at Leo Baeck Day School and URJ Camp George, lead a sing-along at the third annual community-wide preschool Purim party hosted by Leo Baeck and the camp. More than 500 families attended both north and south events.

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The Canadian Jewish news

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Happy 90th Birthday Moishe Perl on March 7. All our love, Margit, Roslyn & Peter Salmon, Susie & Eliezer Shapiro, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mazel tov to Sophie Buchalter on your 90th birthday. With love from all your family and friends.

Mazel tov, Beth Silver, on winning the Yo Yo Ma scholarship from TSYO and the Piatigorsky scholarship from U of T.

RITCHE / ISAACMAN - Lisa & Eric announce the birth of Sam, Nov. 25. Grandparents, Maxine & Allen Ritche, Sheila & Arnie Isaacman, great-grandparents, Helen & Jack Ritche.

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Thursday, March 24

ZIONISM

Bar-Ilan University **Prof. Yossi Katz** discusses "Who Owns the Land?" presented by Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am in conjunction with JNF Toronto. 7:30 p.m., Beth David. No charge.

MUST A JEW BE A ZIONIST?

Jacob Wright and **David Novak** debate "Must a Jew Be a Zionist to Be a Good Jew?" St. Jerome's University, Waterloo, Ont. 7:30 p.m. No charge. jdiamond@uwaterloo.ca.

TEMPLE SINAI ACADEMY

Basic and intermediate Hebrew classes for prayer book knowledge and fluency begin. 8 sessions, 7:30-8:45 p.m. Members $120, non-members $220. **Marcie**, 416-487-3281.

Saturday, March 26

PURIM CELEBRATION

Winchevsky Centre holds its Family Purim Celebration, featuring **Josh Engel** and **Leah Houston.** The 918 Bathurst Centre for Culture, Arts, Music & Education. Adults $10, children 3-12 $5, under 3, $3. 416-789-5502 or info@winchevskycentre.org.

BEACH SYNAGOGUE SHABBAT

Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave., honours founders and long-standing past members. Part of 90th anniversary celebration. 9:30 a.m., kiddush 12:15 p.m. Phone 416-694-7942 or www.beachhebrewinstitute.ca.

CHARITY BINGO

Club Simcha/Kadima, Na'amat Canada, holds its 16th annual family charity bingo. Borochov Cultural Centre, 7:30 p..m. $20 includes cards, refreshments, door prizes, auction. 416-636-5425.

BRING TORAH TO LIFE

Rachel Urowitz explores themes in Jewish history inspired by Parshat Shmini. Beth Sholom, 9:45 a.m. 416-783-6103, or programs@bethsholom.net.

Sunday, March 27

ELIJAH

"Quintessential prophet or a failure? Aggadic perspective of Eliyahu Hanavi," with **Rebecca Winter.** 9:30-11:45 a.m. Ulpanat Orot, 45 Canyon Ave., 416-633-5770 or www.torahinmotion.org.

MUSICAL SOIREE

Bnai Torah, 8 p.m., featuring light classical music by The Vistas Quartet. Reserved tickets $12, $15 at the door. **Jill**, 416-226-3700, ext. 21, or **Elaine**, 416-665-2182.

CAVALCADE OF STARS

Shaarei Shomayim entertainment and cultural committee presents its 17th annual Cavalcade of Stars, featuring **Gord Lindsay, Bill Berle, Yisroel Idels** and The Shpeelers. In support of Jews for Judaism. 6:30 p.m. $18/person, $29/couple. 416-789-3213, or www.shomayim.org.

HAR ZION WEEKEND

Temple Har Zion's great weekend concludes 10:30 a.m., following breakfast, with speaker **Alan Gould.** Members, $3, non-members $5. Pizza and bowling start 6 p.m. $15/person. 905-889-2252.

THE DIGITAL AGE

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood breakfast lecture by social worker **Alan Sheps**, "The Digital Age: Blessing and Curse." 9 a.m. Door charge $5. 416-633-5500 or www.bethdavid.com.

MISSISSIPPI PROM

Prom Night in Mississippi shows what happened when actor Morgan Freeman offered to pay for the Charleston High School senior prom if it was racially integrated. Director **Paul Saltzman** speaks. Congregation Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave., 7:30 p.m. Optional donation at the door.

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Jerusalem College of Technology honours Immigration Minister **Jason Kenney** at its dinner at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. Tickets **Shaindy Cohen Goldstein,** 416-879-2065, or shaindy@rogers.com.

Monday, March 28

IRAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda presents **Haim Koren**, Israel's ambassador to Turkmenistan on "The Iranian Role in Shaping a New Middle East and Beyond." No charge. 8 p.m.

DANI GALA

Fifth annual gala to raise funds for DANI, an organization to help Jewish young adults with physical and/or cognitive challenges. **Dovid Gabay, Shlomo Simcha,** Achdus Choir, Nafsheinu Orchestra, DANI young adults. Dinner 6 p.m., musical entertainment 8 p.m. Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts, 10268 Yonge St. Tickets and information, 905-731-6606, or info@dani-toronto.com

SOUP WITH THE STARS

Celebrity chefs prepare tantalizing soups to benefit Hazon Yeshaya, which operates Israel's largest network of soup kitchens, training courses, daycare centres and free dental clinics. 7-10 p.m., The Warehouse, 2-35 Carl Hall Rd., Downsview Park. Tickets and information, 416-207-9980 or www.soupwiththestars.com.

HEALING AND THE CALENDAR

Jewish Health Alliance presents "Healing and the Jewish Calendar" exploring therapeutic opportunities associated with specific Jewish months. Presented by **Shoshana Helfenbaum**. 8 p.m., Kensington Place, 866 Sheppard Ave. W. $10. 416-208-0610.

Monday, March 30

WOMEN'S SEDER

Na'amat holds its annual women's seder and dessert reception. 7:30 p.m., Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. $20 in advance, $25 at the door. Women's Pesach Haggadah provided. Call 416-636-5425.

GILLETZ BOOK LAUNCH

Adath Israel preschool, young families and sisterhood present "Food fast, not fast food," the launch of **Norene Gilletz**'s *The New Food Processor Bible*. 7:30 p.m. Tickets, **Nilly**, 416-635-5340 or nilly@adathisrael.com. Proceeds to Adath Israel preschool.

RECIPES BEYOND THE SEDER

New recipes for after the seders, with **Caroline Davis** from 2 Moms Baked Goods. Beth Sholom, 7:30 p.m. Members $25, friends $30. Reservations required. 416-783-6103 or programs@bethsholom.net.

Other News

MIDRASH OF SHMOT

Melton Mini School starts its spring term with a 10-session course, "Revelation to Revolution," taught by **Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich**. Beth Sholom, begins March 23. **Loretta**, 416-789-7400.

VOLUNTEERS

Retired? 55+? In good health? Currently volunteering 3 hours or less per month? Volunteer at Baycrest and be part of a new government of Canada study examining the health benefits of volunteering. Baycrest Volunteer Services, 416-785-2500, ext. 2572.

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD

One Family, Two Homes. Thursdays, starting March 31, 6:30-8 p.m. 6 sessions for families experiencing separation and divorce. 4600 Bathurst St. 416-638-7800.

HAGGADAH HISTORY

Mystery and history of Pesach Haggadah in the illuminated manuscripts, by **Rouhama Danto**. March 31, 7:30 p.m. Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda. No charge. 416-633-3838.

FOR SENIORS

LZA Seniors Cultural Club. Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Borochov Cultural Centre. 416-630-9444.

Association of Jewish Seniors. General meeting, March 31, 9:30 a.m. Shaarei Shomayim, speaker **Jamie Golombek**, "Tax and Estate Tips for Seniors," members free, guests $2. Also, 40th Annual Second Passover Seder, April 19, 6:30 p..m., Bernard Betel Centre, tickets $20, reservation only. **Tammy,** 416-635-2900, ext. 458.

Bernard Betel Centre. 416-225-2112. Wellness lecture, "How Not to Take It Personally, enhance your health, enhance your life," by **Vera Held.** March 29, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free. RSVP ext. 113.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. 55+. Call **Valerie**, 416-395-7881. Casino Rama, Wednesday, April 13. Tuesdays, ongoing acrylic art classes, 10 a.m.-noon. Thursdays, line dancing, 10 a.m., social bridge, 12:30 p.m. Sunday dance with live music March 27, 7-9 p.m. Seniors woodworking, skilled craftsmen, repairs. Call 416-630-6487.

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday social afternoons, bridge, mah-jong, Rummikub. Refreshments $2. Call **Pearl,** 416-635-6317 or **Sheila,** 416-665-3333.

MNjcc Active Seniors. Phyllis, 416-225-2112, ext. 155. "Great Jewish Canadians," comedy icons Wayne and Shuster, with **Prof. Adam Fuerstenberg**, refreshments, March 31, 1:30 p.m. Active Seniors' Choir, 55+. Tuesdays 1-2:30 p.m. music@mnjcc.org or **Harriet**, 416-924-6211, ext. 133.

PROSSERMAN JCC

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Lunch 'n' Learn with **Rabbi Moshe Stern.** Friday, April 1, noon-1 p.m. Coffee, tea free. Bring your own lunch. Call to confirm, ext. 4235.

Bubbie, Zaidy and Grandkids Brunch Party. Sunday, April 3, 10 a.m.-noon. Activities for children 2-10. $3 per person, family of 4 $10. Register in advance, ext. 4235.

Jewelry making. History of ring designs – then create your own. Jewelry designer **Anat Kaplan**. Monday, April 4, 10:30 a.m.

Children's spring programs. Preschool dance, sports with Jay, martial arts, Shabbat party, Deborah's sing-along, Leggo Brand Brick Club.

Prenatal classes, led by an experienced Mount Sinai nurse. April 3 and 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. $200/couple, ext. 0.

Feminist seder, April 10, 7-10 p.m. Miles Nadal JCC. $50+HST. With **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein** and **Annie Gilbert**. Advance registration only, Kolel, 416-638-1881, ext. 4235, kolel@prossermanjcc.com. Light refreshments, dietary laws observed.

MILES NADAL JCC

750 Spadina Ave., 416-924-6211, mnjcc.org.

Michael Bernstein Chapel: services Sundays, 8 a.m., Thursdays 7:15 a.m., breakfast following. Memorial board available. Call **Coleman Bernstein**, 416-968-0200.

Media Mondays – controversial directors **Roman Polanski, David Cronenberg** and **Catherine Breillat** discussed by **Adam Nayman.** March 28, April 4, April 11. Ext. 606.

Harold Green Jewish Theatre presents *Zero Hour*, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. An animated portrait of comedian **Zero Mostel**. Al Green Theatre. Tickets 416-366-7723. Program with star and writer **Jim Brochu** cancelled.

New Jewish life programs: Spring Ulpan for Beginners, May 3-26, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p..m. with **Rachel Stark.** Life and Times of Yiddish, with **Prof. Kalman Weiser.** May 5-26. Ext. 154.

Koffler Centre. 4588 Bathurst St., www.kofflerarts.org. 416-638-1881.

Fundamentals: painting in acrylics. Mondays, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. April 14-June 6. $250+HST.

Contemporary Figure Painting. Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. April 12-June 28. $350+HST.

Photography for Beginners. Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. March 29-May 31, $200+HST.

Alexandra Sipos-Kocsis, ext. 4269.

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INDOOR LUNCH PICNIC: The program committee of the Reuben Cipin Healthy Living Community plans a brown bag picnic lunch program once a month on Sundays. Enjoying a recent event are, from left, Esta Berlind, Sylvia Lustgarten, Salya Rabow, co-chair Monty Mazin, Sharon Cipin with 5-year-old grandson Matti Goldstein, Blema Mazin, Malca Feldman. *[Pamela Lifson photo]*

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Edward Kogut	Mar 12/11	20 Forest Manor Rd

Steeles Memorial Chapel

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Wein, Anne	March 13/11	484 Steeles Ave. W
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National political pundit started professional life at CBC

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Special to The CJN

Larry Zolf, the offbeat nationally prominent journalist, political pundit and one-time reporter for the CBC current affairs show *This Hour Has Seven Days*, died March 14 in Toronto at the age of 76.

Zolf began working for the CBC in 1962 and once teamed with a little-known Pierre Trudeau to interview Quebec separatist René Lévesque. Later, when Trudeau was prime minister, he hired Zolf to write two speeches for him for business groups. Both speeches were laden with Zolf's trademark barbs and comic wit.

After Trudeau retired, Zolf wrote *Just Watch Me: Remembering Pierre Trudeau*, in which he boasted that he was "the only mischief maker that Trudeau approved of or respected."

During the same era, he trashed the institution of the Canadian Senate in a book called *Survival of the Fattest: An Irreverent View of the Senate*. Several years ago he mentioned the book in a *National Post* newspaper column in which he jested that Prime Minister Stephen Harper appoint him to the Senate. Another book, *Scorpions For Sale* (1989) was short-listed for a Stephen Leacock Award.

Zolf won an Anik Award for a documentary film he made about computers in 1965. The National Film Board rated it as one of its 100 best documentaries. He also wrote for *Maclean's* magazine, was a lecturer at Carleton University and contributed political articles to a CBC blog until 2007.

Acerbic and zany, and blessed with the ability to poke fun at himself

At the height of the Gerda Munsinger scandal of the 1960s, *This Hour Has Seven Days* dispatched him unannounced to the home of a Quebec cabinet minister who had been implicated in the affair. Despite the presence of a camera crew, the cabinet minister began beating him angrily with his cane, and Zolf responded by kicking him in the leg hard enough that his wooden leg fell away. Zolf later wrote an essay about the farcical episode titled "Citizen Cane."

The CBC once fired him as part of a larger house-cleaning, but later rehired him as a reporter in the Ottawa press gallery.

Larry Zolf

Born in Winnipeg in 1934, Zolf grew up in a secular, Yiddish-speaking home in the city's North End and learned the philosophies of Hegel and Marx on his father's knee. He attended the I. L. Peretz Folk School, where his father was a teacher and principal, and where he read *Huckleberry Finn*, *Moby Dick* and other classic works in Yiddish translation. He won an early essay contest with an essay on Emma Lazarus.

Eventually he switched to Machray Public School and dropped his Jewish name, Leibele, in favour of Larry. He attended the University of Manitoba and took graduate courses in law and history at the University of Toronto.

Acerbic and zany, and blessed with the ability to poke fun at himself, Zolf wrote in his autobiographical book *The Dialectic Dancer* (1973) that on a couple of occasions, he wore large plastic glasses-and-nose to political press conferences, only to remove them to reveal his own genuinely oversized proboscis, declaring himself "the nose that knows."

In one essay he styled himself as the "Jaded Observer," a man "who could see two sides to a question with singular firmness" and who had the capacity "to yield to laughter at the most seriously stentorian times." Although he leavened his strong political opinions with humour, he still became known (as one commentator put it) as "irreverent, opinionated and sometimes outrageous."

Donald Benham, reviewing a new edition of *The Dialectic Dancer* in the *Winnipeg Free Press* in January 2011, commented: "What Zolf does tell us is that nothing – not even the War Measures Act – has to be so darned serious."

Despite his strong socialist and pro-labour sympathies, he seemed to migrate to the right along the political spectrum, a shift that might have begun when he started working for federal Progressive Conservative Dalton Camp. He would later describe himself politically as "a Diefenbaker, Bill Davis, Dalton Camp Red Tory."

In *The Dialectic Dancer*, he wrote of the collapse of his marriage to Patricia, a non-Jewish woman with whom he had two children, David and Rachel. His daughter, Rachel Zolf, is a Toronto poet.

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Canada commemorates CJC's historic role

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The role Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) has played over nine decades in representing the community and contributing to the country as a whole, has been officially recognized by the federal government.

A commemorative plaque is to be installed permanently at the Monument National, 1182 St. Laurent Blvd., the site of the founding of CJC in March 1919, by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

That gathering of more than 200 delegates representing the estimated 25,000 Jews across the country has been declared "an event of national historical significance."

Environment Minister Peter Kent, who is responsible for Parks Canada, presided over the ceremonial unveiling of the plaque held at Federation CJA's Gelber Centre March 14, almost 92 years to the day since the opening of that founding meeting.

The plaque reads: "This democratic exercise marked the birth of Canadian Jewish Congress, an organization that was at the forefront of the struggle for equality, civil and human rights, and immigration reform in this country.

"Regarded by many as 'the Parliament of Canadian Jewry', the congress continues to provide a voice for the Canadian Jewish community, both nationally and internationally."

At the ceremony, CJC was praised for not only defending the interests of Jews, but also working to ensure the rights of all Canadians throughout its history.

This recognition comes when the future of CJC is in question, as the Canadian Jewish advocacy organizations undergo a major reorganization.

President Mark Freiman, who came in from Toronto, said the event did not signal that CJC is fading into history. On the contrary, he said being so honoured underscores the importance of the organization and the respect with which it is held by this country.

"I don't see this as a eulogy," Freiman said in an interview. "I think we are more focused on the future than the past...I feel no sadness, only pride."

The Honourable Peter Kent, Canada's Environment Minister and Minister responsible for Parks Canada speaks at the commemoration ceremony.

> ***'An event of national historical significance'***

In his formal remarks, Freiman stated: "Over the past 92 years, CJC has acted with courage and with honour in the defence of the Jewish community, and indeed, of the wider community as well," particularly in pressing for human rights laws and codes.

"We have worked to make a difference in the life of the community and in the individual lives of its members. The work has not always been easy. We have not always won, but we have never given up, nor will we ever."

The Monument National was never the headquarters of CJC. In fact, soon after its establishment CJC became inactive until 1934,when, fearing rising antisemitism, it held its next assembly in Toronto.

In choosing to put the plaque at the Monument National, the cordial relations that existed between Jewish and French Quebecers is being recognized as well. In 1919, the imposing building was a French-Canadian cultural centre, housing the St. Jean-Baptiste Association (later the Jean-Baptiste Society) offices.

Today, the Monument National is owned by the National Theatre School of Canada and is a popular performance space.

The building CJC is most identified with is Samuel Bronfman House on Docteur Penfield Ave., now owned by Concordia University, which was its national headquarters from 1970 until the move to Ottawa in 1998. Its lower level continues to house the CJC national archives.

In addition to the plaque, the historic sites board has published a pamphlet providing a brief history of CJC, illustrated with archival photos.

"CJC has been the Jewish community's voice nationally and internationally, and has worked for justice, equality and human dignity for all," Kent said.

Kent, who represents Toronto's Thornhill riding, noted that Canadian Jews' contribution is often multigenerational and multi-faceted, citing the fact that CJC founding president Lyon Cohen's grandson is singer/songwriter Leonard Cohen.

Also participating in the proceedings were Mount Royal Liberal member of Parliament Irwin Cotler, who was CJC president from 1980 to 1983. He observed that the newly founded CJC supported the creation of a homeland for the Jewish people in Palestine.

Conservative Senator Larry Smith, Montreal executive committee member Helen Fotopulos, and Quebec Jewish Congress president Adam Atlas also spoke. Another past national president Goldie Hershon (1995 to 1998) was present.

Among the approximately 100 guests at the ceremony were representatives of a number of ethnic and religious communities.

CJC chief executive officer Bernie Farber said this is the first time the historic sites board has extended this recognition to an advocacy organization.

Remarks by the politicians show that CJC "is seen by all as the voice of Canadian Jewry representing its interests on a myriad of issues...[Words] of praise from the minister recognized not only CJC's contribution over 92 years but affirmed the fact that CJC is known across the country as the premier advocate and NGO on matters of human rights, human dignity and social justice. It made us all proud."

CJC was also recognized in the House of Commons by all parties. On March 10, four members rose to laud CJC's historic contributions: Conservative, Scott Reid; Liberal, Cotler; New Democrat, Thomas Mulcair; and Claude Bachand of the Bloc Québécois.

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PQ members funding 'antisemitic' website

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) thinks Parti Québécois (PQ) officials should not be contributing financially to a website that posts content the CIC deems to be antisemitic.

Vigile.net, which has been in existence for 15 years, provides news and commentary on mainly Quebec politics and serves as a forum for exchange between sovereigntists. Maintained by Bernard Frappier and supported by private donors, it has no official link with the PQ.

Richard Marceau, the CIC's senior adviser on government relations and a former Bloc Québécois member of Parliament, said he has observed an increasingly hateful tone in what Vigile.net carries about certain minorities, especially Jews, over the past five or six years, that cannot be dismissed as isolated.

He also believes it has crossed the line of acceptability in the content and tone of its criticism of Israel, to which he also feels it pays disproportionate attention.

"I would call it really disgusting," he said, "clearly antisemitic, and that is not a word I use lightly."

During Vigile.net's current fundraising campaign, the names of recent contributors and the amounts they gave and when are posted on the site.

PQ members of the National Assembly Bernard Drainville, Bertrand St. Arnaud, Louise Beaudoin and Agnès Maltais are among those listed as contributing in the past six months.

Others include Jean-François Lisée, columnist and former adviser to Lucien Bouchard, and former cabinet minister Richard Le Hir, who is cited as one of the biggest donors of the year at $750, as well as some PQ riding associations.

Since Marceau went public with his criticism March 17 in the newspaper *La Presse*, Drainville, a former Radio-Canada journalist until he entered politics in 2007, has distanced himself from the site.

He communicated that the PQ "dissociates itself from antisemitic remarks found in the certain texts posted on Vigile.net" and that the party has "fought against discrimination against any community."

Maltais followed suit with a similar statement.

But Vigile.net has responded by running a defiant editorial, under Frappier's name, headed "From intimidation to defamation," stating that "we are in Quebec where we can still exchange opinions even on the backs of oligarchies." The statement is accompanied by a photo of Parliament's Peace Tower, with a Canadian flag behind it in which the maple leaf has been replaced by a Star of David.

The site's preoccupations are clear from its front page. There are sections under the headings "Propagande sioniste" and "antisémitisme intimidation," for example.

Vigile.net has published content accusing Jews of duplicity, of controlling political and financial institutions, and of war-mongering, as well as conflating the Quebec nationalist cause with Israel's alleged repression of the Palestinians. Quebec is referred to as a "Zionist colony," and Montreal Jews are accused of treating French Quebecers as Palestinians.

To read the full story, go to cjnews.

Kosher for Pesach?

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"What makes a bird kosher?" Rabbi Heber asks the kids.

"Because it has wings?" one student calls.

"No, feathers!" another interrupts.

Along with PowerPoint presentations and Rabbi Heber's upbeat outreach, COR has also updated its website and added that essential of the modern age, a twitter feed, so that consumers can keep up with kosher alerts, the adventures of COR rabbis, and under-140-character gems such as, "Half the food on supermarket shelves is now reported to be kosher! I'm on fire today."

Hands go up when Rabbi Heber asks, "How many kosher symbols are there in the world?" "Forty!" "Fifty thousand!" He agrees that there are over 1,000, and passes out copies of the COR's new wallet-sized card with many of the most common symbols.

Two important services, as Passover approaches, are community koshering events – one to be held in the BAYT in Thornhill and another at a location further south – and a Passover hotline. To reach COR with, a Passover kashrut question, call 416-635-9550, ext. 274 (or just wait to hear the prompts), e-mail questions@cor.ca or, on the website, click the "ask the rabbi" forum.

Will someone get back to consumers, even at the last minute? On erev Pesach, a rotation of rabbis are given one-hour timeslots to check messages and return calls and e-mails.

As for the rest of the year, Rabbi Felder "would like those people who only keep kosher for Pesach to become more educated, more knowledgeable, and try to keep kosher for more than just Pesach."

In a community where, according to Rabbi Heber, "many kids don't know the name of a kosher restaurant," his classroom visit is often their first introduction to kashrut as part of Jewish life. COR hopes some of his paraphernalia makes it home so that the parents, too, can start talking about keeping kosher – at Passover and beyond.

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Industry minister is halachically Jewish

Grandmother born in Syria to family of traders

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

The current federal government boasts no Jewish members of Parliament. At least that's what most people think.

But speaking to *The CJN* last week, Industry Minister Tony Clement revealed that halachically speaking, he is a Jew.

Clement's Jewishness is matrilineal. His grandmother was born in Aleppo, Syria, to a family of Jewish mercantile traders who spoke Arabic. The family name was Djebbah.

In the early 20th century, Clement's grandparents settled in Manchester, England – then renowned for its textile industry, he said – and conceived his mother, who eventually married a Greek Cypriot.

Clement was also born in Manchester.

His parents ended up divorced, but Clement said his early years were not informed by any religious upbringing.

"My parents had a truce" on promoting religion in the home, he said.

Informed that in the eyes of Jewish law, he would be considered Jewish, Clement said "I would, yes."

"But according to Greek Cypriot law, I'm Greek Orthodox, so there you go," he said, adding that he is a practising Christian, though not in the Greek Orthodox stream.

"But [Judaism] is a part of my heritage, part of my past and one that I'm very proud of."

He said his November 2009 working visit to Israel – his first – helped him realize that he needed to know more about his Jewish roots.

"It was such a thrill to finally get to Israel in 2009 for [personal] reasons as well as for the official reasons. But that visit helped me face my heritage, certainly," he said.

Ever since, he said he's been on more of a personal quest to "reconnect" with the Jewish side of his family.

"My [Jewish heritage] is something I'd like to explore more. I know some of my Jewish relatives, but they're spread all over the world now. One of these days now, I'd like to have more contact with them."

In addition to talking about his roots, Clement also said Israel continues to figure prominently on his list of professional objectives.

Over the last two years, under his watch, Clement has helped nurture increasing Canada-Israel business ties. He said it's something he plans to continue.

"We're upping our collaboration on the Canada-Israel front. That's been one of my initiatives as industry minister since my visit to Israel in 2009," he said.

That visit, he said, culminated in a dialogue, with Israel's chief scientist, Eli Opper.

"We had an initial Canada-Israel collaboration meeting in Toronto several months ago and intend to have another one in Israel later on this year," he said, although no date has been set.

Scientists and venture capitalists from both countries attended what was called an "innovation summit" in Toronto last October.

Clement said that so far, Canada and Israel are concentrating on three development fronts: water technology, neuroscience and "clean energy" research and development.

Tony Clement delivers remarks in Toronto last week

"We've started to really put down some roots in the commercialization area of some of these R&D projects, and my philosophy is that right now, we have the best diplomatic relations we've ever had with Israel.

"We have very close military and security interests, and yet in commercialization and collaboration on industrial development, we should be a lot closer and get more projects done. That's what I've been working on for the last year or so. We are starting to see these come to fruition, and I am going to keep pushing so that these collaborations continue."

Clement was in Toronto last week to discuss the government's Knowledge Infrastructure Program, which has invested billions in an effort to enhance the infrastructure of Canadian post-secondary institutions to create job opportunities for graduates in response to the recession.

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B.C. Jewish museum moves to new location

Lauren Kramer
Pacific Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The Jewish Museum & Archives of B.C. has a new home as of March 1, in Vancouver's Peretz Centre for Secular Jewish Culture, where it now occupies the Berson Lounge on the second floor.

The move from the third floor of the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver, where the museum previously occupied a sizable exhibition space since 2007, was mainly for financial reasons, said its education co-ordinator, Molly Winston.

"We had to scale down to a small office space, because we found that we've been more successful reaching audiences through public programming and touring exhibitions than by having a poorly attended exhibition space of our own," she said.

"We're focusing our efforts more on traveling exhibitions around the province and around Canada, an improved website with digitized oral history interviews and online exhibits that are accessible to everyone."

With an annual operating budget of $300,000, the museum relies on funding from annual memberships and grants for education and archival work from the federal and provincial governments, as well as Heritage Canada, archival associations in British Columbia and Canada, the City of Vancouver and smaller foundations.

Recent exhibitions include the Jewish history of New Westminster, B.C., in honour of the city's 150th anniversary. That exhibition will soon be travelling to the New Westminster Museum and Archives. A small display on the history of the Jews of Richmond, B.C., will open in the Richmond Public Library in April 2011.

The museum conducts ongoing oral history interviews with select members of the community, as well as walking history tours of Jewish Vancouver in the summer months.

The new office is located at 6184 Ash St. in Vancouver. For more information, visit www.jewishmuseum.com or call 604-257-5199.

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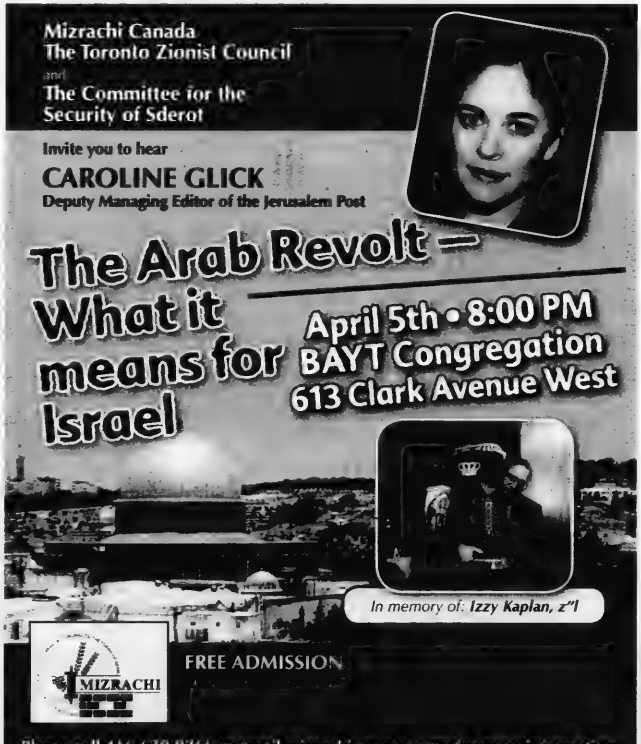
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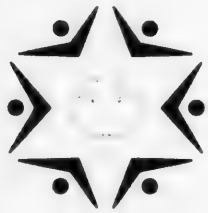
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Police investigate Twitter threats

Riva Gold
Special to The CJN

Montreal police are investigating 21-year-old McGill student Haaris Khan after he allegedly threatened his peers with violent anti-Zionist and antisemitic posts on Twitter.

Khan posted the alarming tweets from his BlackBerry on March 8 while attending a film screening of *Indoctrinate U* on campus. The event was hosted by the McGill University Conservative Association and Libertarian McGill.

"I'm watching a Zionist/Conservative propaganda film at a secret Zionist convention," Khan wrote on his then-public Twitter page. Minutes later, he posted that he "should have brought an M16."

The film was a documentary about political correctness and liberal biases on university campuses.

Over the course of the evening, Khan posted several other tweets on the popular social networking site, including, "My blood is boiling. I want to shoot everyone in this room."

Approximately 40 students attended the screening, held in McGill's Leacock building.

Khan later posted that he would "destroy the Jew-WASP consortium" and that "the jihad begins today."

Another post said he had no attachment to McGill's Muslim Students' Association or other Arab groups, insisting that he "had no base camp behind him."

He continued with posts that read, "Zionism was born of the venomous seed of Satan" and said that he objected to the "sluggish tactics and concentration of power by the Toronto-Jewish circle at McGill."

According to the campus newspaper the *McGill Tribune*, Montreal Police were contacted by campus security on March 10 after a member of Conservative McGill found and reported Khan's tweets.

Event participants were said to have been unaware of the posts at the time of the incident, as Khan was sitting quietly at the back of the room while posting the messages from his BlackBerry.

After news spread about Khan's tweets, McGill students formed a Facebook page titled "McGill: Stop Hate, Protect Students."

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I should have brought an M16.

I'm watching a Zionist/Conservative propaganda film at a secret Zionist convention, in case anyone's confused.

This experience has hardened me into a soldier for freedom and truth. These savages will not rule me. They will not win.

I'm scared for my life.

This is crazy. This is Satanic. This is evil.

My blood is boiling. I want to shoot everyone in this room. I'm frightened, alarmed, and downright pissed. Never been this angry.

Hmm, seeing my arch-nemesis in this setting boils my blood. He's actually so slimy its criminal. He's not a warrior but a slug.

Plummer, Shyam Patel, and Joel Pedneault are elected and open avenues.

I am a patron of freedom, a champion of truth, and a staunch advocate of diversity and the involvement of local Montrealers at McGill.

Furthermore, I feel no attachment to the Muslim Student Association or any Arab groups. Nor am I socialist. I have no base camp behind me.

I object to the sluggish tactics and concentration of power by the Toronto-Jewish circle at McGill, but peacemaking has always been my M.O.

I'd only be intensifying the already virulent discourse and allowing myself to be defeated by the forces of polarization. What to do...

I have to take a step back and assess myself. Do I want to continue driving a wedge between Jews and Muslims at

Part of Twitter feed being investigated

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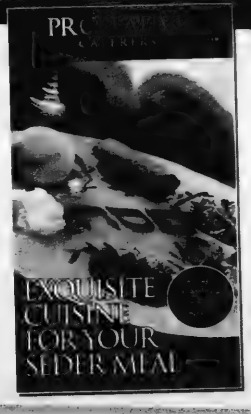

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JNF DODGEBALLERS: University of Western Ontario students, from left, Harrison Notkin, Evan Silver and Zack Silverberg, organizers of the Viridis JNF Charity Dodgeball Tournament, helped raise $4,500 for the rehabilitation effort in the Carmel forest region in northern Israel. When Notkin – a member of the student group Viridis, which raises awareness about environmental issues – learned about the forest fire that ravaged the Carmel in December, his group partnered with the Jewish National Fund in London, Ont., to raise money for the cause. The event, which attracted some 50 participants, was held March 13 at London Central Secondary School.

'Vicious hate speech unacceptable anywhere'

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The page creators demanded that McGill's administration "take these charges seriously and take action to assure that McGill University maintains a safe and secure campus."

McGill's deputy provost, Morton Mendelson, issued a statement March 17 saying that while the incident has been taken "very seriously" by the administration, "if the tweeted messages were deemed to pose a real threat, we would have taken very different action.

"We must avoid causing needless panic or delivering 'false alarms' that could lead to complacency in the event of real threats in the future," Mendelson wrote.

Hillel Montreal and the Canadian Federation of Jewish Students released a statement last week applauding the decision of McGill and the police to investigate the matter, and stressed that "this is no indication that this situation is representative of the climate at McGill University or at any of Montreal's academic institutions."

Some students, however, are less than satisfied with how the incident is being handled.

Alexandre Meterissian, who first informed the Montreal police of the tweets, said he's very disappointed by the reaction of the McGill administration.

"They did not inform us of the process being followed and what they planned on doing. It took many media interviews with newspapers and TV channels to actually get a formal public reaction from them," he said.

Meterissian, who was present at the film screening, said he hopes the university will put student safety at the top of its priorities in the future.

In contrast, he described the Montreal police as "very helpful," adding that they took the incident "much more seriously than the administration."

Kevin Pidgeon, a member of Conservative McGill who helped organize the event, also described the McGill administration as "slow and unhelpful."

He stressed that McGill administrators didn't address what he calls "virulent, and frankly, disturbing antisemitism," and said he's concerned that "they did not feel the tweets warranted telling the community.

"If frank and disturbing hate speech is not warranting of an expulsion, I don't know what is," Pidgeon said.

While he supports the right to free speech, Pidgeon urged that "vicious hate speech and antisemitic remarks are unacceptable anywhere."

In an interview with the *McGill Tribune* on March 14, Khan reportedly apologized for the posts, saying he's not religious and doesn't own any weapons. He said he uses Twitter as an outlet and that his posts were taken out of context.

Khan added that he did not consider himself antisemitic and "had no problem with Jews."

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IBD affects more than 20,000 Canadians

Cynthia Gasner
Special to The CJN

Marilyn Finkelstein and her late husband, Albert, were desperate for information about Crohn's disease when their son David was diagnosed 36 years ago.

"After many trips to the doctors and numerous hospital visits," Finkelstein said, "no one, including my family doctor, could figure out what was wrong."

She found herself at the University of Toronto medical school library, where there was only one book with only one paragraph on Crohn's disease. The Finkelsteins then spearheaded an initiative that subsequently resulted in the formation of what is now known as the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada (CCFC), a volunteer–based not-for-profit medical research foundation.

"That day in 1974, my life was changed forever," she said. Her focus then, as it is today, was "to help find a cure."

Her second son, Gary, was diagnosed with Crohn's disease 10 years later.

Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) includes Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, two similar yet distinct conditions that cause intestinal tissue to become inflamed, form sores and bleed easily.

Symptoms include abdominal pain, cramps, fatigue and diarrhea. The CCFC is launching a Can't Wait iPhone, Android and web application that will help people find the public washroom closest to them. A web-based version of Can't Wait is online at www.cantwait.ca.

Statistics from CCFC indicate that more than 200,000 Canadians, an estimated one in 160, live with IBD. Most people are diagnosed before the age of 30.

The foundation notes that there is no cure and there is little understanding of the pain, chronic suffering and isolation IBD patients cope with every day of their lives.

Finkelstein, who speaks from coast to coast on behalf of the foundation, said that to help reduce the feeling of isolation felt by people living with IBD, there's a need to raise public awareness of this chronic disease.

"People living with IBD too often face their condition in silence," she said. "There are some who are afraid to venture away from home, cutting off the possibility of many great experiences."

With Crohn's disease, inflammation can occur anywhere in the gastrointestinal tract but is usually present in the lower part of the small intestine and the colon.

Ulcerative colitis only affects portions of the large intestine. It typically inflames only the innermost lining of the bowel tissue.

Both are lifelong diseases that can flare up at unpredictable times. No one is sure what causes a person to go into remission or what launches an acute episode.

There are medications that can improve symptoms, decrease inflammation and lead to a better quality of life. Public awareness and more sophisticated diagnostic equipment also make the conditions easier to deal with for some.

"The Foundation will continue to pursue its goal of finding a cure for IBD," Finkelstein said. "We know the cure is more than a dream – one day it will be a reality.

"Medical research is simply the best hope for finding a cure. My dream is to be present at the closing of this foundation. They are getting closer to unraveling the cause."

For more information about IBD call 1-800-357-1479. or go to www.cccfc.ca

Exercise can help reduce fibromyalgia pain

FITNESS CORNER
BY FELYCE ZOMPARELLI

A recent Swedish study found that women with fibromyalgia who used walking poles improved their fitness levels without an increase in symptoms. Walking poles activate upper body and core muscles for balance.

The results of this study are important because in the past studies involving moderate to high-intensity exercise had shown that it triggers fibromyalgia symptoms.

Fibromyalgia is said to affect more than a million people in Canada, mostly women between the ages of 35 and 55. It is a syndrome that results in chronic widespread pain, stiffness, tenderness in joints and muscles, fatigue, anxiety, restless sleep and depression. While there is no known cure for fibromyalgia, there is much you can do to help manage the disease and your pain.

Treatments for fibromyalgia are as unique as the person who has it. It is usually treated with a combination of prescription medications, natural therapies such as acupuncture or massage, patient education, aerobic activity, relaxation exercises, stress reduction and proper nutrition.

Studies have proven that low-impact aerobic exercise helps reduce pain and stiffness, as well as creates a sense of well-being, increasing the quality of life for people with fibromyalgia. A graded aerobic exercise program performed twice a week that starts gently and progresses gradually to endurance and strength training is important in preventing setbacks.

Keeping muscles conditioned and healthy by exercising three times a week is known to decrease the amount of discomfort of fibromyalgia. Rest periods in between exercise are important in reducing symptoms.

Regular exercises can boost energy levels and help with sleep. Low-impact aerobics, walking, water aerobics, stationary bicycle, yoga and tai chi are perfect choices for someone with fibromyalgia. Check with your doctor to find out if these exercises are for you.

The use of heat as well as other treatments such as hot baths, showers, acupuncture, massage, mud baths and saunas are also helpful in managing fibromyalgia pain.

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Number of rocket attacks from Gaza escalating

Yanir Yagna
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JERUSALEM — A Grad rocket fired from Gaza exploded in an open area in the industrial district of southern Ashkelon on Sunday evening.

A number of people were treated for shock following the explosion, which caused no damage.

Israel has seen an upsurge in the number of rockets being fired from Gaza of late, the peak being on Saturday when the southern part of the country was hit by over 50 rockets.

On Saturday, Israel Defence Forces killed two Palestinian terrorists near the Gaza border.

An IDF spokesperson said the troops fired after identifying two terrorists near the border.

Two Israelis were wounded and a home was damaged by the barrage of rockets fired at Israel on Saturday morning.

Hamas, which rules the Gaza Strip, claimed responsibility for 10 of Saturday's rockets, an unusual move after a long period in which it had let other, smaller, militant groups do its bidding.

"Targeting the enemy's posts was a response to the ongoing Zionist assaults, airstrikes and tanks shelling the Gaza Strip. The latest was two days ago, where two of our mujahideen were killed," said Hamas' armed wing, the Al-Qassam Brigades.

Responding to the rockets later on Saturday, Israel struck several Hamas targets in Gaza.

Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman instructed Israel's UN envoy to lodge a formal complaint as a result of the rocket barrage.

In a message to the United Nations, Lieberman warned that a future Palestinian state would be a "terrorist state whose first and foremost goal is the destruction of Israel."

The offensive from Gaza took place while "Hamas and the Palestinian Authority were talking about reunification," Lieberman's message said.

In the past week, there have been rallies in Hamas-ruled Gaza and the Fatah-ruled West Bank calling for Palestinian reunification. Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas announced last week that he intends to go to Gaza to end the more than three years of internal division between his Fatah party and Hamas.

Lieberman wrote that the talk of reunification during the barrage of rockets shows that "the international support the Palestinians are trying to garner would be support for the creation of a terrorist state."

The Palestinians have been pressing leaders worldwide to recognize an independent Palestinian state, an issue they plan on bringing to a vote at September's UN General Assembly.

Other Israeli officials also responded harshly to Saturday's bombardment, with Kadima head Tzipi Livni saying that "the right way to contend with Hamas is with force."

The owner of a home in Kibbutz Kissufim, in southern Israel, stands in her living room that was damaged by a mortar shell fired by Palestinian terrorists from the Gaza Strip last weekend. ***[Flash90 photo]***

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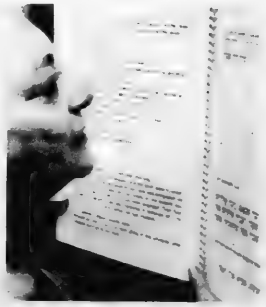

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Israel seizes arms boat

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JERUSALEM — Iran denied Israeli assertions that it sent weapons to Gaza aboard a ship intercepted by Israel's navy.

"The Jerusalem occupation regime is a regime of lies, production of lies and dissemination of lies. We reject all of these mendacious reports," the Iranian army's chief of staff, Gen. Atallah Salhi, told the state-run Islamic Republic News Agency on March 16.

"God willing, this regime will sink into the Mediterranean Sea like the regime of the pharaohs in Egypt," he said.

The Liberia-flagged cargo ship Victoria was seized on March 15 in the Mediterranean Sea, 200 miles west of Israel. The German-owned ship, which originated in Syria, was headed to Egypt via Turkey with tons of concealed weapons that Israel said were bound for Gaza.

The sophisticated missiles found aboard the Victoria came with manuals in Farsi.

Meanwhile, Egyptian officials told the Associated Press that its military seized five trucks that entered the country carrying weapons from Sudan bound for Gaza. The weapons were to be ferried through smuggling tunnels between Egypt and Gaza, AP reported.

"The various weaponry on board the vessel was intended for the use of terror organizations operating in the Gaza Strip," the Israel Defence Forces said in a statement.

There were "tons" of concealed weapons, *Ha'aretz* reported, citing the IDF. The crew did not appear to be aware of the weapons stash, according to reports.

The German-owned ship left from Turkey's Mersin port and was headed for Egypt's Alexandria port. Turkey is not tied to the incident, the IDF said.

The navy brought the ship into Israel's port at Ashdod for further inspection, and there was no resistance from the crew, according to the IDF.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, commenting on the ship's seizure during a visit to Israel's south, said he approved of the navy's interception of the Victoria.

"We had a solid basis that on board the ship was weaponry destined for use against Israel," he said. "Considerable weaponry, which was destined for terrorist forces in the heart of Gaza, was found on board the vessel.

"The operation was carried out at sea in accordance with all international rules. The weaponry originated in Iran, which is trying to arm the Gaza Strip."

Israel has seized ships carrying weapons to Gaza in the past. In 2003, the Israeli military seized the Karine A, which was carrying 50 tons of missiles, mortars, rifles and ammunition to the Gaza Strip.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Chief of Staff Benny Gantz, to the prime minister's left, and Defence Minister Ehud Barak, wearing sunglasses, left, inspect some of the weapons seized on the ship Victoria. Along with the weapons, a Farsi-language manual with a Revolutionary Guards logo was found on board, linking Iran to the arms smuggling attempt. *[Israel Sun photo]*

Syria kills protesters

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The Syrian army deployed on Monday at the entrances to the southern city of Daraa as officials tried to calm passions following protests for freedom in which five civilians were killed, residents said.

Thousands of mourners marched at the funeral of 23-year-old Raed al-Kerad who died on Sunday, the latest of five protesters to be killed by security forces. Mourners chanted slogans demanding political freedom and an end to corruption.

"God, Syria, freedom. The people want the overthrow of corruption," they chanted.

The slogan is a play on the phrase, "The people want the overthrow of the regime," the rallying cry of the revolutions that overthrew the entrenched leaders of Tunisia and Egypt and spread across the Arab world.

The mourners later gathered at the al-Omari mosque in the old quarter of Daraa near the border with Jordan.

Troops set up checkpoints at the entrances of Daraa and were checking identity cards. The Syrian justice minister arrived at a city hall.

The five demonstrators killed last Friday took part in a peaceful protest demanding political freedom and an end to corruption in Syria, witnesses said.

Syrian state media said security forces dispersed protesters in two towns in the most serious unrest in years in one of the Mideast's most repressive states.

Several thousand protesters chanted "God, Syria, freedom" and other anti-corruption slogans, accusing the family of the president of corruption, when they were shot dead by security forces who were reinforced with troops flown in by helicopters, a resident said.

Amateur video footage posted Friday on YouTube and Twitter shows large groups of protesters in several cities throughout Syria but its authenticity could not be immediately be independently confirmed.

State television said some infiltrators in the town of Daraa caused chaos and riots, and smashed cars and property before they were chased off by riot police. It said a similar demonstration in the coastal town of Baniyas was dispersed without incident.

One amateur video showed what appeared to show Syrian government trucks spraying water on marchers. Two others purport to show several thousand men gathering in the cities of Homs and Baniyas.

Israel Briefs

Marseille befriends Jerusalem

The city of Marseille, France, has given a bronze fountain to the city of Jerusalem as a show of friendship. Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat thanked Marseille Mayor Jean Claude Gaudin for his gift of the "Fontaine Longchamp," which stands more than 11 feet high. The fountain, which is on its way to Israel, is an exact replica of the famous fountain on Marseille's Boulevard Longchamp. Barkat met with Gaudin in Jerusalem's city council chamber. A delegation of business and community leaders from Marseille accompanied Gaudin on his visit to Israel. "Our gift, which represents comradeship, peace and coexistence, is a symbol of our close ties with the city of Jerusalem, which we are interested in deepening even further," Gaudin said in the chamber.

Egypt resumes gas supply

Egypt resumed supplying Israel with natural gas after a six-week interruption. The gas flow resumed late on the night of March 14. The disruption in supply came after a gas line was sabotaged on Feb. 5 during the uprising in Egypt that ousted president Hosni Mubarak. Egypt supplies more than 40 per cent of the gas Israel needs to provide the country with electricity. It's not clear if Israel will now receive gas in the same quantities as before. Some Israeli media have accused the Egyptian interim military government authorities of delaying the supply of gas to Israel for political reasons. Egypt has suggested it won't supply the usual amounts of gas as before, and reportedly wants to renegotiate better terms for its gas supply contract with Israel.

Landmines to be cleared

The Knesset unanimously passed legislation that authorizes the removal of landmine fields throughout the country. The bill, which passed second and third readings by a vote of 43-0, creates the National Authority for Land Mine Clearance. The efforts of Daniel Yuval, 12, who lost his leg after stepping on a land mine last year during a hike in the Golan Heights, helped to advance the measure. The Israeli government will commit about $7.5 million to the clearing effort. The rest is expected to come from humanitarian organizations. The Israeli military began removing mines along the border with Jordan last month, according to *Ha'aretz*, which reported that as many as 400,000 mines are buried there. Hundreds of minefields also are buried in the Golan Heights, in case of war with Syria.

Building plan concerns U.S.

The Obama administration expressed "deep concern" about new settlement building plans announced by Israel after a deadly terrorist attack. "The United States is deeply concerned by continuing Israeli actions with respect to settlements in the West Bank," State Department spokeswoman Tanya Powell said in a statement. "Continued Israeli settlements are illegitimate and run counter to efforts to resume direct negotiations." Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced the building of 500 new units in several West Bank towns that most believe will be part of Israel in a peace deal, in the wake of the March 11 attack in which five members of the Fogel family, three children and their parents, were stabbed to death in Itamar as they slept.

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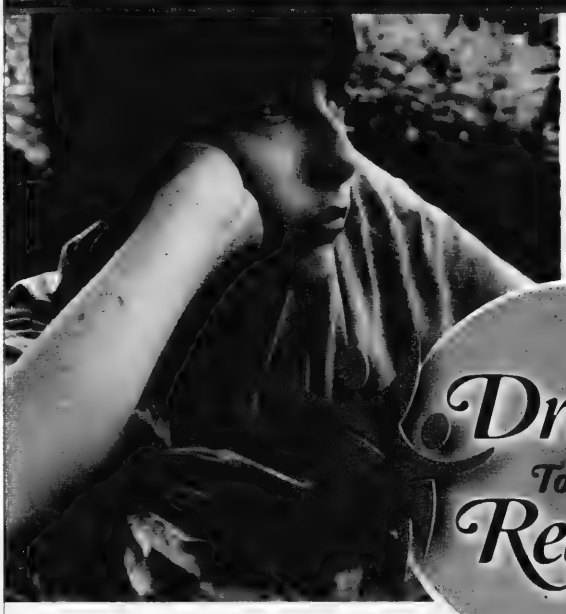

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Some Diaspora clergy selling conversions: chief rabbi

Yair Ettinger
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JERUSALEM — Israel's Sephardi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Amar last week accused some Orthodox rabbis outside Israel of authorizing conversions to Judaism in exchange for bribes.

"We have received reports of several rabbis who convert for money," Rabbi Amar said at a special meeting of the Committee for Immigration, Absorption and Diaspora Affairs at his offices in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Amar claims that the phenomenon takes place in North America, South America and Europe, and he referred to the example of a convert who testified to him that he was converted by an Orthodox rabbi for the sum of $1 million.

"Certainly this is an exceptional case," Rabbi Amar said. "But there are also examples of conversions for less than a million dollars," although he would give no other specific examples.

Rabbi Amar's remarks were made in support of the policy of the Chief Rabbinate and the Interior Ministry for the last two years of not recognizing the conversions of most Orthodox rabbis outside of Israel.

The implication of the decision of the Chief Rabbinate is that only some people who converted to Judaism outside of Israel are eligible to immigrate to Israel under the Law of Return, which grants automatic Israeli citizenship to Jews.

The committee was convened after an article published in *Ha'aretz* in February exposed the increasing reach of the Israeli Rabbinate's jurisdiction over Jews in the Diaspora.

According to a High Court decision, the civil registry must grant Reform and Conservative converts to Judaism the status of new Jewish immigrants, but paradoxically, the court determined that the Israeli rabbinate would retain jurisdiction over conversions conducted by Orthodox rabbis in the Diaspora.

At the committee meeting, it was suggested that the rabbinate's policies were actually pushing prospective immigrants to opt for conversions through the Conservative or Reform streams instead of the Orthodox one.

Rabbi Shlomo Amar

Rabbi Joel Tessler, who heads a large Orthodox community in Potomac, Md., also addressed the meeting. He's one of the rabbis whose conversions the rabbinate refuses to recognize, and he said there is no justification for this.

Attorney Daniel Solomon of the Interior Ministry outraged members of the committee when he was unable to produce a list of overseas rabbis whose conversions are either recognized or not. But he insisted there's nothing new in the ministry's policy of consulting the rabbinate on this issue.

Rabbi Amar revealed that a team of jurists and representatives of various government offices are currently trying to draft a policy on Orthodox conversions overseas that would withstand a legal challenge. But he stressed that the decision to recognize American and Canadian conversions by selected rabbinical courts only had the full consent of the Rabbinical Council of America, a leading North American organization of Orthodox rabbis.

Many Orthodox rabbis, especially from the modern Orthodox movement, do not belong to the RCA, and they say this decision was aimed primarily at reducing their power. But Rabbi Amar insisted that the decision's sole purpose was to create an "orderly" conversion process run by "worthy" rabbis.

The committee chairman, Likud MK Danny Danon, accepted this claim, saying, "we all want to see more and more Jews immigrating to Israel, but we aren't willing to accept conversion over the Internet or by mail."

Ha'aretz publicized the story of Thomas Dohlan, a Canadian soldier who converted to Judaism but was not recognized as a Jew under the Law of Return. The Interior Ministry said it doesn't recognize the conversions performed by the Orthodox rabbi who converted him.

Dohlan later received an immigrant's certificate and an Israeli identity number when he arrived here with his Israeli wife and four children last month. But he still hasn't received his identity card, and last week the Interior Ministry again refused to issue it to him.

Rabbi Seth Farber of ITIM, the Jewish Life Information Center, who has been helping the family, said in response to Rabbi Amar's statement that "the decision not to recognize all Orthodox conversions in the Diaspora because of a few cases of local corruption is utterly out of proportion."

"Clear criteria must be set under the Law of Return as to what constitutes a recognized community, and then we should rely on the local professionals," Rabbi Farber said. "The Interior Ministry doesn't have enough information to determine what is or isn't a recognized community."

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Guests of Niagara Falls, N.Y., spa get pampered

Spa Life

By KATHRYN KATES

Just over the Rainbow... Bridge, that is, is The Spa & Salon at Seneca Niagara, at the very grand, Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel in Niagara Falls, N.Y., a Four Diamond Award winner.

Spa manager Hattie Dolan-Gawron says its mission is to provide guests with the opportunity for esthetic self-indulgence and relaxation in a warm friendly environment.

The spa's décor reflects elements of the earth by utilizing natural stones on the walls, rich woods throughout and a waterfall feature. It has seven massage rooms, three esthetic rooms, two wet treatment rooms, six styling stations, four manicure and four pedicure stations, a couples' suite with a private hydrotherapy tub, saunas and men's and women's private locker rooms. All registered hotel guest have access to the adjoining pool and fitness areas.

On staff are three estheticians, seven massage therapists, four hairstylists and two nail technicians. The Spa & Salon offers a complete range of services – facials, body treatments, massages, waxing, manicures, pedicures, makeup applications and hairstyling. The product lines used are Pevonia Skin Care, Lanza Hair Care & Colour Line, Kenra Hair Care, OPI Nail Care and Bio Freeze. In addition, there are two retail areas.

"Our clientele consists of equal local and transient guests, with 70 per cent being women," says Dolan-Gawron. "We have a beautiful Signature Facial Caviar & Pearls, which is anti-aging, and a new treatment called Tranquility Signature Massage that incorporates massage, hot towels, wasabi stones and a sinus pressure release."

The spa offers many packages, including the most popular Queen for the Day, which comes with a facial, a 50-minute massage and a choice of a body treatment. Other packages include the King for the Day, Full House and Two of a Kind... in keeping with the hotel's gaming theme.

The private couples' jacuzzi.

Refreshments such as chocolate-dipped strawberries and champagne are available to guests spending three hours or more being pampered.

Just launched are a number of spa packages that include accommodations at the Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel, along with food vouchers for one of the many restaurants. They offer everything from casual fare to fine dining at the Western Door Steakhouse. Kosher meals can be ordered for guests from outside the hotel with advance notice.

The hotel boasts of 594 modern rooms and suites with upscale amenities, including large flat-screen TVs and comfy pillow-top beds. Many of the rooms have great views of the Niagara area on both sides of the border.

For those wanting to be entertained, check out the Bear's Den Showroom, which plays host to a number of well-known showbiz acts from comedian Bill Cosby and singer Rob Thomas to country crooner Trace Atkins. Or, you can meet and mingle and belly up to the bar, with your fellow high-rollers at Club 101, in the heart of the gaming floor. The gaming floor also has more than 4,000 slot machines.

If you can pull yourself away from the hotel's spa and the casino, there is lots to see and do in Niagara USA. The area has performing arts centres and museums, including the Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum and Tiffany Windows in Lockport.

In the warmer months, adventures begin on the lower Niagara rapids on the Whirlpool Jet Boat Tour. Niagara Falls State Park boasts 400 acres of protected wildlife and lush landscape, and hikers can have hours of fun discovering the Niagara Gorge, while fishermen and women can tackle the Niagara River.

Of course, no trip to Niagara USA is complete without a stop at fashion outlets. Be sure to ask the hotel's front desk staff for discount coupons before you go on your designers ware shopping spree.

For more information about Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel, call 1-877-873-6322 or online at www.TheSenecaCasinos.com. For an appointment at the spa, call 1-888-849-4477 or 716-278-3696.

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BEAUTY SHOP

By Stacey Michaels and Francine Birken

Dedicated in memory of Carol Wise

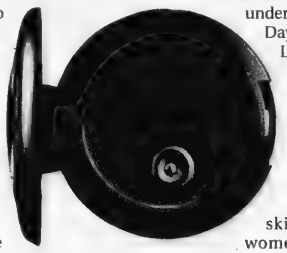
Spring, our favourite time of the year! After a long and cold winter, the trees are anxious to show their true colours and the flowers are beginning to bloom. Spring is a time to enjoy all the new beautiful colours, as it is also the time to enjoy new fashion styles and new beauty trends.

Our skin has taken a beating, and it is now time to rejuvenate those cells that have been damaged by the cold temperatures. Begin your skin regimen with a facial scrub either at home or with a professional esthetician. Make sure to use a moisturizer, as this will prepare the skin for the coming new weather.

Foundation should be lighter in texture at this time of year. You want to feel fresh and comfortable. Make sure your moisturizer and foundation have an SPF coverage of 15 or more.

This season it is all about colour. Eye shadows come in beautiful pastel shades such as greens, purples, greys, pinks and shades of blue. Eye liner tops it off with all shades of violet. Lips are bright in shades of orange to peach and vibrant shades of pink. Cheeks are bright and colourful. Everything is suitable for all ages. Most important, make sure to choose shades for day and for evening.

No matter how much makeup you choose to put on, your look should be fresh. Bring out your best features and don't forget to drink lots of water, take that 1/2-hour walk, and enjoy all these wonderful tips we are about to share with you.



MAC Jeanius - eye shadow

HAIR

Göt2b introduces its new line of styling products that fit your lifestyle and budget. With weekly blow-drys becoming more popular and colour appointments more expensive, women are looking for products that will maintain their style and not wash their investment down the sink. Skipping a day of shampooing pays off, as **göt2b** is excited to introduce its new Rockin' it line featuring a long-lasting Rockin' It Dry Shampoo, Rockin' It Hairspray, and Rockin' It Gel.

Göt2b introduces POWDER'ful – a powerful source of volume in just 10 seconds. Full tousled tresses are at the top of everyone's hair-wish list, but how do you save your 'do' from the dreaded 3 p.m. droop? We tend to think the only cure for limp, lifeless hair is another wash and blow-dry. For fresh texture and va va voom volume à la model Giselle Bündchen, look no further than **göt2b**'s new POWDER'ful styling powder.

Beautiful, natural curls get everyone's attention. From the tight corkscrewed curls of Sarah Jessica Parker to the soft, winding curls of Alicia Keys, there can be little doubt that beautiful natural curls are one of the hottest looks today. The beauty and popularity of this style speaks for itself. But even natural, bouncy curls and waves sometimes need a helping hand. **Schwarzkopf Professional** is proud to introduce the new BC Curl Bounce, a new line for BC Hairtherapy designed to re-nourish and give bounce back to natural curls.

Schwarzkopf Professional continues to lead the industry in hair colour advancements. Naturally derived ESSENSITY hair colour offers 100 per cent grey coverage and is still free from ammonia, parabens, paraffin and more. ESSENSITY is the market's first high-performing hair colour that offers an odourless oil-in-cream permanent colouration. It contains the purest organic essence of grape seed oil and natural Ectoin.

Dippity-Do has teamed up with the National Hockey League Players Association (NHLPA) to bring Canadians a range of specialized hair styling products designed for active males with the launch of **Dippity-Do** Sport Pro Styling. An officially licensed product of the NHLPA, it performs throughout even the most intense of hockey games. This new line of specialty gels, putties, waxes, glues and pastes allow hairstyles to score big when it comes to winning style, on or off the ice.

STACEY'S TIPS

SPA AND SKIN CARE

Lancôme celebrates women by donating $7 to Look Good Feel Better for every bottle of Génifique Youth Activating Concentrate sold across Canada. In addition, **Lancôme** will donate $1 for every new fan of **Lancôme Canada**'s Facebook page.

Look Good Feel Better is Canada's only cancer charity dedicated to empowering women to manage the effects that cancer and its treatment have on their appearance. Launched in March 2009, Génifique Youth Activating Concentrate helps even skin tone, refine texture and boost luminosity within just seven days. Today, more than three million bottles of Lancôme's Génifique Youth Activating Concentrate have been sold. Now, one Génifique product is sold every four seconds around the world, a never-before seen success, making it the natural choice for this initiative.

Prevage knows thy enemy – free radicals unleashed by environmental assaults that are determined to undermine your beautiful skin. With **Prevage** Day Ultra Protection Anti-Aging Moisture Lotion SPF 30 on your side, your face will have the ultimate in environmental and sun protection. It's the first-ever moisturizer with both high-level SPF protection and revolutionary Idebenone, a recognized antioxidant with a top EPF (environmental protection factor) rating of 95.

Clarins is proud to present its first skin-care range dedicated to young women aged 16 to 25 years old. My First Clarins!, features four products that answer all needs, at an affordable price. They are a Cleansing Gel, a Wake-Up Booster, a Daily Energizer Cream or Cream-Gel. Now we can say that Clarins has the answer for every age!

To add some luminosity to your skin, try **Clarins** Skin Illusion SPF10, with mineral and plant extracts. Available in six shades, this moisturizing foundation is a pure concentrate of luminosity! Discover the latest additions of the Bright Plus HP range: the Brightening Repairing Night Cream and the Gentle Brightening Exfoliator. Recapture the streamlined, toned appearance of youthful body contours with **Clarins** new Extra-Firming Body Lotion or Cream.

Beloved soap brand **Dial** launches into a brand-new category next month, introducing the new **Dial** NutriSkin Lotions with BioNutrients – the first body lotion that offers bionutrients in an affordable and easy format.

FRANCINE'S TIPS:

A fresh, natural face is the base for this spring/summer 2011. Your face is what is going to complement your eyes, blush and lips. When choosing a concealer, make sure you can work with its consistency. If it's thick, make sure to spread it evenly.

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Concealer is to be used to cover dark circles, blemishes and any other flaws that are visible. Choose the right foundation for you and make sure the colour matches your skin tone, especially around the neck area. The last thing you want is to have a colour difference. Make sure to blend it with your fingers.

M·A·C has moved ahead with a three-in-one force: powder, foundation and tinted moisturizer all together. New Studio Careblend Pressed Powders beautifies as it benefits. It gives a sheer to medium, smooth, coverage for a soft and even tone.

Eye makeup plays an important role when it comes to beauty, and each season, new beautiful trends come about. The hottest trend this season is the pastel colour palettes, which suit every women. Bright colours help achieve a vibrant complexion. Choose the colour that will suit and make you feel the best.

New this season is the launch of **Annabelle** 4SHOW Eyeshadows that feature countless party-ready looks with just one compact. The four palettes of beautiful quad shade combinations can be painted on wet or dry.

M·A·C has new introduced Jeanius, four new limited-life "denimized" eye shadows that are amazing to use. They are inspired by spring 2011 denim trends. The colour shades are white with silver pearl; mid-tone grey with silver pearl; mid-tone dirty blue with copper pearl; black with copper pearl.

Lancôme introduces the Ombre Absolue Minérale eye shadow palette Ultra-Lavande, a compact with variations of lavender harmonies in both warm and cool tones, contrasted with gold and silver shimmer for a hint of disco glamour. A palette of tender pinks adds the finishing touch to this beautiful collection.

Blush should have that healthy fresh look. Let your eyes and lips be the focal points. **M·A·C** has created the blush that not only feels light, but looks it to. Introducing M·A·C Cremeblend Blush, it starts creamy, stays creamy and proves that it can give you that glamour look you are looking for.

For women who are looking for the powder look, **Lancôme** Spring 2011 Color Collection, Ultra-Lavande has created a beautiful compact that resembles the look of butterflies. Butterflies Fever Blush has hues of all pastel colours, and when applied, they give that radiant blush look.

Along with the bright eyeshadows, gel and black liquid eye liners are applied thickly to the lash line. Lashes should look long and full. You can also apply liquid liner under the lower lashes to enhance the look of thicker lashes. Coloured eye-pencil liners are hot, hot, hot!

Lipstick is a must for every woman. Colours vary from soft shades to vibrant oranges and pinks. If your eyes are vibrant for day, then make your lips soft. If your lips are strong for day, then make your eyes soft. If you are going out for that big night and you want everything to be strong, then go for that daring look of strong eyes and bold lips. You will be sure to make heads turn.

The **Annabelle** Volumelip Lip Plumping Gloss stimulates collagen production and provides maximum hydration. Over a few weeks of daily use, it softens lips and provides a plumping effect for more luscious and fuller lips. No one will miss a word coming from those lips!

Lady Gaga is back representing **M·A·C** Cosmetics Viva Glam Goddess once again. **M·A·C** is unveiling a hot new shade of lipstick called Viva Glam (2) Light Warm Beige and a Lipglass called Light Neutral Pinked Beige.

There is no need to judge a book by its cover – except when it comes to the limited edition of **Lancôme**'s Spring 2011 Color Collection Ultra-Lavande lipsticks.

New Orleans fragrance

OPI Pirates of the Caribbean

The casing of Le French Touch Absolu in disco-ball-style packaging is as sensuous and vibrant as the colour inside.

Fashion and makeup are an important factor to every woman, but fragrance is your affordable accessory.

Ayala Moriel Parfums launches the fragrance New Orleans. The New Orleans scent is bright, mossy and delightful. The perfume plays off of New Orleans' landscape, capturing salty notes from the lake with seaweed and ambergris, the woodsy smell of the trees with cedar moss, vetiver and amyris, as well as floral tones such as magnolia and tea olive. She says that this is a scent that can be used by both men and women. Even if you have never been to New Orleans, you are sure to appreciate it.

Juicy Couture is proud to introduce two new fragrances – Peace, Love & Juicy Couture, a scent made up of whimsical eau de parfum that brings out your inner flower child, and Couture Couture, a decadent scent mixed with love that can make the world smell good.

To complete your new spring look, **OPI** is pleased to introduce two new nail polish collections this spring: Femme de Cirque SoftShades, launching in April, and Pirates of the Caribbean, launching in May. Femme de Cirque by **OPI** has breathtaking shades, three pink hues and one sheer glitter coat that can be worn on its own or painted over any of the other lacquers. Pirates of the Caribbean by **OPI** is available in shades ranging from sage and lavender to khaki grey and pastel pink. These shades reflect the warm tropical settings of the Caribbean.

Spring is the time of year when many special occasions happen. Treat yourself or someone special to a variety of gifts. Here are some suggestions.

- A day at the spa
- Buy something sentimental
- Buy that perfect scent for him or her
- Buy something new in fashion
- Add a new item or items to your makeup

Most of all, enjoy this beautiful time of year, and put your best face forward!

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Patriarchate sells leasing rights to Jerusalem land

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JERUSALEM — The Greek Orthodox Patriarchate has sold most of its leasing rights to large swaths of Jerusalem to a group of Jewish investors. The 80-million-shekel ($22.5 million US) agreement puts an end to the long draw-out land affair – at least for the next 140 years.

In the deal, signed March 10, the Patriarchate sold most of its rights to lease the land it has held in Jerusalem to a group of Jewish investors from Israel and abroad. The group includes the Ben David family, one of the wealthiest in Jerusalem, who are large property investors and partners in Givot Olam Oil Exploration.

Theofilos III *[Flash90 photo]*

The sale includes 85 parcels on hundreds of dunams (four dunams equals one acre) of the capital's most expensive properties, including in the very pricey neighbourhoods of Rehavia, Talbieh, Baka and Katamon.

Hundreds of projects have been built on the land, including residential and commercial. The properties include the Wolfson Towers that overlook the Knesset building, the Neve Granot neighbourhood below the Israel Museum, Liberty Bell Park, the Great Synagogue, the old Ottoman train stations, hotels, offices and residences.

The Israel Lands Administration (ILA) manages the Patriarchate's properties, in the name of the Jewish National Fund (JNF). The ILA and the Patriarchate are signed on leasing agreements through 2051, but the ILA will sign the renewed leases in the future with the group of Jewish investors.

Theofilos III, the Greek Orthodox Patriarch, signed the agreement himself, along with his deputy for financial matters.

The deal will give the buyers the ownership rights on the new land as of 2051. They have already started talks with the ILA over the conditions of the renewal of the leases in 2051.

The agreement has long-term political significance though it may not make economic sense for the buyers, said property assessor Koby Bir.

"There are those who may say the amount [paid] is too low... But, the investors bought the rights starting only another 40 years," he said. "Only then will they become the owners of the land and can sign the agreements to renew the leases," he said.

Bir said the deal was high risk. "No one promises that tomorrow morning or in a few years, the JNF will start making deals to renew the leases," he said. "But now the land is being managed by a group of Jewish investors and the Palestinian threat has been removed. We have already heard that the investors are chasing after the ILA, and [the ILA] will not just let them make any amount they demand. The ILA is in no hurry."

The story goes all the way back to just after the founding of the State of Israel. The Patriarchate, the historic owner of the land in question, signed a leasing deal with the JNF. The new country needed land to develop the new capital, but the Patriarchate adamantly refused to sell any land, and instead only agreed to lease it out.

In 1952 the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate signed the deal, which left it with formal ownership of the properties, but all the rights to use and develop the land were transferred through a long-term lease of 99 years to the JNF, until 2051.

The original terms allowed the JNF to sublease the land to various developers, who built on the properties – including thousands of homes. But the original lease stated that the Patriarchate would once again receive the full and sole rights to the properties when the lease runs out in 2051.

To prevent a situation where the residents and others using the properties would have to negotiate individually with the Patriarchate in the future, the state carried on secret negotiations for decades in an attempt to convince the former patriarch, Diodoros I, to agree to extend the lease.

But political pressure, mostly from Palestinian groups, kept Diodoros from signing. Israel was also worried that after the establishment of the Palestinian Authority, the new body would reach an agreement with the church over the land.

In early 2000, a deal was formulated by Jacob Weinroth, the attorney representing the JNF. The new lease was to have been extended to 2150 in return for $20 million. The sides even signed a letter of intent, but the deal was cancelled shortly after with the Patriarchate claiming the buyers had defrauded the church. Various repercussions from this failed deal, and the myriad accusations are still being heard in court.

Israel's economy continues to grow

Moti Bassok
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JERUSALEM — The Israeli economy is still growing strongly, the Bank of Israel's research department reported last week.

The central bank's composite state-of-the-economy index for February rose 0.4 per cent from its January level. The increase indicates that economic growth continued last month, reflected by increases in local demand and exports. Almost all components of the index showed increases, except for imports of consumer goods.

The central bank also updated the figures for January's economic growth from 0.4 per cent to 0.5 per cent.

A rival index, the Melnick index on the state of the economy, also rose in February – by 0.8 per cent. According to Prof. Rafi Melnick of the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya, who prepared the index, the economy continues to grow strongly in early 2011.

Other indicators show industrial production is rising once again and has more than made up for the drop in August and September 2010.

Exports of services rose in February by 6.1 per cent, following a 3.2 per cent decline in January, the Bank of Israel reported. Imports of production inputs rose in February by 3.7 per cent after a 3.8 per cent rise in January. Exports of goods increased in February by 4.5 per cent, following a 0.6 per cent rise in January. Imports of consumer goods fell by 5.0 per cent in February, after increasing by 4.5 per cent in January.

The composite state of the economy index is a cyclical indicator for examining the direction in which real economic activity is moving, in real time, said the central bank.

It is calculated from the monthly changes in seven components that reflect different aspects of real economic activity: the indexes of manufacturing production; imports of consumer goods; imports of production in-puts; trade and services revenue; the number of employee jobs in the business sector; exports of goods (excluding agriculture, fuel, diamonds, and ships and aircraft) and exports of services (tourism, computer and know-how, communications, insurance and other business services).

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Memoirist views her psychiatrist as a 'hero'

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

Writing a memoir about her years of depression, mania, bulimia and cutting is the most healthy thing she's ever done, says Emma Forrest, author of *Your Voice in My Head.*

"This is actually the healthiest I've been since I was 12 years old. I didn't write this book to help other people – I wrote it to help me," said Forrest, a native of London, England, who now lives in Los Angeles.

A journalist for London's *Sunday Times* at age 16 and the author of three novels, Forrest, 33, said she was always precocious. "I didn't know anyone my own age. Everyone thought I was a party girl, but I didn't drink – I was manic. Perhaps my life would have been easier with alcohol."

She moved to New York at 22 to write, she said, "and my life on the outside was envious. Secretly, though, I was self-destructive. I cut myself with razors, binged and purged, and had a series of abusive relationships. Sex didn't mean anything if it didn't hurt."

Her mother happened to call her in New York just as Forrest's roommate walked in on a suicide attempt. Afterward, Forrest's psychiatrist, the unnamed Dr. R. in the memoir, was able to help her turn her life around.

What she didn't know, however, was that Dr. R. was dying of lung cancer. "I called the office one day, and he wasn't there.

"We had worked hard together. Of course, I will always be on medication, but I learned about pattern breaking and how I can change my behaviour. He gave me tools that I will be able to draw on for the rest of my life. His is the voice I hear in my head."

Losing him, she said, was a huge crisis that she had to deal with. "He is a hero. He was a lovely confluence of medicine and faith. He believed in me when I didn't believe in myself."

Psychiatry is a wonderful tool, she said. "You may have great friends, but they are different than someone who you never see out of the context of a little room. You can sit it that room and talk only about yourself. You don't have to worry about being selfish. Finding the right psychiatrist, though, is like dating. You might not want the first one you find."

Before the book was published, said Forrest, she sent it to Dr. R's widow for approval. "She loved it. She said she read it 20 times.

"My parents are also very brave about it," she added. "They're seeing all this stuff right out there. A lot of things were surprising to them."

After moving to Los Angeles, Forrest had relationships with an award-winning writer and with an unnamed famous actor – newspaper reports say it was Colin Farrell – who, after a year of persuading her to have his baby, left her without warning.

"When I have to deal with issues, I always think about what Dr. R. would tell me. He's always my voice."

Her Judaism is important to her, she said. "At a time when I struggled with my identity, being Jewish was never a struggle. [My rabbi] has taken over for Dr. R. as a figure of wisdom. I find his words inspiring."

Now in a serious relationship, she acknowledges that she will always have bad days, "and that life can be difficult, but it is doable and it is worth it."

A Matter of Size *is a small film that works*

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Israeli and Japanese cultures collide and converge in the comedy, *A Matter of Size.*

The film, directed by Erez Tadmor and Sharon Maymon, is scheduled to open at the Cineplex Odeon Sheppard Cinemas on March 25.

Herzl (Itzkik Cohen), a 35-year-old resident of Ramle, is jokingly known as Mt. Herzl. The guy, frankly speaking, is corpulent. Much to his frustration, all his efforts to lose excess pounds are in vain.

The weight loss club he joins offers no solace. Its hard-as-nails director throws him out of the program. Nor, due to his hefty frame, can he keep his job as a chef in a restaurant.

He seems doomed.

Rebounding from indignity, he finds a position as a dishwasher in a Japanese restaurant. While watching a sumo wrestling match there on TV, he discovers that oversize sumo wrestlers are appreciated and honoured by Japanese fans.

It is a transcendent moment for Herzl. Sumo wrestling will give him what he has always lacked, self-esteem and respect.

Having formed a sumo club, he and his fat friends try to convince Kitano (Togo Igawa), the restaurant owner and a former sumo trainer, to be their coach.

Kitano, a fervent Zionist and a member of the pro-Israel Makuya sect, agrees to help them if they bulk up. This means they must add yet more poundage to their already flabby bodies.

In a charming sub-plot, Herzl meets and falls in love with Zahava (Irit Kaplan), who is also overweight.

At her request, Herzl promises to submit himself to a crash diet. But being faithful to the sumo regimen, he gains still more weight.

When Zahava learns that Herzl has lied to her, their relationship is thrown into jeopardy.

Can Herzl have the best of both worlds? Can he continue to be a sumo wrestler while dating Zahava?

An unusual love story, *A Matter of Size* is ultimately about the virtues of self-acceptance.

This small, sweet-tempered, crowd-pleasing film works. The screenplay is clear and plausible, while the performances are natural and genuine.

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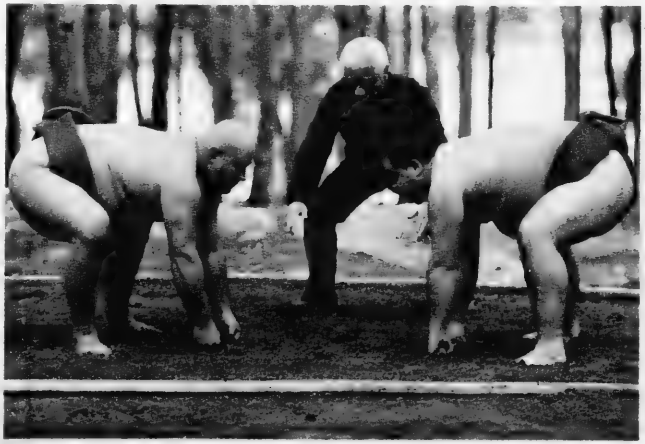

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CHAT grad directs Cabaret

The cast of the musical *Cabaret* directed by Brian Lee

Kathryn Kates
Special to The CJN

The musical *Cabaret*, now at the Richmond Hill Performing Arts Centre, features several emerging Jewish actors and is directed by TannenbaumCHAT graduate Brian Lee.

The cast includes Fay Gamliel, Esther Vlessing and Beckie Saslove, who stars as Sally Bowles, the role made famous by Liza Minnelli in the 1972 feature film.

But rather than base this production on the popular movie version, Lee went back to the original book for inspiration.

"A lot of musicals these days, especially with local theatre groups, tend to try to imitate the most popular version, the one most readily available on social media like YouTube. I read and dissected the book," he says.

Cabaret is based on the book *Goodbye Berlin*, by Christopher Isherwood, set in 1930s Berlin.

"This book charted his chronicles as a British man in Berlin seeing the rise of Nazism, and everyone standing by and watching," Lee says.

In the book, Isherwood's character, Cliff, a writer, meets Sally Bowles, a cabaret singer at the Kit Kat Klub. The two live together in a boarding house run by a German woman, Fräulein Schneider, who is in love with a Jewish man and experiencing hardships because of it.

"We all think of World War II and the years leading up to it as black and white because we only have it as photos. What is interesting is that these years in Germany were actually rather colourful. Yes, they were completely full of social imbalance [but] filled with self-expression," Lee says.

"For this production I wanted to make sure that it was as true a representation as possible of what Germany was in those days, and that was filled to the brim with debauchery and loads of fun."

Lee, a graduate of the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, is the grandson of Holocaust survivors. A recipient of a Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award for Students, he thinks directing the play has been a wonderful opportunity to have a platform from which to investigate and understand his grandparents' generation and what they went through.

"Our audiences take away more of an understanding of 1930s Germany, but on top of that, what we have staged in the production is as unbiased... as possible," he says.

"Focusing on the elements that every person in the world is flawed, we want the audience to draw their own conclusions. So in that way, it is a very different take on the show."

Lee says he finds directing musical theatre difficult work, but he enjoys the challenge.

"In plays, the characters speak and their speech can be considered realistic, but when you break out into song, you lose some of that," Lee says.

Cabaret is produced by Steppin' Out Theatrical Productions, a not-for-profit theatre company founded by Lee. It runs March 23 to 26 at the Richmond Hill Performing Arts Centre, 10268 Yonge St. For tickets call 905-787-8811, or online at www.rhcentre.ca.

CORRECTION

The phone number for tickets to *Zero Hour* provided in the article "Actor Brings Zero Mostel to Life" (March 17) was incorrect. The box office number is 416-366-7723. *The CJN* regrets the error.

Retrospective honours an innovative film director

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Arthur Penn

You could usually expect the unexpected from Arthur Penn.

Penn, who died last year, was a movie director whose quirky, rebellious, unconventional sensibility broke new ground in Hollywood.

In iconic films such as *Bonnie and Clyde* and *Alice's Restaurant*, Penn offered viewers a fresh and occasionally subversive perspective on American society.

From March 24 to April 6, he will be the subject of a retrospective at the Bell Lightbox theatre (350 King St. W.) mounted by the Toronto International Film Festival.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa. in 1922, Penn was the son of a Jewish watchmaker. After serving in the army during World War II, he studied at the Actors Studio in New York City.

Drifting into television, then a new media, Penn worked as a floor manager at NBC before making a name for himself as a director of TV dramas.

After enjoying success on Broadway, Penn, whose brother Irving was an acclaimed fashion photographer, segued into movies.

He made his debut in 1958 as the director of *The Left Handed Gun*, a western starring the virtually unknown Paul Newman as a troubled youth who turns to violence in the face of rejection.

The film bombed, prompting Penn to return to Broadway, where he staged a succession of hits from *The Miracle Worker* to *Toys in the Attic*.

Called back to Hollywood, Penn was handed the plum assignment of directing the film version of *The Miracle Worker*, the story of Helen Keller, a blind, deaf and mute girl who's drawn out of her autistic shell by her headstrong teacher, Annie Sullivan.

The black-and-white film, starring Patty Duke as Keller and Anne Bancroft as Sullivan in Academy Award winning performances, unfolds much like a play and sometimes like a documentary as the patient and persistent Sullivan struggles to teach the stubborn and violent-prone Keller the art of communication.

A critical and commercial hit about the triumph of the human spirit, *The Miracle Worker* propelled Penn to stardom.

His next film, *Mickey One*, was a Kafkaesque foray into the dreamlike world of a standup comedian (Warren Beatty) who's on the run from criminals or, maybe, his own demons.

Influenced by French New Wave techniques and Orson Welles, *Mickey One* touched on themes ranging from disillusionment with success to suspicion of authority.

Penn's subsequent film, *The Chase*, is a thriller set in Texas and revolves around a prison break by a convict (Robert Redford) who was jailed in a miscarriage of justice.

The Chase, with a gritty screenplay by Lillian Hellman, explores high-powered motifs like corruption, adultery and racism. It features Marlon Brando as a smalltown sheriff, Jane Fonda as the convict's wife and E.G. Marshall as the town's wealthiest citizen.

Much to Penn's opposition, Sam Spiegel, the producer, re-edited *The Chase*. The embittered Penn went back to Broadway, learning yet again that Hollywood works in dark and mysterious ways.

But when a famous French director whom he greatly admired left the set of *Bonnie and Clyde*, Penn was tempted to give Hollywood another chance, particularly after he was promised the rare privilege of final cut.

A stylized Depression-era film about two American outlaws (Beatty and Faye Dunaway), *Bonnie and Clyde* shattered cinematic conventions on violence and sex.

Buoyed by its astonishing reception, Penn went on to direct two intensely personal movies, *Alice's Restaurant* and *Little Big Man*, both of which stamped him as a purveyor of independent film.

Alice's Restaurant, starring Arlo Guthrie, is a gentle film about a social outsider, while *Little Big Man*, an anti-western, stars Dustin Hoffman as the sole survivor of the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

These films were followed by *Night Movies*, a moody detective film that takes place in the Florida Keys, and *The Missouri Breaks*, a surreal, revisionist, sexually liberated western with comedic overtones starring Jack Nicholson as a slow-talking, pipe-smoking horse thief and Marlon Brando as an eccentric, cross-dressing bounty hunter.

Penn's last five films, *Four Friends*, *Target*, *Dead of Winter*, *Penn & Teller Get Killed* and *Inside*, were released between 1981 and 1996 and were eclectic in terms of subject matter.

Penn, in his 38-year career as a director, was something of an original, a maverick, if you will.

Virtually single-handedly, he founded what would be glowingly described as the New American Cinema, revolutionizing Hollywood's approach to violence and sex and challenging the time-honoured American narrative of the old wild west.

In short, Penn inspired and emboldened new and innovative directors from Martin Scorsese to Francis Ford Coppola.

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Yehoshua is delivering the Pearl & Jack Mandel Lecture in Jewish Studies. His visit is being hosted by the Centre for Jewish Studies at U of T and co-sponsored by a variety of community groups including UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and the Consulate General of Israel. Mechanical Engineering Building, Room 102, 4 King's College Rd. Thursday, March 24, 7 to 9 p.m. 416-978-1624, wwwcjs.utoronto.ca

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Hamlisch & Cantors: Acclaimed composer **Marvin Hamlisch** and a 45-piece orchestra perform Sing For the Children, an evening of contemporary classics, at Chai Lifeline Canada's annual spring benefit concert. Also on the bill are cantors **Alex Stein**, **Yaakov Motzen** and **Moshe Schulhof**, and "guest star" **Zevi Muller**, who will present a tribute to the music of **Shlomo Carlebach**.

Roy Thomson Hall, Monday, April 4, 7:30 p.m. Proceeds to benefit Chai Lifeline Canada, the national children's health support network. www.chaiconcert.com

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Charity Concert: Varsity Jews, a 26-person Jewish a cappella choir at the University of Toronto, performs its seventh annual charity concert, In Chai Definition. The repertoire is a mix of Israeli and Hebrew music as well as classic rock with a Jewish twist.

Beth Torah Congregation, 47 Glenbrook Ave. Sunday, March 27, 7:30 p.m. $8 to $20, sponsor tickets $72. 416-913-2424. Tickets available at the Wolfond Centre, 36 Harbord St. or at the door. Proceeds to benefit Chai Lifeline.

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Book Launches

• Toronto poet **Ron Charach** launches *Forgetting the Holocaust*, his 10th book of poems, at the Auburn Saloon, Calgary, as part of the Calgary Spoken Word Festival. March 29, 7 p.m. A Toronto launch is scheduled for the Edward Day Gallery, April 16, 2 p.m.

• The launch of *CJN* writer **Bill Gladstone's** new book, *A History of the Jews of London Ontario* (from the 1850s to the Present Day), takes place at the London Jewish Community Centre, 536 Huron St., London, Ont. Sunday, April 3, 2 p.m. A Toronto launch is scheduled for the evening of May 4. www. nowandthenbooks-toronto.com

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Arts in Brief

• **Vistas Quartet** performs a concert of light classics at Congregation B'nai Torah, 465 Patricia Ave. Sunday, March 27, 8 p.m. $12, $15. 416-226-3700, ext. 21.

• Media Mondays continues with "Love 'Em Or Hate 'Em: Controversial Directors in Nayman's Terms," in which film critic **Adam Nayman** examines the careers of **Roman Polanski** (March 28), **David Cronenberg** (April 4) and **Catherine Breillat** (April 11). Miles Nadal JCC, all programs 7 to 9 p.m. Drop-in $12, students $6. 416-924-6211, ext. 606, esthera@mnjcc.org

• **Fern Lindzon** (vocals & piano) and **Mike Murley**, **George Koller** and **Nick Fraser** perform Forgotten Melodies, a free concert, in the Richard Bradshaw Amphitheatre, Four Seasons Centre, 145 Queen St. W. at University Avenue. Tuesday, March 29, 12 p.m.

• **Prof. Adam Fuerstenberg** discusses "Great Jewish Canadians – Comedy Icons Wayne and Shuster." Active Seniors, Miles Nadal JCC. Thursday, March 31, 1:30 p.m. $3 drop-in.

• Israeli writer **Etgar Keret**, who has won raves for both his writing and his films, is scheduled to take part in a precursor event to the Ottawa Writers Festival at which his film *Jellyfish* will be screened. The CBC's **Adrian Harewood** moderates a discussion with Keret, Sunday, April 3. Details at www.writersfestival.org.

• Due to "a scheduling conflict with... Moses," a press release reports, La Vie En Rouge, a one-night concert with **Louise Pitre**, has been moved from April 18 (seder night) to Wednesday, June 1, 8 p.m. Jane Mallet Theatre. $60 to $75. 416-366-7723, www.stlc.com

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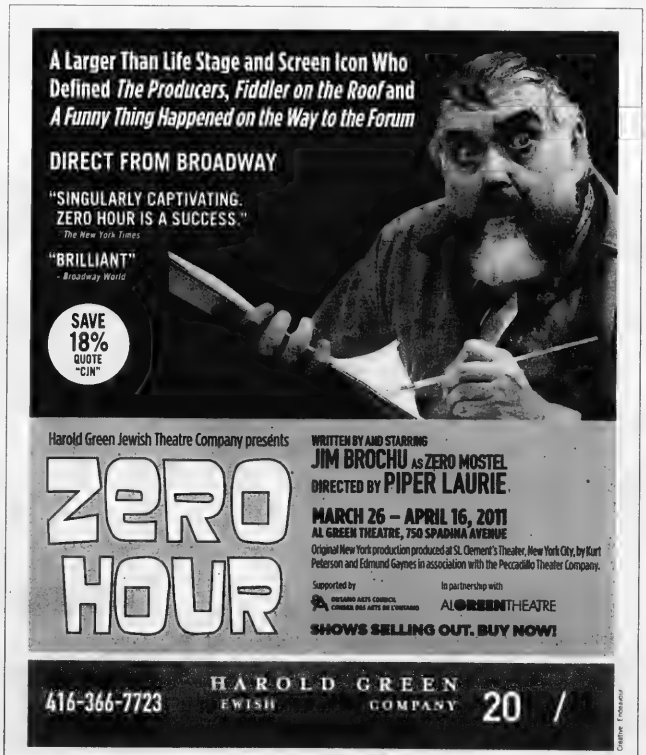
At the Galleries

• **The Artist Backstage:** Drawings and Paintings by **Zero Mostel** is on view in the Miles Nadal JCC Gallery to accompany the Harold Green Jewish Theatre presentation *Zero Hour* with **Jim Brochu**, which runs March 26 to April 16. (Note: Meet the Creator of Zero Hour, the Sundays on Bloor event that was to have featured Brochu on March 27, has been cancelled.)

• The Institute for Contemporary Culture at the Royal Ontario Museum is showing *Edward Burtynsky: Oil*, an examination of the oil industry by the celebrated contemporary photographer. Presented by the Ryerson Gallery and Research Centre and Scotiabank Contact Photography Festival. April 9 to July 3.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Ozick's latest novel places Jews into high society

Bill Gladstone
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Foreign Bodies, Cynthia Ozick's sixth and possibly best novel, is modelled after *The Ambassadors*, a late novel (1903) by her idolized "Master," Henry James, that he considered his best work. James' novel explores what was perhaps his favourite theme: the juxtaposition of uncouth America and the more refined, cultured world of Old Europe. Ozick's aim, according to publisher Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, was to retrace *The Ambassadors* "as a photographic negative, in which the plot is the same but the meaning is reversed."

Ozick's book is a shimmering sea of exquisite sentences that washes over the shore of the readers' consciousness, wave after wave bearing the delightful flotsam of keen allusions, puns, symbols, metaphors and memorable phrases. ("Lili's uneaten potato lay cold and congealed on her plate like a guillotined head.") And yet, for all of Ozick's virtuosity, the meaning of *Foreign Bodies* seems hard to fathom.

The collision of values between Europe and America has sparked many such novelistic plots. We are reminded of Patricia Highsmith's delightfully noirish *The Talented Mr. Ripley* (1955), in which Tom Ripley goes to Italy to find the expat American Dickie Greenleaf, ostensibly to rescue him, but ultimately to murder and impersonate him. In the E. M. Forster novels *Where Angels Fear to Tread* (1905) and *Room With a View* (1908), the Americans are replaced by Brits who are irredeemably stodgy and stiff-mannered as compared to the passionate Italians; false versus authentic.

It is 1952 and Paris is awash with war refugees, Jewish and otherwise, the streets abuzz in a cacophony of languages. Ozick's protagonist is Beatrice Nightingale, a spinsterish New York schoolteacher who ventures to Paris to rescue her wayward nephew Julian at the behest of her distant (California) and bullying brother Marvin Nachtingall.

It seems that Marvin's gentile wife, the former Margaret Breckenridge from a family of American bluebloods, has been institutionalized and cannot regain her right mind until Julian comes home. How deftly Ozick places the children of grubby Jewish immigrant peddlers into the genteel tapestry of American high society; now it is Marvin who objects to "smelly foreigners."

Julian is one of many "imitation baby Sartres and Gides" infesting Paris, each "sitting in cafés over their inky manuscripts, an aperitif placed just so at the nearest knuckle to authenticate the parody, the foolish superannuated playacting." Despite Bea's best attempts, Julian refuses to be rescued; eventually Bea learns that he is secretly married to Lili, a Jewish refugee from Transnistria, a match certain to horrify his father. Aimless and common as a pigeon, Julian's unhappy sister, Iris, also takes flight to Paris, and lands in the bed of Dr. Montalbano, an American mountebank preying on the gullible.

Bea, fiftyish and childless, was once married to Leo Coopersmith, a composer who left her for Hollywood. Now in Paris, forced into the role of ambassador, she walks a fine line, sometimes embellishing and sometimes withholding information – even lying – as she tries to do the right thing: she is not just Marvin's passive servant. In the process she rediscovers that she has a voice and mind all her own. Back in New York, feeling empowered, she removes the grand piano from her tiny apartment, a relic of her marriage to Leo. Suddenly she can be herself!

Just as Bea unclutters her apartment, Ozick unclutters her novel of the sort of chokingly dense prose with which James stuffed *The Ambassadors*, which, although reputedly very fine, is still a punishingly difficult book to read. *Foreign Bodies*, by contrast, is refreshingly readable; Ozick's reversal of James on this point is most welcome.

While their conceptions of Europe and America differ greatly, both authors utilize the same techniques of ambiguity and fidelity to point of view in order to reveal or hide discreet shades of meaning. And the meaning of *Foreign Bodies*? Is it an attempt to insinuate Jews into the heart of American society, the way Dara Horn put Jewish players at centre stage in her Civil War novel, *All Other Nights*? An attempt to show how much the landscape had been levelled by the war? In Ozick's conception, Americans and Europeans alike (all except Bea) seem to descend to a new nadir of vacuousness. As with some good wine, a certain cloudiness remains. Even so, it seems clear that Ozick, as she attempts to mirror her idealized "Master," emerges as something of a master herself.

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Freedom by Jonathan Franzen (HarperCollins).

If a lead character's Jewishness is of no concern to herself and her Jewishness has no discernible bearing on the story, the fact that she is Jewish may still offer sufficient pretext to a reviewer to extol the book's praises in the pages of a Jewish newspaper.

Patty and Walter Berglund live in a nice residential section of St. Paul, Minn., where she is the good-natured saint of her street, a perfect mother and the envied wife of a respectable lawyer. But when her teenaged son moves in with the girl next door, Patty becomes a "fury unhinged." Several hundred pages of minutely developed back-story later, we know more about the hurtful and at times destructive choices that Patty has made – and the reasons why she and Walter are the way they are.

As in Franzen's previous novel *The Corrections* (2001), *Freedom* is steeped in conversational jargon, jazz-like spontaneity and enough period allusions to make the tale a riveting contemporary social portrait with a menacing undercurrent. *Freedom* is about the freedom to choose, the dire consequences that can result when wrong choices are made, and the capacity of the human heart to heal.

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Maccabi president unveils plans for long-term success

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Tom Bacher has been involved with the Maccabi organization ever since he was a softball player with the Canadian team at the 1985 Maccabiah Games in Israel. Over the years, he's heard a comment over and over again: "Stop being an event and start being a movement."

As president of Maccabi Canada, he's now in a position to do something about it. Since taking over the reins of the organization a year ago, Bacher and other Maccabi executives have been putting in place the personnel and laying the groundwork for a new strategic vision for the organization. No longer will it be prominent only during the Games and in the year before, when it frantically scrambles to raise money, but it will develop an enduring presence and central role in Canadian Jewish sporting life, he said.

At the same time it will retain as its mission the creation and enhancement of a connection to the State of Israel and the Jewish people through sports. It will promote the idea that the Maccabi experience instils great values in kids and develops community leaders. "Maccabi has to become a step in the Jewish journey," Bacher said.

By any external measure, the Maccabi movement has had some successes. Every four years, the organization seems to set a new record for the number of athletes it sends to Israel. At the last Games in 2009, some 450 Canadians participated. Canadians won 12 gold medals, 14 silver and 37 bronze, finishing behind only Israel and the United States in the overall tally.

All well and good, but for Bacher, there's a bigger message that has to be communicated to young Jews – something beyond athletic achievement. Young people today still don't realize the life-altering impact that participation in the Games can have, he said.

Looking back at his own experience, Bacher said he felt personal pride in making the Canadian team.

"When I got to Israel and went to the opening ceremonies in front of 50,000 people, where [Olympic gold medalist] Mark Spitz lit the torch and the children of [slain Israeli] Munich athletes ran behind him, all of a sudden, it became pride in being Jewish, pride of where I was. Kids don't know that. Kids don't know there's a lifetime to remember."

A key component of the plans outlined by Bacher was substantial changes to the Maccabiah Games experience. On previous occasions, athletes arrived shortly before the Games, competed and left soon thereafter.

Bacher is planning to get the team to Israel five days before the Games begin, hold a training camp, encourage team camaraderie, and allow athletes a greater chance to see the country.

The United States, Britain and Australia have already adopted that model, he said.

Going further, Bacher is going to ask athletes to commit to volunteer work – such as holding clinics in the athletes' sports – while in Israel.

"I want our athletes to give back to society. We're in a fortunate situation and we're able to give back more. That will also make it a more rounded experience."

Also being considered is a proposal to team up with Birthright and have some Canadian athletes join the program after the Games. Imagine the impact one month in Israel will have on the participant, Bacher suggested.

Maccabi Canada is soliciting the involvement of past athletes to help get its message out. One alumnus, Karen James, who competed in swimming at the 1965 Maccabiah and the 1972 Olympic Games, has addressed large groups of students at Jewish day schools, he said.

The organization "wants Maccabi alumni to connect with us, come to events, help Maccabi Canada work with kids, coach them, encourage them," Bacher, a physician, said.

One of the next events on the Maccabi calendar will be a picnic and sports competition at Camp Robin Hood on June 12. Alumni and supporters are being invited to the event, which will include the "Maccabi Canada Sports Challenge," a four-hour competition in a variety of games, including softball, basketball, soccer and beach volleyball.

In December, Canadian athletes competing in basketball, soccer, softball, golf, tennis, squash, swimming and table tennis will travel to Sao Paulo, Brazil, for the Pan American Maccabi Games. An estimated 2,500 athletes from 25 countries are expected at the event, Bacher said.

Plans are also afoot to stage a sports media dinner sometime next year, and Maccabi Canada is joining with its counterpart in the United States to push Maccabiah organizers to include ice hockey at the next Games in 2013.

But beyond the large scale events, Maccabi Canada is aiming to go to the grassroots and help develop young athletes. Maccabi alumni can instruct other coaches in training techniques and inspire young athletes.

It's also developing relationships with JCC Chai Sports, which is geared to teens and pre-teens, and it is planning to introduce an "adopt-an-athlete" program to raise funds and defray the $7,500 cost that has kept some top athletes from participating in the past.

Bacher is convinced the new approach will lead to a self-sustaining, permanent organization. "We have to show people it's fun, it instils great values in kids and Israel is [a prize] at the end. If we do, supporters will stay with us," he said.

BIALIK B CHAMPS: Bialik Hebrew Day School's junior hockey team pose with their B division first-place trophy from the recent Yitzhak Rabin Tournament. Bialik beat Associated Posluns in the championship game by a score of 7-2. The Yitzhak Rabin Tournament is held every March and brings together teams from Jewish day schools across Toronto.

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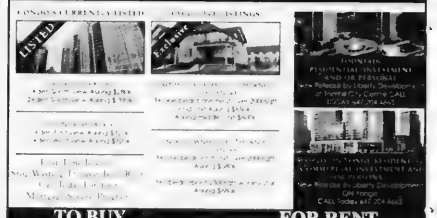

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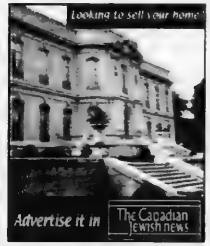

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Community leader decries lack of outrage after square named for terrorist

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NEW YORK — Malcolm Hoenlein, the executive vice-president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, slammed governments, including the Barack Obama administration, for not denouncing the naming of a square in a West Bank town after a terrorist.

Hoenlein made his comments last Thursday in New York at a memorial service at Congregation Kehilat Jeshurun in Manhattan for the parents and three children of the Fogel family who were murdered March 11 in the West Bank settlement of Itamar.

"If governments, even our own, do not stand out and shriek and condemn and take action when they see this kind of action by the Palestinian Authority and their representatives" – and the incitement continues despite repeated promises – then "we must make sure that our voices are heard," Hoenlein said. "We have to demand accountability and that there will be consequences."

Hoenlein compared those behind the killings to Nazis, and said they were "likely driven by a vicious hatred fostered by the continuous anti-Israel and anti-Jewish incitement of their political and religious leaders," starting with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and Prime Minister Salam Fayyad.

In an official March 13 ceremony, Palestinians renamed a town square in Al-Bireh, near Ramallah, for Dalal Mughrabi, who was involved in killing 37 Israelis. Members of Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah faction were on hand for the unveiling of the plaque in her memory, although no PA government officials attended the ceremony, according to Reuters.

Malcolm Hoenlein

Mughrabi was killed in a 1978 bus hijacking on Israel's coastal road. She had directed the hijacking of two buses on the coastal road between Haifa and Tel Aviv, which led to the murder of 37 Israelis, including 13 children.

The naming of the square, which took place just two days after the murders in the West Bank, drew a muted response from the White House – relatively low-level officials said they were seeking clarification on the matter and denounced incitement by "all parties."

Those spokespeople, at the White House and at the State Department, responded only after calls from JTA. They said reports that Palestinian Authority officials attended the renaming of the square for a terrorist were "disturbing."

Hoenlein also decried responses around the world to the murders, describing them as "a balanced statement or at most a lip-service condemnation." He said, "Where is the outrage? Where is the indignation?"

Ruth and Udi Fogel and three of their six children – Yoav, 11; Elad, 4; and Hadas, 3 months – were stabbed to death as they slept in their Itamar home. Israeli and Palestinian forces are still searching for the perpetrators.

The White House response, which condemned the murders as "terrorism" and said that "there is no possible justification for the killing of parents and children in their home," was issued in the name of the White House spokesperson, Jay Carney.

Obama has yet to pronounce on the killings, although U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton condemned what she called the "inhuman" killings "in the strongest possible terms."

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) also issued statements saying the State Department statement was inadequate.

"We respectfully suggest that a forceful, unequivocal and public condemnation of incitement must be heard around the world and should also be directed to all Palestinians through their media," the ADL said in a letter to Clinton.

The ZOA said the Obama administration had "refused" to condemn the attack despite pleas from the group and others. "To our shock and dismay, President Obama and Secretary Clinton have refused to condemn this vile, almost Nazi-like Fatah ceremony," ZOA president Morton Klein said in a statement. "We condemn him for this disgraceful failure and silence."

Pro-Israel officials, who asked not to be named, have also said they were irked by the State Department's expression of "deep concern" after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced 500 new housing starts in West Bank settlements as a response to the murders.

Mainstream Palestinian leaders have condemned the killings.

British authority upholds complaint against Travel Palestine ad

JTA

LONDON — Complaints against an advertisement for travel to Palestine were upheld by the British Advertising Standards Authority.

In a March 16 ruling, the authority said the Travel Palestine ad should not be published again as it is currently constituted.

The advertisement, which was published in *National Geographic Traveler* magazine, read that "Palestine is a land rich in history with a tradition of hospitality. From the famous cities of Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron, Jericho, Nablus, and Gaza, the Palestinian people welcome you to this Holy Land."

It also says, "Palestine lies between the Mediterranean Coast and the Jordan River… It takes a visit to this wonderful country to appreciate the most palpable facet of its culture: the warmth and humour of the Palestinian people. Join a long list of visitors over the centuries who have seen the beauty of this land."

Some 149 complaints were filed with the Advertising Standards Authority, saying that Palestine is not a recognized country, that the advertisement suggested that all of the land mentioned was Palestinian, and that Jerusalem and the other cities mentioned are Palestinian.

The authority agreed that the ad was misleading in saying that the cities listed were accepted as Palestinian – although it did point out that the "status of Jerusalem is in dispute" – but did not uphold the complaints that the ad claimed Palestine was a recognized country, or that the whole area between the Mediterranean Coast and the Jordan River is Palestinian.

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Organic farmer cultivates health in the community

Laura Stricker
Special to The CJN

Are you craving cucumber? Salivating over spinach? Aching for asparagus?
Then Daniel Hoffmann is the man for you.

Hoffmann, 35, is a social worker and organic farmer who established The Cutting Veg (TCV), a community health promotion enterprise with a focus on organic farming.

"[The Cutting Veg] cultivates personal, social, environmental and economic health through organic agriculture. We're really trying to impact the community in a variety of positive ways," he said.

One of the ways Hoffmann is doing this is with The Cutting Veg's Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. In the program, founded in 2008, people become members in the farm for a season, giving them access to a weekly share of the harvest, all grown at TCV's farm in Brampton, Ont.

A regular share costs $27 a week and a large share is $37. The produce changes depending on what's in season, and consists of veggies and fruit that were harvested that day. The program runs from June to the end of October each year.

Produce pickup locations include the Pri Adamah CSA at Temple Sinai; the Holy Sprouts CSA at Holy Blossom Temple and the Kavanah Garden CSA on Lebovic Campus Drive, near Bathurst Street and Rutherford Road.

"[The produce] is whatever's in season. So, in spring, you're getting the cool weather crops, things like peas and green onions and swiss chard and kale. As the summer comes, you get into the heat lovers, the tomatoes and corn and cucumbers and zucchini and peppers and eggplants. And then when the fall comes, that's when you move back into the cool weather crops."

Jewish CSAs are pretty common, Hoffmann said, with more than 60 in North America and four in Toronto. The impact they have on people, he added, is significant.

"I'm really proud of how we've been able to touch people's lives, whether it's through the CSAs, where their quality of life is improved through having a relationship with the farm and making eating locally and organically more part of their daily lives, or by coming out to the farm and participating in the growing process," he said, referring to TCV's interns and volunteers.

Hoffmann, who has been farming since 2000, started doing it because he wanted to grow his own food.

"When I was doing my degree in social work, I realized that if I wanted to make a difference in the world, the best way to start was with myself. I needed to be the healthiest person I could be," he said.

"Part of being the healthiest person I could be is to be self-reliant and self-sustaining."

Hoffmann enjoyed growing his own food so much that he decided to make a career of it. He also feels good knowing that he is making a positive impact on the local community.

"I'm really driven to participate in tikkun olam, or repairing of the world. From my professional life, I wanted to be part of something that was really healthy at its roots. Having an organic farm really does cultivate health in the community.

"For me, being Jewish is largely participating in tikkun olam. So if I can connect Jewish folks with simple ways to have a healthy relationship with food and thus enrich their quality of life while making a difference in the world, that's really meaningful for me."

Altogether, The Cutting Veg has four different community programs.

There's the organic produce, which is distributed through the CSAs and farmers markets. The Brampton farm's Global Garlic Project involves growing about 20 varieties of garlic from various places in the world, including Israel, Ukraine and Russia.

TCV also offers food coaching, working with individuals, families, groups and organizations to develop their relationship with food, and does workshops as well.

The Cutting Veg provides wellness counselling, drawing on Hoffmann's experience in counselling and social work. "[It's] basically one-on-one counselling with individuals to help them cultivate more health and wellness in their life," he said.

"Those four streams of programming are all geared back toward that one mission of cultivating personal, social, economic and environmental health."

Hoffmann is pleased that so many people are getting involved with The Cutting Veg and the CSA program, mentioning the growing membership.

"The first year we did the CSA there were 55 members. Last year [we had] 175 members, and this year we're anticipating between 400 and 500 members."

As TCV continues to grow, he hopes that more of the Jewish community will get involved.

"I really want the Jewish community to know about this opportunity to get involved with the Community Supported Agriculture."

For more information on the CSAs and how to become a member, visit www.thecuttingveg.com.

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'Goth' playwright shows her 'true colours'

The first play I wrote in Canada was staged in a well-known Toronto theatre this month. It was an amazing experience. I, a newcomer, watched my lines come alive, and in English.

Thank you, my faithful readers, who recognized me and came to congratulate me. You all told me you had come to the show because you loved my columns, you said it was a well-written show, and you showered me with love and affection, which made me giddy for days after.

New to Canada

Nina Shenhav

I appreciate your faith in me, and I promise there's more where this play came from – and even this one, you haven't heard the last of...

During the audition process, I spotted my two stars right away. First, was the actor Ron Boyd (Paul, the Canadian). The man is a walking humour bomb. The moment he entered, he owned the room. Ron had a role in the CTV show *Corner Gas* and has acted in many other shows. His charisma is palpable. He was my lead character, and boy, did Boyd deliver the goods. Watching his unique interpretation of the character was more than a delight!

My second star was Richard Hoffman (David, the Israeli), who, among other roles, is a panellist on the CP24 show *Hot Properties*. When I saw him, I knew he was my David. He is handsome, and had this power of making my words really sound authentic. During intermission, I overheard two couples mistakenly saying: "The Israeli character is based on Nina's husband...'cause that's how Meir comes across in her columns..."

My Meir says he's not that submissive, but who listens to him anyway?

So, please remember those two names.

I remember the first time my Israeli play was staged in Tel Aviv. I was so excited that day. I booked an appointment at the hair salon and went out with this super chopped "do." I bought a new tight, sexy skirt, and I decided to dye my fair eyebrows, and was left with two frightening, dark worms on my whitish forehead. I also tried a new lipstick, which turned out to give me an allergic reaction. Oh, well... two seconds before I entered the theatre, my sexy skirt split, and I had to borrow Meir's dark, huge jacket to cover my outstanding behind. Picture this: super short "do," swollen lips, black spots above the eyes, and a big man's smoking jacket. I was not smokin', not at all. Naturally, I had to go on stage and say my thanks.

The next day, the local paper included flattering comments about the show and, what do you know, the "goth" playwright. "It was such a genuine surprise to discover the dark, sombre artist, who wrote such funny material, yet, somehow, was not afraid to show her deep, dour, true colours," the paper said. So go figure...

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The CJN's French-language reporter in Montreal, Elias Levy, writes about:

Israeli academic and political expert Emmanuel Navon, who will give a series of talks in English and French in Montreal March 28-30.

Israeli President Shimon Peres who visited the Spanish soccer team Real Madrid when he was in Spain recently to mark the 25th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Spain and Israel.

French journalist Jean-Pierre Tuquoi, left, who writes for the daily *Le Monde*, about the possible results of the uprisings in the Arab world.

Also on the web

For the second time in 2 1/2 years, a municipal registry has been opened for opponents of the expansion of a Bobover chassidic synagogue.

On the Heebonics blog
heebonics.blogspot.com/

Roughly 1,300 professional and young professional Jews from all across North America assembled for the first annual Tribefest held this year in Las Vegas, Nevada. The two day event brought together session speakers on a variety of topics ranging from the emerging community of PUNK JEWS to future-casting what the Jewish religion as a whole might look like in 5 to 10 years.

Sylvia

It was 3:45 a.m. and I sat behind the curtain, with Wendy, her caregiver, in an emergency-ward room.

Sylvia had just been moved from one room to another, and I believe she'd had enough of that. Until then, my aunt's breathing had been difficult.

The doctor had told us, at 12:35 a.m., that Sylvia was very sick and might not survive the night.

Urban Writer

Avrum Rosensweig

Over 94 years, she had fought gargantuan physical battles, and nothing the doctor could say would have convinced me or her other loved ones that she couldn't beat this, too. The doctor seemed too human to know.

Sylvia had a mask over her mouth and nose. We watched as her breathing slowed. There were short intervals – perhaps four seconds – between every breath. Each breath seemed more peaceful than the one before.

I watched my aunt closely. I felt a sense of honour knowing her life was about over on this Earth and that I was her witness. I felt as if my family and her biological mother were bookends to her life.

As the intervals between breaths became longer – seven seconds – I considered that my aunt had been two years old when she lost her mother. I thought about the stories we had been told of Sylvia being sent to live with her uncle and aunt, and then later returned to her father, to become a stepsister to three boys (one of whom was my father).

I watched, in my mind, Sylvia dance and saw her paint the white swan/ballerina that hung in my memories. They were Sylvia. She was graceful and elegant.

I was watching someone dying. Have you? Since then, I've spoken to people who have shared that experience, and they say it is transformative. They tell me that when we watch someone die, a piece of us goes with them and therefore it's important to eat heartily at the shivah – to remind ourselves we are still alive and the life force rages inside of us.

Sylvia was breathing more infrequently. Her mouth was now open.

I knew instinctively that she was dying. I knew it, even though I had only seen a bird die. I watched her make the decision to go and commit to it no matter how hard Wendy tried to hold her back. Wendy cried as Sylvia left. She massaged her feet, and dabbed a cloth over her face, wiping away the signs of illness. She loved Sylvia so very much.

And I was joyful. Really! My family and I had seen Sylvia suffering for many years, not get out of bed. Now she was out of pain and that was everything.

Sylvia stopped breathing, or so it seemed. The doctor touched her and said to us, "She is in her last moments of life."

Such a thing to hear. I whispered in her ear: "*Shema Yisrael HaShem Elokeinu HaShem Echad*" and told her to go.

I said, "Your mother, father, brother, husband and Dorothy, your old friend, and cousin, are waiting for you. Go."

And she did. The moment had come and there was no dramatic exhale, only a seamless transition from life to death, to the afterlife. I didn't detect the line between life and death. It wasn't there.

Sylvia died peacefully at 4:05 a.m. She lay there, oh so beautifully, until the funeral home came for her. The doctors, nurses and other patients were respectful. My family was oh so sad. They had kept Sylvia going.

I had watched her die. Sylvia Fine was gone.

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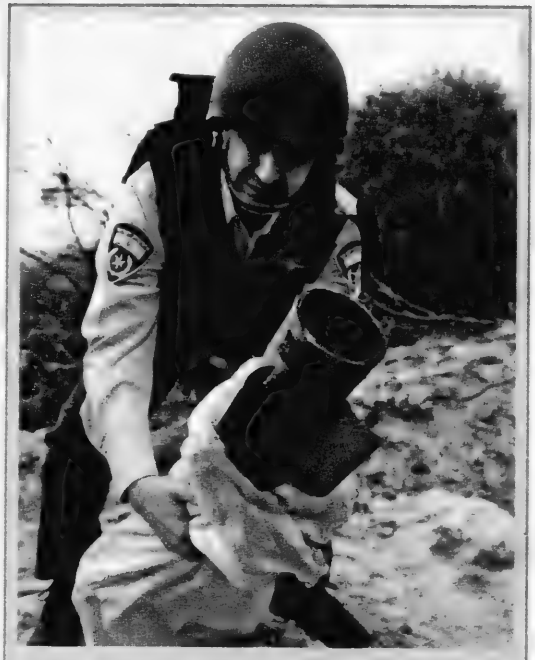

Missile falls near Ashdod

An Israeli police officer carries remains of a Grad missile, fired last week from the Gaza Strip. The missile landed in Ashdod. No one was injured. *Please see the related stories on page 9.* [*Flash90 photo*]

Shoah monument law given royal assent

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

A bill to create a National Holocaust Monument finally became law last Friday, mere hours before it would have died on the order table as a result of the federal election call.

Bill C-442, An Act to Establish a National Holocaust Monument, was granted royal assent by the Senate after impassioned pleas for its swift passage through the upper chamber were made by Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canadian Yad Vashem Society last Thursday.

The bill has been tabled in Parliament in various forms by MPs since 2007 – as Liberal bills C-547 and C-238 in 2008 and 2009, respectively. The current adopted draft was introduced in the House as a private member's bill by Conservative MP Tim Uppal in September 2009 at the behest of Environment Minister Peter Kent.

However, it's actually the culmination of years of work by Laura Grossman, a public administration student at the University of Ottawa who is minoring in Canadian Jewish studies.

Kent was unable to sponsor the private members bill himself because he's a cabinet minister.

Born and raised in Thornhill, Ont., Grossman, now 23, began lobbying hard for a monument four years ago, and brought the idea to Kent as her riding MP. She is also the executive director of the Canadian Memorial Holocaust Project.

Speaking to *The CJN* immediately after the bill's enactment into law, Grossman said she was "ecstatic."

"It's such an amazing thing that the government made this such a top priority that it received royal assent... before a possible election was called. I'm very grateful. Very happy. Very excited," she said.

Grossman noted that according to the bill's stipulations, a lay committee must now be struck to begin planning and deciding on how the monument will be designed, on fundraising mechanisms and to start discussions with the National Capital Commission (NCC) on where the monument will eventually be erected.

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Toronto volunteer aids victims of terror attack

Jenny Hazan
CJN Israel Bureau

JERUSALEM — When a bomb exploded at a crowded bus stop across from the Binyanei Hauma – Jerusalem International Convention Center last Wednesday afternoon, Chaya Kaye, 19, from Toronto, was waiting at a bus stop nearby.

The Sherut Leumi (National Service) volunteer had just left her place of internship, Shaare Zedek Medical Center, and was waiting for the No. 13 bus to take her to Binyanei Hauma to meet a friend.

"All of a sudden, I had this strange feeling, and then I heard the ambulances," said Kaye, who started her one-year volunteer program in the hospital's geriatric ward in September after graduating from Ulpanat Orot, a girls secondary school in Toronto. She called her friend, a seminary student, who was directly across the street from the blast.

"She was in shock. Everyone was. There was tons of traffic and screaming," Kaye says. She ran the normally 20-minute walk to the site, to be with her friend.

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Chaya Kaye, right, and one of her patients

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CANADA

CJC Lauds Funding

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress praised the $1.6 million in permanent funding pledged to the Security Infrastructure Program in last week's federal budget. The initiative – which provides up to 50 per cent of the cost of security infrastructure projects at schools, houses of worship and community centres, up to $100,000 – was established in 2007 as a three-year, $3-million pilot program to help communities targeted by hate-motivated crime. Congress had lobbied for secure funding for the program.

Israel Trips Tallied

OTTAWA — For the second year in a row, Israel came second to Taiwan as the most popular destination for junketing MPs. Ten MPs and their spouses – including seven Tories – took trips to Israel sponsored by the Canada-Israel Committee and worth $90,500. Twenty MPs went to Taiwan, among them 15 Tories, Canadian Press reported, citing figures from the conflict of interest and ethics commissioner's office. Turkey and Paris registered eight trips each.

WORLD

Jail Term Sought

BERLIN — State prosecutors in Munich are seeking a six-year jail sentence for accused Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk. The request came in closing arguments March 22. A verdict is expected in May after a 1-1/2 year trial. Prosecutors said evidence shows Demjanjuk, 90, actively took part in murdering 27,900 Jews in the Nazi death camp Sobibor in Poland in 1943. Demjanjuk's lawyer said the Ukraine native was taken prisoner by the Nazis and forced to train as an SS guard. Demjanjuk immigrated to the United States after the war and lived in suburban Cleveland. He was later stripped of his citizenship for lying about his Nazi past. A death sentence against him was overturned in Israel after the Supreme Court found reasonable doubt he was the notorious "Ivan the Terrible" guard at Treblinka. In 2009, he was deported from the United States to Germany to face the Sobibor charges.

Israeli Profs Win Cdn. Gairdner Awards

TORONTO — Hebrew University of Jerusalem medical professor Howard Cedar and biochemistry professor Aharon Razin are two of the five 2011 winners of the Canada Gairdner International Awards, presented annually to researchers from around the world for outstanding contributions to medical science.

Both Cedar and Razin are members of the Institute for Medical Research Israel-Canada (IMRIC) at Hebrew U's faculty of medicine. They're the first Hebrew U professors to win the Gairdner Awards. The Gairdner Foundation created them to honour work that contributes significantly to improving the quality of life.

Cedar and Razin are being honoured for their contributions to the control of gene expression and cancer research. The pair is renowned for explaining the role of DNA methylation in the biological function of higher organisms. In 2008, they won Israel's prestigious Wolf Prize in Medicine for their research.

Razin, a Tel Aviv native, has been a Hebrew U faculty member since 1971. Cedar, a native of New York, came to Israel in 1973 and joined Hebrew U's medical faculty.

The awards will be presented in October in Toronto.

BGU Ties Cut

JOHANNESBURG — The University of Johannesburg's (UJ) faculty senate voted March 23 to cut ties with Israel's Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. In a secret ballot, 72 members voted in favour of ending a memorandum of understanding between the schools, with 45 voting against. After a deal to collaborate on biotechnology and water purification projects was announced in 2009, several Johannesburg faculty members protested, complaining of "Israeli apartheid." Last October, the faculty senate passed a resolution requiring the two institutions to amend the memorandum to include Palestinian universities and researchers and said ties would be cut if the conditions weren't met by spring. UJ also said at the time that it wouldn't engage in activities with BGU that had direct or indirect military implications. The boycott was championed by Nobel laureate Desmond Tutu and at least 400 other prominent South African figures, who signed a petition calling on UJ academics and students to end ties with BGU.

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Women to be counted in Beth Tzedec minyan

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Rosh Chodesh Nisan – next Tuesday, April 5 – marks not only a change on the Jewish calendar, but also a turning point in the role of women at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, the shul's senior rabbi, has issued a responsum permitting women at Beth Tzedec to be counted as part of the minyan.

The new policy will be implemented next week, making Beth Tzedec only the third Conservative congregation in the GTA to allow women to be counted for the prayer quorum necessary for mourners to recite *Kaddish*, as well as for certain other aspects of the service.

The two other egalitarian congregations – Beit Rayim Synagogue, and B'nai Shalom Congregation of Halton-Peel, a 25-family congregation that meets in Oakville – are affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ).

At Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, women can have Torah honours but are not counted in the minyan. Women's ritual participation is more limited in most GTA Conservative synagogues.

Rabbi Bach Frydman-Kohl

Beth Tzedec, a former member of USCJ, was one of three Toronto synagogues to end its affiliation with the Conservative congregational umbrella in 2008.

At the time, Gary Mansfield, a past president, told *The CJN* the USCJ dues policy left "virtually no money" for synagogue programming, but that the shul was still Conservative and would continue to support other Conservative organizations. The congregation was the largest USCJ congregation in North America, with more than 2,600 families in 2008.

In late 2008, it became one of four synagogues to form the Canadian Council of Conservative Synagogues, but opted out of the new organization in late 2010 to become unaffiliated. Organizational dues would be redirected toward shul expenses and growth, Beth Tzedec's president Norman Kahn told *The CJN* at the time.

The new policy of counting women in the minyan came about as part of the shul's strategic planning process over the past year and a half, Kahn said in an interview last week.

"The one question that came up more than any other was the role of women in public prayer," he said, recalling town hall meetings that were held to discuss "all aspects of what our priorities should be."

As a result, the board asked Rabbi Frydman-Kohl a year and a half ago to see if there was a way to expand the role of women and be "consonant with Halachah."

Both Kahn and the rabbi – in a phone interview from Jerusalem, where he is on sabbatical until the end of April – stressed that the tshuvah (responsum) is specific to Beth Tzedec.

For the past 17 years, women at Beth Tzedec have received Torah honours. Rabbi Frydman-Kohl's 1994 responsum at the time regarding Torah reading and honours opened the door for women to receive aliyot (as long as men were also called to the Torah), to carry the Torah, to lift it for *hagbah*, to roll the Torah scroll and tie the Torah sash for *glilah*, and to open the ark to remove or replace the Torah.

Until then, women had been permitted aliyot only under certain conditions, such as at a child's bar or bat mitzvah.

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Of elections here and there

Canadians will be electing a new federal government on May 2. For some, an election campaign is a time of great excitement. For others, it is six weeks of great irritation. But every media outlet, to be sure, will be mobilizing to provide coverage. We will be, too.

The ongoing political storms throughout the Middle East are a poignant, perfect reminder of how wonderful is the method of the democratic West for changing governments.

Elections are inelegant, infuriating for their overt partisan posturing, and too embroidered with exaggeration and theatre. Yet, as Sir Winston Churchill famously reminded us, however imperfect democracy, it is far better than the alternative.

From the editor's desk...

Encouraging our readers to vote, enabling our readers to read the explanations of policies and issues from the candidates and party leaders themselves is a very important task for our newspaper, indeed for all newspapers and media in democracies. One can add, without overstating the case, that to do so is a key duty of all serious and fair-minded media in a democratically ruled country.

We undertake that duty with great awareness of its importance to democracy society.

Elsewhere in this edition of *The CJN*, staff political reporter Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf explains to our readers the nature and extent of the election coverage that we will provide.

There are certain aspects of our intended coverage as explained by Levy-Ajzenkopf that must be emphasized.

• Much to the disappointment of many of our readers, *The CJN* will not advocate on behalf of one party or another. This has always been the policy of the paper in non-referendum elections. It will not change for the upcoming election.

• Because of the date of the election, we will be publishing four editions of the paper – not including this one – prior to election day. Given that we are a weekly publication, the spare number of editions available to us prior to election day places rather significant burdens upon our reporters who will be assigned to profile the ridings and the candidates we will be covering.

• Adding to the pressure under which our reporters and freelancers will be working to bring coverage of the election is the intervention of the holiday of Pesach.

The Pesach edition of *The CJN* – April 21 – will be sent to press on Monday, April 18. That night is the first seder of the holiday. Our office will be closed early on that day. It will also be closed the next two days, Tuesday and Wednesday, the first days of the holiday. We will return to work on Thursday April 21. The following day, however, Friday April 22, our offices will be again closed for the statutory Easter holiday.

The following Monday and Tuesday, April 25 and 26, the last two days of Pesach, our offices will be closed again.

Thus, the April 28 edition of *The CJN*, the last one before election day, will go to press fully one week earlier, namely on Thursday, April 21. But we will have only one day (April 21) that week – the week of Pesach – to produce and complete the April 28 edition, the pre-election day issue.

It will not be easy.

But we will, nevertheless, in accordance with the gravity of the duty upon us and the high priority we attach to that duty, provide excellent coverage of the election to our readers.

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One area of the world where, as suggested above, elections are more a nuisance and a concession to public relations than the central pillar of the democratic structure, is the Middle East. Last week, *The CJN* reported that Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas was ready and eager and planning to travel to Gaza to effect a reconciliation with his hated adversary, Hamas. "I am ready to go to Gaza... to end the split and form a new government," Abbas proclaimed to his followers in Ramallah.

On the streets of Ramallah and Gaza City two weeks ago, Palestinians demonstrated their desire for Fatah, the majority PA party, and Hamas to come together in some sort of relaxed, political, *Kumbaya*-singing marshmallow roast. Thus, Abbas made his pronouncement. In Gaza, however, Hamas sentries shot at the demonstrators they knew to be Fatah supporters. It didn't appear that Hamas was as keen to reconcile as Fatah.

As if to prove the point, senior members of the Hamas military wing last weekend told Abbas' aides that they would not guarantee the Fatah leader's safety if he visited the Gaza Strip. Not surprisingly, PA officials interpreted these statements negatively, even as a threat to their leader. Abbas' unity pilgrimage to Gaza has been called off, at least for the time being.

Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East. Recent events prove it. Ongoing Hamas and Fatah machinations confirm it. As we vote next month in our own elections, this democratic kinship that we share with Israel, bears remembering and treasuring.

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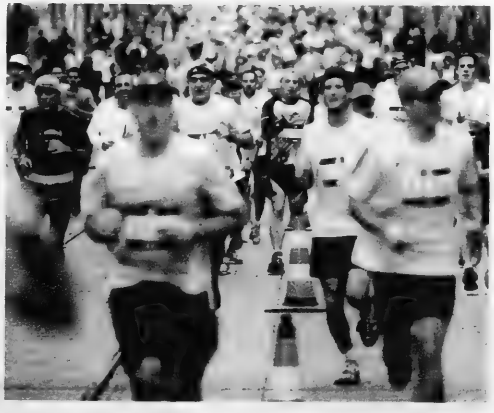

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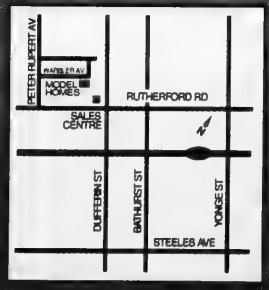

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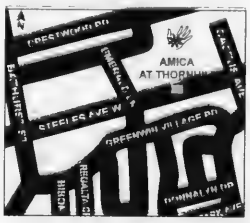

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Markham councillor takes aim at IAW

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

The lone Jewish town councillor for the Town of Markham is trying to get Israeli Apartheid Week banned from the York University campus.

On March 21, Howard Shore, councillor for Markham Ward 2, introduced a motion calling on the town council to officially condemn Israeli Apartheid Week at York.

"We have a moral right and obligation to stand up to threats of antisemitism and unfounded attacks against the State of Israel," Shore, a York alumnus, said in a statement.

Howard Shore

"Markham is the most diverse municipality in all of Canada. We set the standard for inclusiveness and are stronger because of the different cultures and communities which make up our town."

In February, Markham and the university became partners in a life-sciences business incubator project known as the Markham Convergence Centre.

Shore felt that as friendly business partners with York, the town might be able to exercise "a little moral suasion" with it on the subject of IAW.

"It's one good friend speaking to another," he said.

The day after submitting the motion, council wrangled with its wording, apparently not wanting to single out the university.

According to a March 22 report on *YorkRegion.com*, Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti said his town has a "'terrific and amazing' relationship with York University one he wouldn't want to jeopardize by mentioning the university in the motion."

The report added that Scarpitti thought it would be "appropriate" to take more time to review the information and have further dialogue with the university.

Council deferred voting on Shore's motion until next month.

In May, the Town of Markham, in collaboration with the Regional Municipality of York, York University and the law firm Miller Thomson, is scheduled to send a delegation of councillors and business leaders to attend the Israel Life Science Industry Biomed conference in Tel Aviv May 20 to 29.

Shore is scheduled to go on the trip along with Scarpitti, Councillor Carolina Moretti, who chairs Markham's economic development committee, and the town's manager of special projects in economic development.

Shore's motion was accompanied by deputations from various representatives of the Jewish community and other political figures, including Bernie Farber, CEO of Canadian Jewish Congress; Emily Berg and Joel Pearl of Hillel of Greater Toronto; Thornhill Conservative MPP Peter Shurman, and Karen Mock, federal Liberal candidate for Thornhill.

Also in attendance at the March 21 council meeting was the deputy consul general of Israel, Hadas Wittenberg.

The CJN launches election coverage

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

On Saturday, the prime minister asked the governor general to dissolve parliament and the latest federal election began.

The CJN will, as always, profile the ridings of greatest interest to the Jewish community. We will attempt to speak with all the major party candidates in these ridings, give you thought-provoking pieces to mull over and provide readers with the most comprehensive coverage possible.

Additionally, the paper is lining up interviews with all the major party leaders, so that they can speak directly to you about their thoughts on Jewish community issues.

This time around, the election comes right after the Passover holiday. As you will read in the column From the Editor's Desk, this scheduling will cause a production crunch for the paper, meaning our last issue prior to voting day –May 2 – will go to press a full week before the vote.

Nevertheless, *The CJN* will, as it always has, endeavour to give you the news you need during Election 2011.

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Assad's turn to squirm

Now it is the turn of the streets of Syria to stir and simmer in discontent. Emboldened by the courage of so many of the oppressed peoples in the Arab world, "ordinary" Syrians last week began marching, too, shouting their rage at the Ba'athist regime that has ruled over them with a heavy iron fist for 48 years.

President Bashar Assad, the leader of the Ba'ath Party of Syria, was appointed to his current role in accordance with his father Hafez's wishes. As well as inheriting the position from his father, the son also inherited his father's methods: brutalizing his people in a whisper-dominated, frightened society with his ruthless secret police.

In February 1982, Hafez Assad killed tens of thousands of his own people in the city of Hama. Outside of Assad's army generals who tallied the dead, no one knows the true number of Syrians slaughtered by the Syrian strongman.

As of this writing, dozens of Syrians protesting for their freedom have been killed by Bashar's security forces. At least 55 were believed to have been killed in and around the city of Daraa by the secret police and special military forces who were called in to reprise the brutality of their secret police forebears a generation ago. But of course, the temper of the Arab world, is different than it was in 1982. Moreover, the state of modern technology tolerates less hiding of dirty secrets than was the case nearly 30 years ago.

Bashar is now scrambling to secure his Alawite minority dictatorship while feigning some inchoate reforms for the benefit of his roiling streets, Al Jazeera and perhaps, too, U.S. President Barack Obama.

His spokesperson, Bouthaina Shaaban, advised Al Jazeera on Sunday that her suddenly conscience-stricken boss, would "absolutely" revoke the emergency police state laws, which were imposed by the Ba'ath Party in 1963, the year in which the Ba'athists violently seized power.

While Shaaban was reassuring Al Jazeera, if not actually the Syrian people, Assad's fighters were being reinforced in Daraa and in Latakia, where tensions were rising.

If they were not reassured by Shaaban, however, the Syrian people could take comfort in the heartfelt endorsement of the character of their empathetic ruler by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, who called Bashar a "humanist" and a "brother."

U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates was not as supportive as Chavez. Gates urged the Syrian army to "empower a revolution" as the army had done in Egypt.

If Assad the younger feels his regime is threatened, he will resort to even more murder and mischief than he has already. The West and Israel must be on its guard. He will attempt to distract western eyes by causing trouble for the Jewish state.

25 years ago in *The CJN*

Members of terror gangs believed responsible for scores of bombings in Israel and the West Bank over a 20-month period were rounded up by Israeli security forces, the army disclosed. All the gangs were associated with El Fatah, the terrorist arm of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

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Mourns closing of She'arim

On seeing the headline "New day school program serves learning disabled" (March 24), my first reaction was one of sadness. It brought back memories of a wonderful school that existed for 25 years, that served the Jewish children of our community who have learning disabilities and that was closed in June of 2008.

Yes, I am talking about the Dr. Abraham Shore She'arim Hebrew Day School, Sara and Sam Hennick Education Centre. I, as a parent of a child who attended that school for six years, remember sitting in a town hall meeting in the now non-existent Bathurst Jewish Community Centre, crying with fellow parents, teachers and administrators when we learned of the closing of She'arim. My child was in the last graduating class before the school closed. He is now at the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, Wallenberg campus, and thriving. In fact, three years later, he still talks about the skills that he acquired at She'arim, which help him today to maintain his honour-roll status and will continue to help him for many years to come.

Here we had a school that existed for 25 years, with teachers who were not just teachers but also second parents and friends to these children. Why did the powers that be feel the need to fix something that was not broken? Now, only three years later, Hebrew day schools have found the need to develop a "new" day school program to serve children with learning disabilities!

Maxine Budin
Thornhill, Ont.

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Canada shouldn't contribute to UN

Hillel Neuer is to be congratulated on his excellent and informative article "UN human rights chief must be held accountable" (March 17). The hypocrisy and anti-Israeli bias of the UN Human Rights Council is an affront to those who respect human rights and truth. With the murderous conduct of Libya's Moammar Gadhafi, the council has suspended Libya's membership when it should have been thrown out of the council as well as the UN General Assembly. Of course, what can one expect with a body dominated by members like China, Cuba and Saudi Arabia? Now, with the suspension of Libya, Syria, that bastion of freedom and democracy, is seeking to be a replacement. The current UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navi Pillay, is an embarrassment. I call on Louise Arbour, the previous UN high commissioner, to speak out about the waste of time and resources of the UN Human Rights Council and to call for its abolition. Canada should refuse to contribute to the funding of the United Nations until the council is dissolved or until it is renamed the UN Special Council for Promoting Hatred Against Israel.

Bert Raphael
Thornhill, Ont.

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Israel's response to Fogel tragedy

One mourns the tragedy of the Fogel family, five of whom were murdered recently by Palestinian terrorists while they slept in their home in Itamar in the West Bank. ("Canada condemns Itamar massacre," March 17).

One should also worry about Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's response to build another several hundred homes in the West Bank. As David Remnick has written in an American magazine, the Israeli government uses any opportunity for its vision of "Greater Israel." Netanyahu's talk of peace cannot be taken seriously.

Desperate postwar Jews living in Palestine, in the Irgun, used "terrorist" tactics against the British "occupiers." Why expect Palestinians not to have their "Irgun," particularly when all actions of the Israeli government are meant to undermine the moderate factions on the Palestinian side?

Is this really the way to ensure the long-term future and prosperity of Israel?

Geoffrey Sachs
Montreal

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Oops!

I always enjoy reading the Dry Bones cartoon at the top of the editorial page, but the March 24 edition about Libyan President Moammar Gadhafi and Libya's involvement with the UN Human Rights Council seems to have something amiss, aside from the oxymoron of Gadhafi and human rights. Seems to me the last two frames of the cartoon should have been the first two frames!

Andrew Kaminker
Toronto

Editor's note: The reader is correct. We accidentally reversed panels 3 and 4 with 1 and 2.

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The number of days Hamas has held Gilad Schalit captive

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Gaza presents Netanyahu with tough test

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The Grad missiles fired from Gaza at Be'er Sheva and Ashdod last week present Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with the toughest test of his term so far. The prime minister said he would be "strong in the face of Hamas." Now, the time has come to make good.

Until the current crisis, Netanyahu and his supporters have been able to say we have no terror. Netanyahu explained, and perhaps even believed, that the enemy is afraid of his "zero tolerance policy" against terror; that his very presence in government, with his record as an expert in the war on terror, had deterred Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the Al Aqsa Brigades from renewing their armed struggle against Israel.

But the murderers of the Fogel family in Itamar, who have yet to be apprehended, probably did not consider the identity of Israel's prime minister before they embarked on their nighttime slaughter. The launchers of the rockets and mortars are also not impressed by him. It seems that the perpetrators of last Wednesday's bombing in Jerusalem were more interested in security and escape routes than in who was sitting in the nearby Prime Minister's Office.

Netanyahu's response to the murders in Itamar, accusing the Palestinian Authority of incitement and speaking of building hundreds of apartments in settlements, was intended to calm his power base on the right and satisfy the settlers so they would not take revenge. But when it comes to Gaza, Netanyahu is doing the same thing his predecessors did.

However, the diplomatic environment is more complicated than on the eve of Operation Cast Lead in 2008-9.

U.S. President Barack Obama will not be enthusiastic over an Israeli operation that results in numerous casualties, destruction and a besieged Gaza. Egypt is in a period of political transformation and governments of Arab countries are in danger of collapse, which would make it difficult for them to support a major Israeli campaign against Hamas.

In addition the "moral" line set by the war in Libya is clear.

Attacks from the air are allowed, but no boots on the ground, and no occupation. Netanyahu will certainly try not to exceed this pattern in dealing with Gaza.

The Grad missiles that fell in Ashdod and Be'er Sheva may serve Netanyahu's efforts to stop international recognition of a Palestinian state. For they are the proof that any area Israel gives up in the West Bank merely becomes "a base for the launching of missiles against Tel Aviv and Jerusalem."

The Israel Defence Forces last Sunday deployed the first battery of the Iron Dome anti-missile and rocket defence system near Be'er Sheva. ***[Israel Sun photo]***

Western leaders will find this argument difficult to oppose and will have to pay at least lip service to Israel's security demands in the West Bank.

The political implications of escalation are also complex.

Terror strengthens the right and hurts the left. But the right is split now between Netanyahu and Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman. Israeli hesitation in the face of continued fire from Gaza will strengthen Lieberman. An effective response against Hamas will help Netanyahu but only if it is short and surprising, the right mixture of military action and diplomacy.

Netanyahu's test will be to find this middle way.

Anarchy in Gaza: IDF

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JERUSALEM—The Israel Air Force killed two Palestinians and wounded three more in an attack on the northern Gaza Strip on Sunday, according to Palestinian media reports.

The five Palestinians were clustered just east of the Jabalya refugee camp at the time of the attack, said the reports. The Islamic Jihad militant group claimed the casualties as its members.

A spokeswoman for the Israel Defence Forces confirmed that an Israeli aircraft fired a missile at a group of militants in the enclave but gave no further details. According to Israel Radio and witnesses, they had been trying to launch a projectile at Israel.

In public remarks to his cabinet on Sunday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel has "no desire to escalate the situation," noting the frontier had been relatively quiet since the end of the December 2008-January 2009 Gaza war.

But he said: "We will not hesitate to use the might of the Israel Defence Forces against those who attack our citizens."

The strike came a day after Gaza groups signalled that they would halt rocket fire at Israel if the IDF stopped carrying out targeted attacks as well. The surge in cross-border violence recently has prompted fears of a possible escalation into war.

Hamas spokesman Ismail Rudwan said Saturday that militant leaders were "committed as long as the occupation [Israel] was committed" to abide by an earlier de facto truce. His comments followed a round of talks in Gaza, after of a weeklong swell in attacks.

GOC Southern Command Maj.-Gen. Tal Russo on Saturday described the situation in the Gaza Strip as "anarchic," as the IDF prepared to deploy the first of the two Iron Dome missile defence systems in the south on Monday morning.

The army has described the step as an "operational experiment," saying the deployment of the Iron Dome and beginning its actual use will take some time. The Israel Air Force stressed that even the first two batteries will not be enough, and that at least three more will be needed to provide ample defence from Gaza rocket attacks.

Three rockets were fired from the Strip into southern Israel at the end of last week. No casualties were reported in any of the incidents.

On a visit to the south, Russo said: "There's anarchy on the other side right now. It will be difficult for Hamas to roll things back. I hope they'll come to their senses."

He added that the anarchy in Gaza has spread both within Hamas and the smaller armed factions, referring to internal disagreements within Hamas on the question of renewing rocket fire on Israel or forcing other organizations to uphold the ceasefire.

Ismail Haniyeh, the head of the Hamas political wing in Gaza and the Palestinian prime minister, is pushing for a return to the relative quiet in the south, but senior officials in the Islamist organization, including some in the armed wing, disagree.

It seems Hamas is also finding it difficult to enforce its authority upon smaller factions, with small groups now carrying out their own policies. The fact many more Grad rockets were smuggled into Gaza in recent weeks and distributed between the factions also makes the situation more difficult to control.

The deterrence achieved after Operation Cast Lead two years ago is eroding, Russo said Saturday. Both the government and the IDF believe it will be difficult to retain any calm for long and that another escalation may occur in the near future.

In related developments, U.S. Defence Secretary Robert Gates last Friday made the first trip by a U.S. defence chief to the West Bank city of Ramallah, meeting with Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad and continuing to push for peace despite the recent spate of rocket and mortar attacks.

Gates, who also met with Netanyahu on Friday, visited Fayyad in Ramallah to speak about a return to peace negotiations with Israel.

Gates said he looked forward to talking about progress toward a two-state solution. Fayyad said this is a time of great challenges throughout the region, and he was looking forward to a redoubling of the peace effort.

Direct peace talks that began in Washington in September 2010 froze within weeks.

Fayyad's party, Fatah, which is led by Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, is a rival of Hamas and controls the West Bank. Hamas has ruled Gaza since seizing power in a five-day civil war against Fatah in 2007. As a wave of pro-democracy unrest reverberates through the region, both sides have faced growing calls to reconcile.

Israel should end the occupation of the West Bank by September, Fayyad told Gates.

Fayyad stressed to Gates the importance of meeting the September deadline set in what he called the "Ending the Occupation, Establishing the State" program, in a statement issued by PA Prime Minister's Office said.

According to this two-year program, the Palestinians would have completed building their state institutions and enforced security on the ground by the end of August 2011, to allow them to establish their independent state.

Only talking can end the hostility

I was driving my son and a friend to school on Friday, March 11, when we heard news of a massive earthquake hitting northern Japan. I came home and was glued to the horrific images of the tsunami engulfing prefecture after prefecture.

Thousands of lives taken and colossal devastation in what is probably the best-prepared nation on earth for such calamities, rapidly followed by a threat of nuclear disaster. I am awed and envious of Japanese stoicism in the face of this gargantuan misfortune.

Yair Lootsteen in Jerusalem

Israelis felt great sympathy for Japan and its people. We offered search-and-rescue teams. The Japanese declined.

And there was renewed discussion about what will happen when a major earthquake hits our region. Experts say it's only a matter of time. The Syrian-African fault runs along the Jordan Valley and has caused major quakes in the past. In 1837, thousands were killed and much of Safed and Tiberias were destroyed. In the 1927 6.2 quake, centred in the Dead Sea, hundreds died in Jerusalem, Jericho and their environs and much property was damaged.

Improvements have been made to building codes. We have a Ministry of National Infrastructures that deals with "earthquake preparedness," and at school, our kids practise what to do when tremors hit. The general belief is, however, that we won't fare well when the next major quake comes. Questions are now also being asked about safety at Israel's nuclear plants, including one only 20 kilometres or so from the fault line.

Other sorts of tremors are already being felt in our region.

Later that same Friday, 70 kilometres north of Jerusalem, in the West Bank settlement of Itamar, Udi and Ruth Fogel and five of their six children retired to bed after Shabbat dinner. When their sixth child, 12-year-old Tamar, returned home after midnight, she was alarmed to find her house uncommonly locked and muddy footsteps around its perimeter. Upon entering it with a neighbour, they discovered a terrible, grisly sight.

Tamar's parents and three of her siblings, including three-month-old Hadas, had been butchered in their sleep by a terrorist, or terrorists, who'd entered the settlement and successfully fled, presumably to one of the neighbouring Palestinian towns or villages.

In Israel, outrage was almost universal. Both Jews and Arabs were shocked by the Fogels' monstrous slaughter, finding any motive incomprehensible. The sight of five stretchers at their joint funeral was unbearable.

The rest of the world seemed less appalled, focused mainly on the Japanese catastrophe. But one foreign account I read seemed to concentrate more on the "illegality" of Itamar than on the gruesome murders.

A fierce response to this terrible attack was anticipated. After other such acts, and even following authorities' dismantling or destruction of unauthorized Israeli building, extremist settlers have responded with what they call "price tags" – violent acts of "revenge" vented against usually uninvolved Palestinians and their property: olive trees are burned or destroyed, and stones thrown through the windows of neighbouring homes.

With this potential backdrop, the Israel Defence Forces and police wisely sent reinforcements to hot spots in Samaria and Judea. Widespread damage to Palestinian property has been averted, although there have been some violent attacks against innocent Palestinians, including one stabbing.

Horrific terrorist attacks like the Itamar massacre backfire. Whether one agrees with them or not, the people of these settlements, especially those in the very heart of the West Bank, are religiously and ideologically motivated. The Fogels' neighbours will only become more steadfast and new settlers will move in. Terrorism won't uproot them.

Extremist settlers' acts of vengeance also serve no purpose, save letting off steam. They may intimidate some Palestinians, but in reality they only encourage more radical bellicosity against Israel, the IDF and the settlers. Moreover, any sympathy and support that settlers and their cause garner in the wake of terror attacks quickly dissipates when they take the law into their own hands.

Both Palestinians and Israelis must realize that violence won't end hostilities between them. Only talking will.

Perhaps they both need a dose of Japanese stoicism to grasp this.

And we haven't yet begun to talk of other major tremors shaking this region, in Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen, Libya, Bahrain and Syria. It's too early to discern what all of this means for Israel. That'll have to wait for a future column. Maybe by then, some of the dust will have settled.

Libya, Egypt and the restoration of human rights

While it's too early to predict how the uprisings against the corrupt Arab dictatorships will end, the millions of Arab and Islamic voices calling for human rights and democracy are finally being heard. From Tunisia and Libya to Egypt, Syria, and Yemen, citizens who have been silenced and threatened into submission for decades are demanding freedom.

These mass demonstrations and protests stand out in stark contrast to years of almost total silence on the part of the international "human rights community" regarding the chronic abuses in the Middle East. While the world's highest concentration of regimes that abuse human rights is located in this region, the various international "watchdog" groups have shown very little interest in exposing these crimes.

The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) has been dominated by Libya, Iran, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and their allies, thereby preventing any serious discussion or action to help their own citizens. In parallel, groups such as Amnesty International, as well as Canadian groups claiming to promote human rights produce occasional, mildly worded rebukes, but have avoided serious confrontation or sustained campaigns.

Instead, most of these groups have immorally targeted Israel. Human Rights Watch (HRW), which has a Toronto branch, even lauded the Gadhafi family as "reformers," and went to Saudi Arabia, not to protest the lack of freedom there for women or minorities, but to raise money to promote the infamous Goldstone report, immorally and falsely seeking to label Israel as a nation of "war criminals."

The recent uprisings throughout the Arab world, in addition to demanding changes on the ground, exposed the bankruptcy of the international human rights establishment. The demonstrations in Libya, Egypt, Yemen and elsewhere are front page news, and these groups have been forced to respond.

In place of their obsession with Israel, they're now actually examining the daily abuses in these closed societies. During the protests in Egypt, researchers and activists working for Amnesty and HRW, along with a number of journalists, were harassed and arrested by government officials.

For this important development to go beyond a temporary response and lead to a major and sustained shift in the agendas of these organizations, important structural changes are necessary.

Powerful NGOs such as Amnesty International must move quickly to remove ideologues and charlatans, who, among other anti-human rights activities, have campaigned on behalf of an admitted Hezbollah spy and expelled human rights advocates who questioned Amnesty's affiliation with alleged Taliban supporters.

Similarly, the ideological heads of HRW's Middle East and North Africa division, who are partisan anti-Israeli ideologues, need to be replaced by moral advocates of universal human rights.

Last year, HRW founder Robert Bernstein broke with his own organization, which had abandoned the critical moral distinction between democratic societies and closed societies. In reference to the Arab and Iranian regimes, Bernstein notes, "The plight of their citizens who would most benefit from the kind of attention a large and well-financed international human rights organization can provide is being ignored as Human Rights Watch's Middle East division prepares report after report on Israel."

Gerald Steinberg in Jerusalem

Instead of heeding Bernstein's well-founded criticism, HRW's cynical power brokers sought to discredit their founder, heaping abuse on someone who has done far more to promote human rights than any of them. As a result, the biased agenda that largely ignored, and in some cases provided support to, Gadhafi and other Arab tyrants continued.

At the United Nations, the UNHRC is unlikely to change in any sustained and meaningful sense as long as the Islamic bloc and other anti-democratic regimes control its agenda. This coalition cannot be expected to voluntarily leave the council or accept the changes necessary to restore the principles of universal human rights.

As a result, the world's democracies need to divorce themselves from the hijacked activities and allegations emanating from the UNHRC and clearly expose this farce by refusing to take part in any more sessions. Independent of the UN, democratic governments must hold repressive regimes accountable, not withstanding their oil production.

These steps would help at least begin the long-overdue process of restoring the frameworks meant to protect universal human rights.

Homegrown Muslim terrorism sparks U.S. debate

Peter King ignited an acrimonious national debate in the United States earlier this month when, as chair of the homeland security committee in the House of Representatives, he launched hearings on homegrown Islamic terrorism. King, a Republican congressman from New York, claims that Al Qaeda is trying to radicalize and recruit American Muslims and that this effort represents a threat to the United States. He further charges that 85 per cent of American imams hold radical views and that Muslim community leaders have failed to co-operate with the U.S. government in the campaign to disrupt terrorist plots.

To no one's surprise, the hearings have provoked an uproar.

Fifty-one Muslim, civil rights and interfaith groups have accused King of conducting a witch hunt and resurrecting the spectre of McCarthyism.

Reflecting this view, Rabbi Marc Schneier, the president of the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, said: "To single out Muslim Americans as the source of homegrown terrorism and not examine all forms of violence motivated by extremist belief... is an injustice."

King's supporters argue that Al Qaeda has targeted only American Muslims and that King is neither paranoid nor racist, given the undeniable involvement of American Muslims in jihadist terrorist incidents since Sept. 11, 2001, when 19 foreign Arab terrorists attacked the United States with horrific results.

John Walker Lindh

The hearings come at a sensitive moment. Some 150,000 U.S. troops are bogged down in protracted and generally unpopular wars/insurrections in two Muslim countries, Iraq and Afghanistan. U.S. aircraft are bombing Libya. Anti-American feelings are running high in the Muslim world, due to Washington's support of Israel, conservative Arab regimes such as Saudi Arabia and Bahrain and the ostensibly secular government in Pakistan. Amid all this, suspicion of and animosity toward American Muslims is on the rise in the United States.

Fierce opposition to the construction of a Muslim cultural centre and mosque near the site of the World Trade Center, destroyed by Arab terrorists a decade ago come September, has brought to the surface a wave of anti-Muslim sentiments.

Sheldon Kirshner

in Toronto

A Pew survey released two days before King's hearings got underway revealed that Americans are conflicted over the relationship between Islam and violence. Forty per cent of the respondents said they believe that Islam is more likely to encourage violence than other religions. Forty two per cent disagree with that notion, which is fed, in part, by bloggers, pamphleteers and public speakers such as Pamela Geller, Robert Spencer, Walid Shoebat and Brigitte Gabriel.

Aligned with evangelical Christians and right-wing Zionists, they claim that extremism is synonymous with Islam and that Muslims, driven by "Islamofascism", are pursuing a secret and subversive agenda to revise the U.S. constitution and impose Islamic law on the United States.

Under the impact of their theories and the arrest of American Muslims charged with terrorism, tensions have flared, prompting Americans of the Muslim faith to compare themselves to American citizens previously victimized and marginalized by ethnocentrism and racism: African-Americans throughout the ages, Irish Roman Catholics in the 19th century, Jews in the first half of the 20th century and ethnic Japanese after Japan's bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Fostered by this climate of intolerance, a series of unpleasant incidents, plainly at odds with the tenets of American democracy, have occurred of late.

In towns such as Murfreesboro, Tenn., Temecula, Calif., and Sheboygan, Wis., Republican party candidates, Tea Party activists and Christian ministers have criticized plans to build new mosques.

Elsewhere, a flurry of anti-Muslim violence has broken out. In Madera, Calif., a plastic pig was thrown into a mosque. In a mosque in upstate New York, some teenagers were caught firing guns during Ramadan prayers. And in New York City last August, a 21-year-old student, Michael Enright, assaulted a taxi driver with a knife when he learned he was a Muslim.

Against the backdrop of such violence, a record number of Muslim Americans have filed complaints of employment discrimination, claiming that co-workers regularly taunt them and that employers prevent them from wearing head scarves or taking prayer breaks.

It is supremely ironic that these incidents are taking place at a time when Barack Obama is the president of the United States. The first African-American president and a person falsely described as a Muslim by some of his critics, Obama is committed to building bridges between the United States and the Muslim world.

In a speech in Cairo shortly after his election, he called for a "new beginning" in relations with the world's Muslims.

On the ninth anniversary of 9/11, he declared, "We are not and never will be at war with Islam."

In accordance with this philosophy, Obama's national security adviser, Denis McDonough, visited a mosque in Sterling, Va., on the eve of King's hearings to assure American Muslims that they would not be stigmatized or demonized "because of the actions of a few."

From 9/11 to the end of 2009, the U.S. government reported that about 125 American Muslims, whether Muslim-born or converts to Islam, were involved in 46 incidents of terrorism. Some American Muslims are drawn to radicalism and terrorism because of disgust with U.S. foreign policy and acceptance of Islamic fundamentalist ideas.

But as dangerous and disconcerting as it is today, homegrown Islamic terrorism in the United States is a marginal phenomenon. The vast majority of America's estimated 2.6 million Muslims are law-abiding citizens or immigrants.

And it should be noted that American Muslims have turned in 48 of the 125 Muslims suspected of having plotted terrorism.

By the same token, it would be naive and foolhardy to deny that most, if not all, of the high-profile cases of domestic terrorism that have resulted in convictions have been committed by Muslims or converts to Islam.

From John Walker Lindh, Jose Padilla and David Headley to Nidal Hasan, Anwar al-Awlaki and Faisal Shahzad, the American Muslim community has produced an alarming list of homicidal Islamic fundamentalist malcontents who have not only wreaked havoc and death but betrayed their country.

Lindh, a convert, joined the Taliban and was captured as an enemy combatant in Afghanistan. Padilla, a convert as well, participated in an Al Qaeda plot to detonate a "dirty bomb" on U.S. soil. Headley, of partial Pakistani ancestry, identified targets for Lashkar-e-Taiba, which perpetrated India's 9/11 in Mumbai. Hasan, an army officer of Palestinian origin, shot and killed 13 people on a military base. Awlaki, a cleric of Yemenite extraction, was an Al Qaeda recruiter. Shahzad, a naturalized citizen from Pakistan, tried to detonate a car bomb in Manhattan's Times Square.

Nidal Hasan

These terrorists are a disgrace to the Muslim community, but American Muslims cannot gratuitously be tarred with their brush.

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Israeli novelist tackles big issues

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

A.B. Yehoshua, one of Israel's towering literary figures, was in Toronto last week on a whirlwind visit, blaming both sides for not resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict, reiterating his view that Jews can lead a full Jewish life only in Israel and talking about his forthcoming book.

A.B. Yehoshua
[S. Kirshner photo]

A novelist, essayist, playwright and professor of Hebrew literature at Haifa University, he was here to deliver the Pearl and Jack Mandel Lecture in Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto.

A few hours before stepping up to the podium to deliver his speech, From Mythology to History, Yehoshua sat on a couch deep within the Gothic bowels of University College, fielding questions from journalists on a wide range of topics .

A rumpled, approachable figure in black with a shock of somewhat unruly white hair who arrived in the city after it was slammed by a spring snowstorm, the 74-year-old writer is widely known for his considerable body of work, his role as an outspoken peace activist and his keen support for a two-state solution.

A Sabra of Sephardi origin who served his country as a paratrooper in the Israeli army in the 1950s, Yehoshua said that Israelis, suffering from fatigue and having lost hope in defusing the Arab-Israeli dispute, have retreated into their own private lives.

Suggesting that this theme is echoed in his last published novel, *Friendly Fire: A Duet*, he described the conflict as the world's longest running one and so intractable that even the big powers have failed to resolve it.

Claiming "the guilt" lies "on two sides," he said that neither Israel nor the Palestinians are really prepared to solve it.

It took the Palestinians far too long to recognize the necessity of political compromise, he said in an allusion to the now-defunct Oslo peace process.

But even now, he noted, they still seek a solution based on the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their former homes in Israel. This scenario will "never be accepted" by the overwhelming majority of Jewish Israelis, he said emphatically.

A critic of Israel's military occupation of the territories, Yehoshua warned that Israeli settlements in the West Bank are "destroying" the prospect of peace and are nothing less than "a disaster" for Israel.

Accusing Israel of seizing territory in the West Bank that should be part of a future Palestinian state, he said that Israel's policy saps Palestinian confidence in the possibility of an eventual peace agreement.

Correspondingly, the second intifadah, which broke out in the autumn of 2000, shook Israel's trust in the Palestinians' desire for "real peace."

He expressed support for the unofficial 2003 Geneva Accord, which has been touted by some Israelis and Palestinians as a model of an Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement.

Under its terms, Israel would withdraw almost to the pre-1967 lines, enabling the Palestinians to form a demilitarized state with eastern Jerusalem as its capital. Israel would keep a limited number of settlements, exchange territory with the Palestinians on the basis of a 1-1 land swap and solve the Palestinian refugee problem through compensation and resettlement in a Palestinian state.

Once an agreement is signed, Yehoshua said, Jewish settlers in the West Bank should be permitted to stay on as Palestinian citizens. "There are settlers ready to do it," he said, adding that the Palestinian Authority would accept a Jewish minority of two to three per cent in its sovereign state.

Yehoshua said he's not certain whether Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is sincere about his conversion to a two-state solution. But he voiced certainty that Netanyahu can achieve peace with the Palestinian Authority if the Kadima and Labor parties join his coalition government.

He said he doesn't understand why Netanyahu insists on explicit Palestinian recognition of Israel as a Jewish state. "We didn't ask France or Canada to recognize Israel as a Jewish state."

Without wishing to be offensive, Yehoshua claimed that only Israeli Jews, coping daily with existential issues of war and peace, can lead full and total Jewish lives. By comparison, Jews in the Diaspora participate in their respective countries as, say, Canadians or Americans.

Yehoshua said his next novel, *Spanish Charity*, turns on a Jewish film director and examines the forces of creativity. The English edition, titled *The Picture*, will be out in print in about a year, he said.

Yehoshua's trip was sponsored by the Tikvah Fund, the Shier Family Fund, the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation, the Charles F. Bronfman Chair in Israeli Studies, the Samuel Zachs Chair in Jewish History, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, U of T's Centre for Jewish Studies and the Israeli consulate.

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Music teacher has 'magic guitar'

By Frances Kraft

It's hard to imagine that Bryna Bruder-Wechsler was, as she puts it, devastatingly shy as a youngster growing up in Montreal.

Elliott Michaelson – who used to work at Beth Torah Congregation, where Bruder-Wechsler has taught music for the past three years, and is now at Congregation Darchei Noam – says she has "exactly the kind of personality that supplementary schools need" in order to capture kids' attention, given that their time at school is limited.

But the music teacher at Beth Torah's supplementary school – which is called Hebrew's Cool – said that when she was a small child, she used to hide behind a wall, or behind her mother, a former violinist in the Montreal Women's Symphony Orchestra, to sing for guests.

At age 10, she began performing with the Dora Wasserman Yiddish Theatre group and started what would become a career in Jewish music education.

Now a mother of three boys – ages 6, 8 and 9 – Bruder-Wechsler, 44, has a B.Ed. from McGill University and can be found at Beth Torah twice a week.

As well, she teaches at Netivot HaTorah Day School's south branch, leads the choir at Leo Baeck Day School's south branch (she has been with the school for 20 years, ever since she began teaching there shortly after her arrival in Toronto), and is a facilitator of two tot music and art programs.

A lesson from the teacher: *"It's important to keep Jewish kids knowing they're Jewish, and to try to do that through song. They will feel their Judaism through meaningful song."*

As the daughter of a Holocaust survivor father, Bruder-Wechsler, who attended United Talmud Torahs through Grade 6, said she has a fondness and appreciation for "not only Yiddish, but being Jewish.

"It's my legacy to keep connecting the kids to who they are. You can really do it through song, if you feel it – and through the right songs. You can promote conversation and good dialogue, and just connectedness."

"Coming from a survivor family, I feel that [kids] knowing who they are is of utmost importance, and that's what gives me the energy to do what I do with such passion."

Michaelson said that Bruder-Wechsler connects with students in a whimsical way as she "waves her magic guitar."

She engages students with songs that are accompanied by enthusiastic motions – tapping knees and shoulders, and snapping fingers faster and faster – and with "quiet, sit-down-on-the-carpet" Hebrew songs, too, discussing the words so that students will understand them.

A highlight of Bruder-Wechsler's teaching career was having 100 of her students sing, among other selections, "a funky *Siman Tov u'Mazel Tov*" at her wedding in 1999.

"I wanted them to experience a Jewish wedding," she said. "They were amazing... It was the best wedding ever."

Bryna Bruder-Wechsler uses music to connect her students to Judaism. *[Frances Kraft photo]*

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New community voice joins pro-Israel left

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

A new Canadian Jewish community position has been added to the ever-growing cacophony of voices arguing the merits and faults of Israeli policy.

JSpaceCanada.ca is a new website devoted to gathering and disseminating pro-Israel voices from the soft-left, or "progressive" end of the political spectrum, while countering the global assault on Israel's legitimacy. It was launched earlier this year.

Issie Lyon, a retired Ontario civil servant, and Nora Gold, co-founder of the New Israel Fund of Canada (NIFC), are among the project's creators.

"For too long the pro-Israel pro-peace community has been marginalized by extremists from both sides, and as lovers of Israel, we have a duty to create a new space on the spectrum where rational voices can be heard," Gold wrote in an e-mail.

Nora Gold

She added: "I started this organization out of the conviction that only the pro-Israel left can influence the anti-Israel left. No one else – for instance right-wing Jews, or even mainstream Jews – can do this, because they don't have any common language with the people who need to be influenced."

Speaking to *The CJN* last week, Lyon said JSpaceCanada has also jumped headlong into the social networking realm, with a page on Facebook to "reach out to the greater community."

"We're a small group right now [and] we're a virtual community... but we're getting good feedback," he said.

While focusing primarily on "progressive" positions on Israel, Lyon said, his group is interested in speaking with all stakeholders interested in the long-term stability and existence of Israel.

He said JSpaceCanda is just beginning the discussion with those in the greater Jewish community whose political views fall "somewhere between the hard-right and the hard-left."

For instance, he said one of his organization's projects will be to approach Jewish union members across Canada who may be tempted to dabble in the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement simply because they may not have any other community channel to voice their displeasure at Israeli policies they don't like.

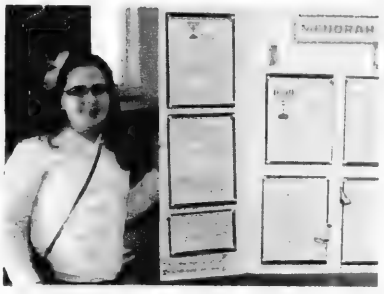
"We want to go to those Jews and tell them this is counter-productive," Lyon said. "We'll be sponsoring events to stimulate this discussion" in the future.

Lyon estimated that at this time there are only "a couple of dozen people" who would be considered members of JSpaceCanada, but that the word has spread.

He added that the JSpaceCanada project will likely be driven as an "Internet community" where most of the dialogue will occur online.

The JSpaceCanada site describes itself as offering a "balanced perspective" on Israel.

"We ardently oppose Israel's Jewish settlements on the West Bank, which we believe undermine the chances of peace in the region. Equally ardently, we oppose all initiatives that attempt to challenge the legitimacy of Israel, impose boycotts, divestments or sanctions (BDS) on Israel, or negate Israel's intrinsic right to exist," the site states.



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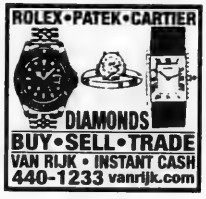

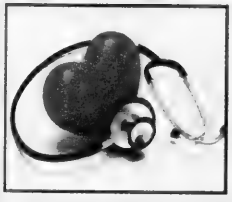

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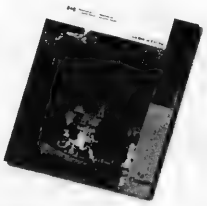

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Athlete's bar mitzvah funds go to Maccabi Canada

Cara Edell
Special to The CJN

Following in his older sister's footsteps, Oliver Strasser has asked his friends and family to donate to a charitable cause for his upcoming bar mitzvah.

Strasser, who celebrates his milestone on April 2, is an athlete who wants to combine his passion with his mitzvah.

"He wanted to be a catalyst to give others less fortunate than he is an opportunity to participate in the most elite Jewish sporting accomplishment that exists – the Maccabiah in Israel," said Stuart Lewis, executive director of Maccabi Canada.

"It turns out that we have a donation program ideally suited to his exalted goal – the Maccabi Canada Adopt-an-Athlete program. Oliver was thrilled. He ultimately did select Maccabi Canada for this bar mitzvah project and we are honoured."

The Adopt-an-Athlete program helps qualified Canadian Jewish athletes attend the next Maccabiah Games in Israel when they do not have the financial means.

"I think that every child should have an opportunity to play if they want to, but I know that some athletes can't afford to pay for training. I heard about Maccabi, and I like what they do," Oliver said.

"I just thought it was a good mix of things that mean something to me, and that if I could help other Jewish athletes too, it would be a good idea."

Not only do these athletes get to compete with the best Jewish athletes in the world, but for many of them it will be their first opportunity to see and experience Israel, he said.

With its Adopt-an-Athlete program and other new initiatives, Maccabi Canada has transformed from "a quadrennial event-based organization into more of a movement embedded in the community," Lewis said.

Maccabi Canada now strives to promote Jewish identity and cultivate future leadership through the passion of sport on a more regular basis. "It is not a once-every-four-year phenomenon. It is something we try to achieve each and every day," he said.

"We have a unique hook to Israel that no other organization does. We have the ability to connect people to Israel solely because they happen to love sports and are good at sports. But what is new about this is we are now embarking on a much stronger programmatic component to our Maccabiah event in Israel."

Lewis said Maccabi Canada is creating an Israel educational experience prior to the Maccabiah games. "This was a key piece missing from previous Maccabiah games for the Canadian team. This is an invaluable component of the overall experience that we must provide to our athletes going forward."

Oliver Strasser, who celebrates his bar mitzvah on April 2, plays for the North York Rangers hockey team.

In addition, Maccabi Canada has developed an outreach committee chaired by board member Dalia Raphael that strives to make an impact in the Jewish community.

Recently, Karen James, a former Maccabiah athlete and Canadian swimmer in the 1972 Munich Olympics, spoke before grades 7 and 8 students at Associated Hebrew Schools and the Robbins Hebrew Academy.

"She spoke of her Jewish pride and connection to the Jewish community being triggered by the tragic events of the 1972 Munich Olympics. Karen shared with these students some very personal aspects of what she witnessed during those dark days in Munich," Lewis said.

Maccabi Canada is also discussing a possible partnership with Jewish summer camps for athletic programs this summer.

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Jewish law adapts to new situations, says rabbi

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Rabbi Frydman-Kohl told *The CJN* at the time that the community "should not misunderstand the justifiable inclusion of women for Torah honours with the abandonment of rabbinic law or gender distinctiveness."

However, he said last week, Jewish law changes and adapts to new situations. The new policy is "not an abandonment of Jewish law, rather it's an affirmation of it."

The issue of counting women in a minyan is "much more complex halachically" than the Torah honours he wrote about 17 years ago, the rabbi added.

At the time, he said, he didn't find all of the arguments he had read in favour of counting women in the minyan "sufficiently cogent." But in the past three years, he's read other sources "that I believed had significant halachic cogency."

Among them, he said, were writings by Conservative halachic authority Rabbi David Golinkin and Orthodox Rabbi Michael Chernick. Arguments by Rabbi Chernick, which are not cited in the tshuvah, were not related to public prayer per se, but rather to the potential for women's holiness.

Rabbi Frydman-Kohl's tshuvah explains that women have a personal responsibility for daily prayer, despite the mishnaic exemption from time-dependent mitzvot.

As well, he notes that "the dignity of the congregation" – often cited as a reason for limitations on women's participation – is a "fluid concept, reflecting cultural context."

Rabbi Frydman-Kohl said he was surprised to receive e-mails from people all over Canada in response to the tshuvah. "I would say by and large women have written me to tell me that the idea of personal dignity resonates for them... I haven't received any significant negative reaction."

He plans to provide study opportunities for the congregation on this issue after he returns from his sabbatical in May.

Kahn said there has not been a need for women to be counted in the minyan, from a numbers standpoint. For at least the past year, he said, there hasn't been a shortage of men to be counted toward a minyan.

He said the reaction from the congregation has been "overwhelmingly positive," although he knew of one person who didn't agree with the tshuvah.

Kahn said the new policy refers only to women counting in the minyan. "We're not expanding the role of women as prayer leaders or changing the fact they can't have the first two aliyot."

Toward the end of the 29-page tshuvah, Rabbi Frydman-Kohl wrote, "In our time, when many social barriers have shifted and women are involved in all areas of public life, their personal dignity (*kavod habriyot*) is impinged upon when they are marginalized within the spiritual life of their religious community... In a time when women are socially, politically and culturally integrated with and equal to men, an unjustified gap between genders in synagogue life can bring about a denigration of Torah and a desecration of the Divine name."

Teens to participate in day of service

Compiled by CJN Staff

More than 500 Toronto-area teens, along with 10,000 Jewish teens from across North America, Europe and Israel, will participate in a day of community service next month.

Volunteers for J-Serve Toronto: the Global Day of Jewish Youth Service will meet at Adath Israel Congregation at 11:30 a.m. on April 10. At 12:30 p.m., they will depart to service sites, with transportation provided by chartered buses, and at 4:30 p.m., they return to Adath Israel for a wrap-up.

This year marks the second year in which Toronto-area teens will participate in the international initiative, thanks to funding by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and the PANIM Institute of BBYO.

"Teens are directed to register at Jserve.ca, where they will be asked to choose a project from among several service opportunities," said Kevin Goodman, program director at BBYO.

J-Serve Toronto's service options include cleaning for Passover at Ansei Minsk Synagogue; visiting with patients at Baycrest; taking part in youth-led environmental workshops hosted by Bayview Corridor Synagogues; selling pins for the Canadian Cancer Society's annual Daffodil Month; assisting residents of Habayit Shelanu with gardening through Circle of Care; spearheading a transformative cleanup of Earl Bales Park; hosting a party for residents at long-term care home Cummer Lodge; joining DANI (which helps young adults with physical and/or cognitive challenges) participants for fun and treats; taking part in a series of workshops with Free the Children; canvassing to promote UJA Federation's annual Walk with Israel; assembling education kits with Ve'ahavta, the Canadian Jewish Humanitarian & Relief Committee, to be sent to Israeli families in need, and working the phones at the Zareinu Educational Centre telethon to promote its 14th annual Moveathon.

J-Serve Toronto coincides with the kickoff of Volunteer Canada's National Volunteer Week, our country's largest celebration of volunteers, volunteerism and civic participation.

For more information about J-Serve Toronto, visit www.jserve.ca or contact Kerry Bernknopf, project co-ordinator, at 416-398-2004, ext. 223, or kbernknopf@bbyo.ca.

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Purim's message

Rabbi David Cadoch

We recently completed a wonderful Purim celebration amidst the sad events in Itamar, Israel. This makes me wonder how it is possible to celebrate when our brothers and sisters are in mourning for a senseless tragedy – the murder of five members of a family as they slept.

So what else is new in our nation's destiny? In every generation, we are the focus of the biblical Amalek's plot for destruction, in ways not always as evident as in previous generations. Ours is the plot of institutions of higher learning and the world of multimedia gone awry.

Purim celebrates the unique and complete acceptance of the Torah by the Jewish nation at a time of dangerous persecution. We are told in the Megillah that Haman was a descendant of Amalek and desired the annihilation of the Jews of India and Persia, where the events of Purim take place.

The reason given for Haman's hatred was that Mordechai refused to bow down in reverence. A question comes to mind: why did Mordechai choose that moment to place the Jews of Shushan in a terrible predicament? Showing reverence to a king or government officials is certainly permitted for the sake of peaceful relations. It was not out of the ordinary for citizens of a nation to show respect with a bow. Even Abraham, we are told in Genesis, bowed down to the children of Heth when he was dealing to acquire the cave of Machpelah to bury his wife, Sarah.

As can be seen from this, bowing could be the custom of the land to show reverence. So why would Mordechai refuse? The Megillah tells us that he openly confided to the king's servants that he was a Jew and this information was related to Haman. Now, Haman had a motive for attacking the Jews of Shushan.

Rabbinic Reflections

The Megillah tells us how Haman sought the king's permission to destroy the Jews. The Megillah relates: "And Haman said to the king, 'There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of your kingdom; and their laws are diverse from all the people; neither keep they the king's laws. Therefore, it is not for the king's profit to suffer them.'"

There is no mention of Mordechai's not bowing down. Rather, he says that the Jews have different laws than the rest of the citizens, and therefore, they should not be tolerated, as they have no value for the king.

Is this not the constant accusation of centuries and the reason for persecution? What has changed in the 21st century, despite the Jewish nation's tremendous contributions to science, medicine and computer technology?

Our survival remains in our unity, and this is what Purim tells us. Once the people of Shushan realized their predicament, they took upon themselves the acceptance of the Torah and stood united, despite all odds. The day destined for destruction became a day of celebration for unity and freedom.

Rabbi David Cadoch is rabbi of the Beth HaRambam Synagogue at the Maimonides Geriatric Hospital in Montreal.

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The need for optimism

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But to become restless and impatient, to fall victim to frustration and pessimism, to become fatalistic or despondent – these are the surest ways to bring our direst predictions upon us.

What is necessary is a sense of historical perspective. Surveying the career of Napoleon, his meteoric rise and fall, Victor Hugo wrote, "God eventually got bored with him". Hitler's Third Reich was to last 1,000 years – it endured for less than half a generation.

An ancient king had the motto "This too shall pass" emblazed upon his banner. It was his way of indicating that no matter how numerous the difficulties and tribulations, no matter how complex and dangerous the trials and threats to our lives at the moment – in the fullness of time, in the rich harvest of the years, all of this would pass and be forgotten.

The truth of the matter is that few of us, no matter how pessimistic we sound, are totally bereft of hope. A man in Montreal, in order to make a point, had some small cards printed with the words, "I have reached the limits of my hope and capacity." At the bottom of the neat card was a blank line for a signature. Whenever he encountered someone who was filled with pessimistic talk or who displayed lack of hope, he would hand him/her the card and ask for his/her signature. After 18 months and many encounters there were few who, when put to the test, were prepared to sign away either hope or resourcefulness.

Bookmarks

Bernard Baskin

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, in his recent book *Future Tense*, writes, "To have come through the Holocaust and still believe in life, to live through what Israel has lived through and still strive for peace, to have experienced the degree of hate poured out against them by some of Europe's greatest minds and remain undefiled: that is a people of which I am proud to be a part."

We must constantly seek hope and faith in the morrow that will be better. Judaism agrees with the saying, "There are no hopeless situations. Only men grow hopeless about them."

Also, it has been aptly said, "When a person loses a friend, he loses much. When he loses health, he loses more. But when he loses courage, he loses all."

Rabbi Sacks declares that to be a Jew is to be an agent of hope. He maintains that every ritual, every command, every syllable of the Jewish story is a protest against escapism, resignation and the blind acceptance of a fate.

We must agree with him that despite an often bleak and baleful environment, injustice and brutality are not the final word about the human condition. Unyielding faith can be more powerful than empires. Ideals are not illusions to give us comfort, but candles to light our way along a winding road in the dark night so that we don't give way to fear or lose a sense of direction.

'Israeli Apartheid' Week tests new low

By all accounts, and in accordance with the norms of morality that usually define human behaviour in most cultures, the murder of defenceless innocents speaks to an anomalous and monstrous depravity. It's abhorrent enough when the victims of such slaughter are adults, but it's all the more pathological when children, or even babies, become the targets.

Such evil, in all of its horror, unfolded when the Fogel family – parents, two young children, and a three-month-old baby – were methodically and mercilessly slaughtered in their home in the settlement of Itamar on March 11.

The media, understandably preoccupied with the tsunami in Japan and the unrest in Libya, were slow to report the killings. When they began to do so, many outlets, in their predictable zeal to attribute motive and provide "context," began padding their stories with nuance and factual inversion, rather than unreservedly condemning the manifest brutality for what it really was.

To in any way try to rationalize savagery of this magnitude serves no less than to diminish it, and to excuse its excesses. We had an inkling of this at McMaster University on March 17 when Lia Tarachansky, Middle East correspondent for the Real News – an independent video network that has bureaus in Toronto and Washington D.C. – was invited to discuss media coverage of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict at one of McMaster's "Israeli apartheid" week (IAW) events. In addressing her topic, she tended to selectively zone in on aspects of the narrative that best supported a particular perspective, which had the net effect of depicting Israelis as oppressors and occupiers.

My View

Lawrence Hart

And though she could very well have avoided reference to the murders in Itamar altogether, she chose instead not only to focus on them but to use the tragedy as an example of how media coverage in the territories is biased, usually portraying Israelis as the sole victims and thereby failing to address the contextual framework in which anti-settler violence might occur.

When asked what possible rationalization there could be for what happened to the Fogel family, she seemed to imply that the very presence of Israeli settlers was provocation enough, and she then proceeded to explain that the murders might be seen as revenge for the death of a Palestinian youth who was shot by Israeli hikers in the West Bank in January – after the 17-year-old had attacked the hikers with rocks. Another provocation, in her opinion, was the campaign by Israel's education minister, Gideon Sa'ar, to begin sending Israeli school children on trips to the Tomb of the Patriots in Hebron.

On the one hand, Tarachansky's analysis came across as speculative and simplistic. On the other hand, it demonstrated an unseemly undertone that all too often permeates the discourse on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

Disingenuousness is the very lifeblood of IAW, so when columnist, Lorne Gunter asks "will IAW organizers discuss the Itamar massacre?" (*National Post*, March 18), the answer, if the McMaster experience is anything to go by, is, "Yes they will." Regrettably, their discussion is not what Gunter, or any other reasonable, compassionate person might have expected. Or maybe it is.

Charoset: the mortar the merrier

Last week we looked at the rich history of charoset – or charoses – the mixture of nuts, wine and apple that is reminiscent of the bricks and mortar the Israelites slaved over in Egypt. Today, we sample the multitude of recipes for what would seem to be such a simple food.

Maimonides is best known as a philosopher, a codifier of Jewish law and a doctor. But you can also try the sage's 1,000-year-old recipe for charoset: "Dates, dried figs, raisins or the like are taken and pounded, wine vinegar is added, and the mixture is seasoned with condiments in the same way that mortar is seasoned with straw." **[http://bit.ly/charos9]**

Jewish & Digital

Mark Mietkiewicz

The bubbie of recipe sites is certainly the Jewish-food Passover Charoset Archives with 40 mouth-watering variations. **[http://bit.ly/charos10]** Kudos to Joan Michel for her research into even more exotic recipes from far-flung locales – Afghanistan, Babylon, Curaçao, etc. – and for the wonderful title of her *Jewish Week* article: The Mortar the Merrier. **[http://bit.ly/charos11]**

And let's not forget that a couple of years ago, *The CJN* profiled the oh so Canuck, Maple Charoset. **[http://bit.ly/charos12]**

If you can't afford to hire celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck to whip up a batch of charoset for you, at least you can check out his recipe, which is part of an entire Puck-based seder. **[http://bit.ly/charos13]**

Food writer Gil Marks says that traditionally charoset is made in a wooden bowl using a hackmesser or a mezzaluna for chopping. Despair not if you lack these utensils because Marks says that "the fruit and nuts can be chopped separately on a cutting board, then mixed together or they can be chopped in a food processor, but do not purée as it is meant to have texture." **[http://bit.ly/charos14]**

Rabbi Peter H. Schweitzer notes that "purists still insist on chopping everything by hand to maintain a coarse texture. This also lets these cooks experience the hard work of our ancestors when it came to making the mortar in the first place." **[http://bit.ly/charos15]** You can view some contemporary experts first-hand as they chop, mix and blend their variations of charoset in videos they have uploaded to YouTube. **[http://bit.ly/charos16]**

Nuts are at the heart of many charoset recipes and that can pose a problem for people with allergies – including chef Marcy Goldman's son. Her solution: New Age Charoset with cranberries, cherries, raisins and apples. "No one even bothers with the rest of the meal once they partake in this ambrosial mix." **[http://bit.ly/charos17]**

Meanwhile, Diabetes for Life recommends a Date and Apple Charoset with almonds (or walnuts), lemon rinds, cinnamon, ginger and wine. **[http://bit.ly/charos18]**

But before we conclude, a holiday health warning for you: did you know that a group of experts has published data that indicates seder participants should not partake of chopped liver and charoses simultaneously? This combination can lead to… charoses of the liver! **[http://bit.ly/charos19]**

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Israel has 'real culture of innovation'

Riva Gold
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Dr. Yaron Avitzur jokes that every Jewish mother in Israel now lets her kid choose his own career: they can become a doctor or a medical engineer.

Avitzur spoke about the core values behind Israeli innovation in the biotech industry in a recent lecture at Toronto's Reconstructionist synagogue Darchei Noam.

"There's a real culture of innovation in Israel, and it's grown significantly over the last two decades," he said. "Israel is now a real leader in startups and entrepreneurship. It's ranked first in the world in terms of the number of scientists and technicians per 10,000 employees."

A pediatric gastroenterologist, Avitzur established the first national pediatric small-bowel transplantation program in Israel and is currently a medical director at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

In his opinion, one of the driving forces behind Israel's success is the sense of responsibility and teamwork instilled in Israel's children through youth groups. As they age, he said, this ethic is further cemented in the army.

> ***'It's ranked first in the world in terms of the number of scientists and technicians per 10,000 employees'***

"In the army, everyone has regular debriefings with candid and honest discussions," he said. "That atmosphere of constructive criticism and honesty translates well for new companies. You lose time with subtlety – what you really need is for people to be able to tell their bosses when things are not working."

In developing the country's first pediatric small-bowel transplant program, Avitzur relied on his own experiences growing up in Israel. "We had to overcome many obstacles," he said, citing Israel's low rate of organ donations. "We had to adopt the typical Israeli mentality: improvise, be creative, and have a little chutzpah. We really had to think outside the box."

This kind of creativity has played a major role in Israel's entrepreneurial success, he said. "Israelis come up with ideas that sound like science fiction at first. In Israel, there's a mentality that you have to be willing to take risks, and that it is okay to fail as long as you're persistent."

Avitzur also cited the regulatory and financial frameworks in Israel as key to the success of its high-tech and biotech industries. "In their early stages, Israeli 'incubator' companies are well supported by government subsidies and venture capital," he said, noting that Israel spends a higher percentage of its GDP on research and development than any other country in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

"You need ideas and passion, but you also need the market support, patents, regulatory bodies and technology in place to turn those ideas into products," he said. "Israel has that unique mixture of core values, education and financial structure to help new businesses succeed."

Despite these enormous successes, Avitzur warned of challenges facing Israel's biotech future. "Our math and science scores are not what they used to be," he said. "On top of that, there's high unemployment amongst males because so many of them are going to a yeshiva instead of working. It's not sustainable."

Avitzur's lecture was part of a two-part lecture series on Israel's high-tech and biotech industries hosted by Darchei Noam's adult education and Israel connections committees.

"When you hear about Israel on the news, it's always about the conflict," says Meir Bester, chair of Darchei Noam's adult education committee. "It's rare to see a story of Israeli success, so we've decided to focus on Israel's great achievements in the high-tech and medical arenas."

The second lecture will feature Jonathan Levy , Israel's consul for economic affairs, who will dissect the business climate behind Israel's growth and discuss key Israeli innovations. Levy will be speaking on April 3 at 7 p.m. at Congregation Darchei Noam, 864 Sheppard Ave. W.

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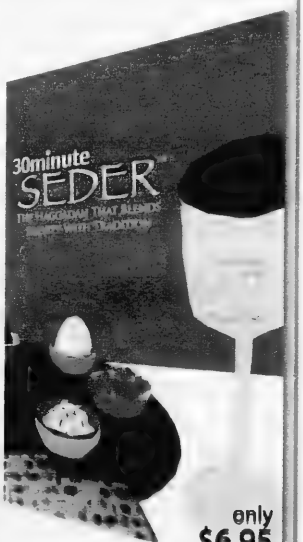

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HEBREW READING BUDDIES: Aaron Birbrager, a Grade 6 student at Robbins Hebrew Academy's Beth Tikvah campus, reads to his early years buddy Evan Lipkus in Hebrew. As part of the school Hebrew literacy program, Grade 6 students select and read Hebrew stories and prepare games to help the younger children expand their Hebrew vocabularies.

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FAMILY MOMENTS

Mazel Tov

The Canadian Jewish news

Danny, Ori, Rafael, Debbie and Rob want to wish Anne & Alex, their great-grandparents, a very happy 64th wedding anniversary. Mazel tov.

Wishing my dear wife and our dear mom, Aviva Reinitz Staviss, a very happy 50th birthday on April 12. All our love, Harold, Reuby and Marney.

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Sunday, April 3

CHARITY AUCTION

Jewish sorority Delta Pi holds an auction, with proceeds going to Princess Margaret Hospital. Edithvale Community Centre, 131 Finch Ave. W. 2-4 p.m. $5. Contact **Miriam Ehrlich**, 416-275-0105.

WINE TASTING AND BRUNCH

"Last Fling with Chometz." Na'amat Toronto Club Aviva presents sommelier **Ben Shillow** discussing pairing wine and food. Order kosher wine for Passover, raffle, silent auction. Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., noon-2 p.m. $25 in advance, $36 at the door. Call 416-646-5425.

LONDON JEWISH COMMUNITY

London Jewish Federation hosts launch of *A History of the Jewish Community of London, Ontario*, by *CJN* columnist **Bill Gladstone**. London JCC, 536 Huron St. 2-4 p.m., author's talk 3 p.m., memorabilia exhibits. Admission free. 519-673-3310.

SPECIAL NEEDS CONFERENCE

DANI, a non-profit organization to help young adults with physical and/or cognitive challenged, presents a daylong conference for parents and professionals working in the world of special needs. Earl Haig SS, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 647-889-7164, ssokol@dani-toronto.com.

JANICE GROSS STEIN

Temple Emanu-El presents **Janice Gross Stein** speaking about the Mideast. 10 a.m. $10. Reception@templeemanuel.ca, 416-449-3880.

REMEMBERING IZZY KAPLAN

Jerusalem Post columnist **Caroline Glick** discusses "The Arab Revolt – What It Means for Israel" at the **Izzy Kaplan** memorial event. 8 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue. Free.

HEALTH/WELLNESS SERIES

Pride of Israel's health/wellness series continues with tai chi chih – moving meditations. 10:30 a.m. $5.session, $12 for all four. 416-226-0111, ext. 10.

Monday, April 4

ISRAEL THROUGH MUSIC

Beit Rayim Synagogue presents *The Israel Musical History Tour*, with **Jeremy Maissel**. TanenbaumCHAT, 7:30 p.m. $5 in advance, $10 at the door. 905-889-0276, ext. 31.

HEALTH AND TORAH

The Jewish Health Alliance presents Breath, Body and Torah, a workshop led by **Susan Zehavi**. Pine Villa, 1035 Eglinton Ave. W., 8 p.m. $10. Call 416-208-0610.

SPRING LECTURES

Registration open for Temple Emanu-El spring lecture series, The United Nations: Blessing or Burden with **Adam Chapnick**. Mondays, 2-4 p.m. April 4, $40 for series, or $10/lecture. 416-449-3880.

Tuesday, April 5

PREPARING FOR PESACH

"Why These Recipes Are Different from Other Passover Recipes," with nutritionist **Aviva Allen,** 7 p.m. "The 2011 Pesach Sing-Along and Tune Swap," with **Cantor Simon Spiro** and **Aliza Spiro**, 8:30 p.m. Refreshments. At Beth Tzedec. Both events free and open to all.

BETH SHOLOM CONCERT

Cantor Eric Moses and friends concert features **Joshua Nelson King** of the Kosher Gospel Singers, **Alex Moses, Gideon Zelermyer** and **Stephen Glass**. 7:30 p.m. $50. Call 416-783-6103, ext. 228.

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CREATIVE PESACH RECIPES

Beth David Bnai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood presents a demonstration of creative Pesach recipes with chef **Margie Arosh** of Margie's Kitchen and the Prosserman Centre. 8 p.m. Refreshments. Members and guests $5.

Wednesday, April 6

MAKING THE CASE FOR ISRAEL

Temple Sinai communications workshop – learn how to make the case for Israel and the Jewish community. With **Paul Michaels** and **Jordan Kerbal.** 7:30 p.m. 416-487-3281.

Other News

ETHICS IN THE FIELD

Adath Israel, Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University, Canadian Jewish Civil Rights Association and the Speakers Action Group present **Col. Bentzi Gruber** on "The New Neighbourhood: Israel's Security Challenges." April 7, Adath Israel, 8 p.m. $10 at the door. Reserve at gruber478pm@aol.com or 416-635-5340.

J-SERVE TORONTO 2011

Day of community service for Jewish teens, April 10, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Earn 5 volunteer hours. www.jserve.ca. BBYO Lake Ontario Region, 4700 Bathurst St., 2nd floor. 416-398-2004, ext. 223.

FACING DEATH

Temple Emanu-El Rabbi Arthur N. Bielfeld Lecture – **Dr. Larry Librach**, director, Temmy Latner Centre for Palliative Care, speaks on "Facing Death: How Shall We live?" April 10, 7:30 p.m. Free, but RSVP by April 4. 120 Old Colony Rd., 416-449-3880.

COMMUNITY KASHERING

Kashruth Council presents "Kashering for Pesach for the Community," April 11, 6-9 p.m. BAYT shul kitchen. 416-635-9550, ext. 261.

JEWISH HEALING PROGRAM

Healing service April 10, 3-4 p.m., Prosserman JCC, 4600 Bathurst St. Facilitated by **Rabbi Rena Arshinoff** and **Amira Posner**. Sponsored by JF&CS. 416-638-7800, ext. 6287.

ECONOMIC MIRACLE

Dr. Rafael Hofstein, MaRS Innovation, presents "Israel's Economic Miracle: The Story Behind Startup Nation." April 7, 7:30 p.m. Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am. 416-633-5500. No charge.

RIKUDIYAH FESTIVAL

41st annual Israeli dance festival for children. April 10, performances, 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. TanenbaumCHAT. Co-sponsored by Koffler Centre and UJA Federation Centre for Jewish Learning. Tickets $10 online. **Teme Kernerman**, 416-638-1881, ext. 4364.

CHOCOLATE SEDER

April 10, 12:30-2 p.m. Shaar Shalom for families and children. Chocolate treats as you listen to the story of Passover. Members $5, non-members $7. youth@shaarshalom.ca or 905-889-4975, ext. 62.

JEWISH AND JAMAICAN

Shaar Shalom Brotherhood presents **Wilfred Lindo** on "Growing Up Jewish in Jamaica." April 10, 7:30 p.m. 416-224-9494.

TEMPLE KOL AMI

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein is scholar-in-residence at Temple Kol Ami, April 8, 9 and 10. Her topic is Israel: Reflections of an Outsider from the Inside. www.templekolami.ca. RSVP thesherman5@rogers.com.

JF & CS GROUPS

Call **Shawna Sidney**, 416-638-7800 ext. 6215, or www.jfandcs.com. Registration required.

Mind, body and soul, inspiring healthy living. March 31, 7-9:30 p.m. 4600 Bathurst St.

Bereavement Group, over 60. April 6, 1-2:30 p.m., 4600 Bathurst St.

Free Family Legal Clinic, April 13, 6-8 p.m. Promenade Mall, Suite 313.

Broken Cookies: Discipline and Why Kids Need It. April 13, 7-8:30 p.m. 35 Madison Ave.

FOR SENIORS

Beth Sholom Synagogue. 416-783-6103, ext. 228. Chai Society goes to *My Fair Lady* at Shaw Festival, May 3. Lunch, bus and theatre $80. Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrated May 10 with **Temi Kellerman**'s Israeli Dance Group. Lunch at noon. $15.

Bernard Betel Centre. 416-225-2112. April 1, Shabbat dinner with Hillel students, featuring Kol Neshama – Hillel@York's Jewish acappella group. 6:45 p.m. Members $15, non-members $18. April 4, lecture – "Some highlights of the Passover Story." 10-11:30 a.m. Members $3, non-members $6. April 7, wellness lecture, "Neighbourhood Networks: The Importance of Socialization for Optimal Well-being." **Judy Weiss.** 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free.

Association of Jewish Seniors. General meeting March 31, 9:30 a.m., members free, guests $2. Shaarei Shomayim. April 19, 6:30 p.m., 40th annual second Passover seder. Tickets $20 by advance registration only Both events, call Tammy, 416-635-2900, ext. 458.

LZA Senior's Cultural Club meets Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell. 416-630-9444.

MNjcc Active Seniors. 416-924-6211 Share ideas, shape seniors programs, includes draw for theatre tickets to *Zero Hour.* April 7, 1:30 p.m., **Phyllis,** ext. 155. Choir, 55+, Tuesdays, 1-2:30 p.m., $3 drop-in., music@mnjcc.org or **Harriet,** ext. 133. Active 55 Speakers Series, "Living with Parkinson's Disease," and a demo of danceABILITIES, a dance-based fitness class for people with mobility issues, April 8. Free. Contact for time, colinb@mnjcc.org or ext. 526.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. 55+ **Valerie,** 416-395-7881.

Casino Rama, April 6. Tuesdays, ongoing acrylic art classes, 10 a.m.-noon. Thursdays, line dancing, 10 a.m. Social bridge, 12:30 p.m. Seniors woodworking, skilled craftsmen, repairs. Call 416-630-6487.

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday social afternoons, bridge, mah-jong, Rummikub. Refreshments $2. Call **Pearl,** 416-638-6317 or **Sheila**, 416-665-3333.

PROSSERMAN JCC

Sherman Campus, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-638-1881, www.prossermanjcc.com.

Information session for Women's Israel Inward Bound Trip with **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein.** April 4. RSVP 416-922-1006, ext. 1

Feminist seder, April 10, 7-10 p.m. MNjcc. $50+HST.

Conversations about Conversion. Ask, learn and share in a safe environment. Thursdays, 7:30-9 p.m., April 28-June 2.

Slide show and discussion with young adults who have participated in Birthright Israel. Light Israeli lunch. April 10, noon-3 p.m. Free. RSVP **Melissa** 416-398-6931, ext. 5362.

Computer classes, April 5-June 21, 1-3 p.m. PowerPoint, April 8-June 17, 10 a.m.-noon. ext. 4255.

MILES NADAL JCC

750 Spadina Ave., 416-924-6211. mnjcc.org.

New monthly support group, together with Baycrest, for adult children of Holocaust survivors. Next meeting April 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m. **Harriet Wichin** (MNjcc), harrietw@mnjcc.org, **Shoshana Yaakobi** (Baycrest), 416-785-2500, ext. 2271, syaakobi@baycrest.org.

Art gallery presents *The Artist Backstage: Drawings and Paintings by Zero Mostel.* Until April 16.

KOFFLER CENTRE, 416-638-1881, www.kofflerarts.org.

Koffler Chamber Orchestra "Back to Bach, Viva Vivaldi" April 10, 3:30 p.m. Gladstone Hotel. For tickets, call 1-888-222-6608.

Israel and Comics: Beyond Black and White, by **Dan Friedman.** Gladstone Hotel. Free.

What's New is now online. You can find it at cjnews.com

FUN WITH PUPPETS: Senior kindergartners at the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School received a visit from Hugh Philips of Fairy Tale Puppet Theatre. The classroom was transformed into a theatre, as the puppets came to life and entertained the whole class.

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Media-monitoring group helps educate students about Israel

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

A new program has been developed by CAMERA – a media-monitoring organization that promotes balanced coverage of Israeli news – to help pro-Israel students educate their campus communities about the Jewish state.

Since January, the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA), has been reaching out to students who need the resources, guidance and assistance in creating pro-Israel organizations where none exist.

Aviva Slomich

The initiative, called the CAMERA Campus Activist Project (CCAP), will provide students with the funds needed to invite speakers and hold events to educate others about Israel and to respond to anti-Israel events on campus.

"We are there to offer resources, guidance and funding to these students to ensure pro-Israel education is available on campus," said Aviva Slomich, CAMERA's director of student programming.

She said that since the program launched about three months ago, six American colleges have become involved with CCAP.

"We're currently on campuses where people are more apathetic… and where there is anti-Israel propaganda and they need help in refuting these claims."

Slomich added that she is interested in fostering relationships with Canadian students who want to present their peers with accurate information about Israel.

Over the past couple years, CAMERA has worked with Canadians through its fellowship program, which commissions undergraduate student to organize pro-Israel events on campus, monitor campus press for biased coverage of Israel-related issues and take part in a leadership training program in Israel.

This year, there are two Canadian fellows – one at Wilfred Laurier University and one at Carleton University.

But Slomich said she hopes to find more Canadian students to work with.

"It's definitely something we are interested in pursuing. We're looking for people who would want to work with us," she said.

The campaign, which is funded by an anonymous donor who was alarmed by the hostility facing Israel supporters on campus, is meant to support students who attend schools that don't have an active Hillel or don't have enough funding to promote events that educate others about Israel.

"If there is already a pro-Israel group that is doing well on campus, and a Hillel on campus that is educating students about Israel, we'll probably go to a different campus because we don't want to step on any toes. And if they are already getting enough resources, then that's great. We really want to focus on campuses that need help," Slomich said.

She said that while it's important to respond to anti-Israel programming on campus, such as the annual Israeli Apartheid Week, CCAP is presenting a proactive approach by working with campuses that may not be exposed to information about Israel at all.

"We're basically just here to educate people about Israel, and we're realizing that not enough people have information about Israel or realize how important Israel is as an ally to America," Slomich said. "That's one of the main reasons we want to get on campus – so that Jewish students and non-Jewish students can understand the fundamental relationship between Israel and North America, and why it is so important for us to support the country."

For more information, contact Slomich at aviva@camera.org or visit www.camera.org.

McGill student regrets violent web posts

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The McGill University student who tweeted about wanting to shoot people at a campus event that he deemed to be "a Zionist meeting" has formally apologized.

Haaris Khan now awaits the judgment of the university administration on whether he will be disciplined. After its investigation into the March 8 incident, Montreal police decided last week that it could not be proven that there was "criminal intent" behind the comments Khan made on his Twitter account.

"I am not an antisemite. I am not a terrorist. I am not a threat to my fellow students on campus," Khan, 20, an international development studies and software engineering student from Laval, stated. "I can be an idiot sometimes, though."

He did affirm that he is an "anti-Zionist," but that he realizes that anti-Zionism "tends to go hand in hand with antisemitism because of the complex relationship between Jewish identity and Israel. This creates a fine line when it comes to criticizing Israel and Zionism."

In an eloquent mea culpa, Khan said he now recognizes "the gravity of the situation considering the nature of my tweets, which were meant in jest." The text was published March 21 in the *McGill Tribune*, the newspaper published by the Student Society of McGill University, which broke the story March 14.

Khan made the series of tweets on his BlackBerry during a screening of the documentary *Indoctrinate U*, which deals with a perceived liberal political bias on North American campuses. The event was coincidentally held during Israeli Apartheid Week (IAW), and McGill was the scene of activities that were part of that international campaign.

Until last week, the McGill administration said little about the incident and has been guarded in any public comment. There has been criticism from some students that they should have been made aware of what happened sooner or that Khan should have been punished by now. The administration did say they last week that it finds Khan's messages "threatening and disturbing" and that it immediately contacted the police after the incident came to its attention and assisted in the investigation, according to Morton Mendelson, deputy provost for student life and learning.

The matter was also referred to McGill's "threat-assessment team" which decided that Khan posed no immediate physical risk. He continued to be allowed on campus, but he may still face suspension or even expulsion.

Mendelson also said McGill "does not support IAW. That said, we are staunch believers in free expression and the tolerance of diverse points of view. We have delivered this message to our community on a number of occasions and, indeed, are doing so again in light of the unacceptable Twitter messages."

Hillel Montreal president Corey Omer, a McGill law student, applauded the administration for taking the incident seriously and acting swiftly. He said he's confident it will come to a just decision. Omer said Hillel was pleased to see that Khan realizes the gravity of his words, but did not go so far as to say Hillel regards the matter as closed. Although the police have not laid charges, Omer said the matter may still be studied by the Crown prosecutor's office.

Jana Goodbaum, second from left, shovelled sand to make cement used to build two ovens in a Nicaraguan village.

Not just another 'volun-tourism' experience

Jana Goodbaum

Guest Voice

Late last month, I was one of 11 students from Hillel Montreal who travelled to Nicaragua on an American Jewish World Service (AJWS) Alternative Spring Break trip.

Although we were gone only for a week, we returned with a lifetime of lessons, questions and ideas.

You may ask why we would choose to forgo the beach, or even the comfortable confines of our couches, to spend seven labour-intensive hours a day building ovens in the Nicaraguan countryside. While we may not have had valid answers for our skeptical friends and family members before we left, the answers are obvious now.

We spent our days working alongside families of *campesinos*, or rural farmers, in the community of Pedro Juoqim Chamoro, 20 minutes outside the town of Naindame.

Working alongside two very strong, very gracious families, and an NGO called Nochari – one of the 450 grassroots projects the AJWS supports – we built two ovens that the families will use to bring in consistent incomes. They will also sell their own products directly, rather than relying on exploitative middlemen.

However, we built a lot more than ovens. We built strong relationships, too. The feeling of solidarity that grew between ourselves and the families – who just a few weeks ago might have seemed very distant and different – was unbelievable.

We spent time observing the incredible impact of Nochari, and we were welcomed with open arms into the Naindame community, one that is amazingly vibrant despite dealing with decades of political injustice, revolution and civil war.

We visited a hibiscus plant that employs and empowers women in the community. The plant produces *flor de jamaica*, a juice made from dried hibiscus flowers that is popular in Nicaragua. We visited the organic farm of Nochari's president, Maria Eugenia Morales, who also provides free alternative medical services to the local community.

We also toured the town's hospital and learned about the day-to-day rewards and challenges of helping the sick without the resources we are accustomed to in Canada. We got to share the community's joy during the celebration of the town's patron saint and to share our Shabbat traditions with our new friends.

As if all of this wasn't enlightening enough, we spent more than two hours a day studying global issues, social justice, development, and significant Jewish texts that applied to the work we were doing.

You would think a group of hard-working students might want a break from studying during their spring break, but the debates and conversations were so engrossing that they went on long after the formal curriculum sessions ended.

We literally deconstructed each action we performed on our trip, to ensure that we embarked on this cross-cultural encounter responsibly and sensitively. I personally feel that I could have gone my whole life without considering some of the very difficult questions this experience brought up, but my worldview is now inextricably changed for the better having pondered them.

We are taught as Jews that to save one life is to save the world, and I truly feel that we are not only responsible for one another but also for everyone in need.

Despite acknowledging the responsibility to help, it is easy to feel overwhelmed by the prospect of facing the world's complex problems. However, participating in this trip, or partaking in any act of tzedakah at home or abroad, makes you realize that while you cannot do everything, every single act, big or small, makes a difference.

We returned from this trip feeling even more committed to and passionate about facing the world's challenges head-on, and I encourage you to fight the urge to retreat and start facing the challenges, too.

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Why is Hamas ramping up the violence?

Last Wednesday's fatal bus stop bombing in Jerusalem that left one woman dead and 30 wounded, the first such attack in four years, brought media attention back to Israel.

The bombing followed the brutal murder of a family in Itamar and escalated mortar and missile attacks from Gaza. On the morning of March 19 alone, 50 mortars from Gaza were fired into Israel, forcing the Israel Defence Forces to respond.

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

Several foreign correspondents have addressed the issue of why Hamas has chosen to renew hostilities against Israel. Some have managed to get this profoundly wrong, such as Douglas Hamilton of Reuters. In a story carried in the *National Post* on March 24, Hamilton said that, according to officials, in the absence of a viable peace process "violence would almost certainly fill the void." This is absurd, since peace is the last thing Hamas wants to see – it's something it has tried to violently destroy since the early days of the Oslo process.

The same day, the *Globe and Mail*'s Patrick Martin implied an equivalence between Hamas' assaults and Israel's counter-measures: "As the violent incidents continue to mount, both Israeli and Hamas leaders say they do not want the situation to escalate into all-out war. Yet neither side seems able to stop the attacks." Yet, significantly, Martin proceeded to undermine the equivalence by suggesting two reasons that explain Hamas' aggression. First, he cited former Canadian diplomat John Bell's assertion that Syria is goading Hamas to attack Israel as a way of distracting attention from turmoil in Syria itself. Second, Martin noted that according to some, Iran has taken advantage of the recent upheaval in Egypt to smuggle large amounts of arms into Gaza, thereby providing an increased incentive to use them.

Khaled Abu Toameh (*Jerusalem Post*, March 19) gave another explanation. He argued that Hamas has escalated its attacks in order to distract attention from its own internal difficulties, which include protests by thousands of Gazans for reconciliation with Fatah. Hamas has ruthlessly suppressed these protests and "targeted journalists, raiding press offices and confiscating cameras, laptops and other equipment." CNN, Reuters and Japanese TV station NHK were among those assaulted. The Palestinian (and Arab) intimidation of foreign correspondents who dare to report events deemed unfavourable to their regimes is itself one of the most under-reported stories in the entire region.

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What is disturbing to Israelis, but largely ignored by the international community, is the toxic anti-Jewish atmosphere that has been fostered not only in Gaza, but in the West Bank, too. In its March 24 editorial, the *Jerusalem Post* noted that while Abbas deplored the Itamar attack, "he and his hierarchy continue to fete terrorists, demand their release, reward them financially, name streets and schools after them, extol them as role models and tolerate pro-terror indoctrination in the media, mosques and classrooms."

This incitement isn't confined to the parts of the Arab world. It's also a staple of UN bodies such as the ridiculously misnamed Human Rights Council, which is effectively devoted to lambasting Israel while ignoring massacres committed by

The explosion of the bomb alongside the bus shattered the windows on the driver's side. ***[Israel Sun photo]***

Arab member states. Only under intense, embarrassing glare was the council forced, against its nature, to evict Libya from membership when Gadhafi's crimes against his own citizens became too blatant to ignore. Still, no resolutions in the council were passed against Libya – those have been reserved overwhelmingly for Israel, including six last week alone.

The latest incitement came from the UN's "special rapporteur" on Palestinian human rights, Prof. Richard Falk, who can only be described as an anti-Israel fanatic – which is most likely the reason he was given the position in the first place. (Being a conspiracy theorist, notwithstanding his recent denials, in maintaining that the U.S. government is covering up its role in the 9/11 attacks, has failed to diminish his standing, despite a rebuke over this from UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon's office.) On March 21, Falk charged Israel with "ethnic cleansing" of Palestinians over its housing policies in east Jerusalem – the latest in a long string of inflammatory condemnations of Israel.

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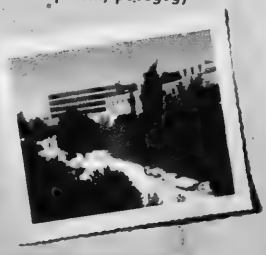

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Montrealer helps in search for actor's ancestors

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Actor Gwyneth Paltrow's ancestral search, which will be told in a new episode of the NBC TV program *Who Do You Think You Are?* (WDYTYA), might not have happened if not for Jewish Records Indexing – Poland (JRI Poland).

Founded by Montrealer Stanley Diamond, JRI-Poland is an online searchable database of 4.2 million records related to Polish Jewry.

Gwyneth Paltrow

The April 1 episode of the celebrity documentary series will feature the Academy Award-winner's genealogical journey.

The late father of California-born Paltrow, 38, was Jewish. TV director and producer Bruce Paltrow (*St. Elsewhere, The White Shadow*) died in 2002. Her mother, actor Blythe Danner, is a Quaker of Pennsylvania Dutch background.

The Paltrow roots go back to a long line of rabbis named Paltrowicz from northeastern Poland and the towns of Suwalki, Lomza and nearby shtetls.

"The show's researchers tapped into into JRI-Poland's online database as the starting point in documenting Paltrow's ancestry," said Diamond.

"The website has 90 record entries for Paltrow's ancestors and the WDYTYA team said, 'JRI Poland is a wonderful resource for anyone researching Jewish Polish ancestry and was invaluable during the research for the Gwyneth Paltrow episode.'"

In addition, Diamond was able to point the show's researchers to other sources in Poland that are not yet online.

The producers of WDYTYA first contacted Diamond in May of last year. The show's first stop in their research is a private genealogical research company in Salt Lake City, which immediately pointed to JRI-Poland as the place to turn to look into Paltrow's paternal side.

Diamond, who was hired as a consultant on the project, was required to sign an agreement not to disclose the project. Only with the recent announcement by NBC of the upcoming episode was he able to make his involvement known.

He is, however, not at liberty to provide much detail on what was learned about the actor's forebears.

Founded in 1995, the non-profit JRI-Poland was an outgrowth of Diamond's need for access to Jewish vital records of the former Lomza Gubernia area of Poland for research into his family's genetic history.

Diamond is executive director and the organization has an international board, hundreds of volunteers serving thousands of researchers, and is funded by groups and genealogists around the world.

JRI-Poland is continually creating searchable online indices of Jewish records from current and former territories of Poland, comprising more than 550 towns. "The vast database of records going back to the late 18th century belies the misleading notion all the Jewish records of Poland were destroyed in World War II," said Diamond.

Thousands of new vital records and census information are added every month from the Polish State Archives and other sources, both inside and outside of Poland, he said. The database also includes army draft lists, cemetery burial indices, ghetto death records, and birth, marriage and death announcements in newspapers in Poland.

WDYTYA has sparked a lot of interest in family research, Diamond believes. Genealogy, among Jews and non-Jews, is no longer an obscure hobby, but something even celebrities find worthwhile.

"Genealogical websites are among the most visited of any," said Diamond. "Ancestry.com went public last year and its shares have doubled in value."

"JRI-Poland has been recognized by the medical and scientific communities for the potential benefit for Ashkenazi families trying to trace medical histories, particularly those at increased risk for hereditary conditions and diseases," Diamond added.

JRI-Poland is now creating a search tool for those who need answers to medical-related questions or require bone marrow or other transplants. It has received commendations from the Gift of Life Foundation and the National Marrow Donor Program in the United States.

For more information, visit www.jri-poland.org and http://www.nbc.com/who-do-you-think-you-are/bios/gwyneth-paltrow/.

Shul fails to get restraining order

Compiled by CJN Staff

MONTREAL —A Quebec Court judge has refused to issue a restraining order that would prevent an Outremont man from continuing to photograph activity outside a synagogue.

Michael Rosenberg, a leader of Congregation Gate David of Bobov, and his son, Martin, had sought an injunction against Pierre Lacerte, who for several years has been taking pictures and posting some of them on his blog.

Les Accommodements Outremont is Lacerte's chronicle of alleged violations of municipal rules by this and other chassidic communities in the borough.

The Rosenbergs testified that they felt harassed and feared for their family's safety. They also alleged Lacerte is motivated by antisemitism.

Judge Manon Ouimet decided March 21 that Lacerte poses no threat to their security, nor does the information that he posts on the Internet.

The quarrel between the two parties goes back to 2005. Lacerte, who lives across the street from the shul, located at 5363 Hutchison St., has complained that the congregation is routinely flouting construction and parking bylaws.

In her judgment, Ouimet did describe Lacerte as "an excessive, meticulous, and impassioned person."

Nevertheless, she said his blog is within his right to free expression and does not threaten, intimidate or harass the plaintiffs.

The dispute isn't over. The Rosenbergs are proceeding with a $375,000 civil lawsuit against Lacerte.

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Scholarship named for retired police chief

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

A scholarship in multicultural studies at York University has been named in honour of Armand La Barge, the retired chief of York Regional Police.

The Armand and Denise La Barge Graduate Scholarship in Multiculturalism will support a graduate student whose work relates to multiculturalism, human rights, cultural diversity or racism.

Ron Smith, chair of the scholarship committee, called the scholarship a fitting legacy. "I'm not alone. Everyone whose life he touched has been supportive of this action."

Smith, a past president of Temple Har Zion, said the first time he saw La Barge was at an anti-racism rally about six years ago. "His total sincerity in his fight against racism touched me. I then started to learn more about what he stood for and how he walked the talk. He was always there for the community, in good times and bad."

At La Barge's retirement dinner, held this past December and attended by 850 people, Bernie Farber, CEO of Canadian Jewish Congress, said La Barge considers everyone he served as friends and family.

"A few years ago, there was a serious antisemitic incident in Thornhill, where numerous homes in a predominantly Jewish area were spray painted with swastikas and Jew-hatred. Chief La Barge was first on the scene, [and] he attended at the homes of the victims, one in particular, a Holocaust survivor.

"He brought great comfort by simply being there and referring to the family as his good friends. One can understand how much comfort this brought to these elderly Holocaust survivors and the community in general," Farber said.

Farber thanked La Barge for the trail he has forged, "for your passion and your commitment to policing and to the community, and for the respect you have shown through words and deeds, to the people you serve and the people you lead."

Armand La Barge

La Barge, who grew up in southeastern Ontario, said in an e-mail that there was "absolutely no diversity within our community or school. I moved to York Region in 1973 when I joined the police force. However, even then, York Region didn't enjoy the rich diversity that it does today."

He noticed a change in the region in the 1980s, he said, and his interest in multiculturalism was sparked by courses he completed at Seneca College and York University.

"I completed my honours BA at York in the field of Canadian studies and was proudly the university's first graduate of the six course multiculturalism studies certificate program."

He said that as chief of police, he was able to put into practice what he learned at Seneca and York.

"I took it upon myself to learn more about and experience the different cultures and faiths that make up our region, and we set about to make York Regional Police more reflective of the multicultural community we serve.

"In the eight years that I was chief, our police diversity rate jumped from six per cent to almost 17 per cent, and we had officers that truly reflected our community in every rank up to and including superintendent."

Along with his wife, Denise, he said, he was welcomed with open arms into virtually every house of worship in York Region.

La Barge, who completed a master's degree in the field of Canadian and native studies and is pursuing doctoral studies in the field, said he is "passionate about multiculturalism. Simply put, we are a stronger, healthier, more resilient and more dynamic nation because of it.

"I was surprised and excited when I heard about the scholarship in our name. I am hopeful that [future] graduate students will come to understand how important multiculturalism is to the future of our nation."

York, he said, is one of Canada's largest and most diverse universities. "I can't think of a better university for young people to learn about the importance of respecting each other's faiths and cultures."

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Montreal Jews strongly Israel-oriented: survey

Almost half listed services as top priority for funding

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Seventy-five per cent of Montreal Jews have visited Israel, the highest of any Jewish community in North America, according to an extensive survey conducted by Federation CJA.

That proportion is slightly higher than that of the Toronto Jewish community and well above that for the United States, where the average is about 30 to 40 per cent.

Sixteen per cent said visiting Israel had "the most impact on their life as a Jew," which, the federation feels, is significant given such other possible prime factors as family or education. That figure rose to about 28 per cent among those between 18 and 24 years of age.

Eighty-two per cent of the more than 2,200 respondents agreed that Israel needs the financial support of Canadians, and almost half listed services in Israel as the top priority for funding.

Only seven per cent said that it would make no difference to them if Israel ceased to exist.

The 79-question survey was conducted last year for the federation by Léger Marketing and is described as the largest attitudinal survey conducted by any federation in Canada. The sample is a representative one, with respondents chosen to accurately reflect such variables as Ashkenazi/Sephardi, age distribution, education, native/foreign-born, and where they lived.

The full results were to be made public this week.

There are not a lot of surprises. Half described themselves as Orthodox or traditional, and the great majority feel accepted by the community and/or have a strong sense of their Jewish identity. More than 80 per cent have had some form of Jewish education, and in excess of half had volunteered for a Jewish organization over the past year.

The interesting finding for the federation is the one-quarter who call themselves secular or "just Jewish." It is this group, those who do not define themselves by the traditional labels, that the federation believes is growing and that it has to do more to reach, said president Jack Hasen.

The survey is part of Imagine 2020, a "strategic revisioning" project involving sounding out the community in order to set the federation's direction and priorities. Launched in the fall of 2009, the goal was to get as many Montreal Jews as possible thinking about what they would like the community to look like a decade down the road.

Another 400 or 500 people offered their views through informal consultation, such as focus groups and a blog.

The conclusion that the federation is drawing from the data is that an increasing number of people expressing a Jewish identity and interest in the community or culture do not have a religious affiliation or feel connected to any community organization, not just the federation.

They are most likely to be the intermarried, secular, with little Jewish education or not living in the main areas of Jewish population.

There appears to be solid support for the federation paying more attention to those outside the traditional sphere. For example, 40 per cent said outreach to the intermarried, for example, should be a priority.

Overall, 40 per cent consider Jewish community life to be too expensive and a quarter find Jewish organizations old-fashioned. Eighteen per cent found them "too Jewish."

One question that wasn't asked was whether the respondents plan to stay in Quebec. That's because the federation feels the community's numbers have stabilized in recent years, said Andrew Myers, of the community planning department, which oversaw the survey.

Hasen said the federation must change, and it must listen more to people and provide the types of programming and services that people want.

"We recognize there are lots of ways of living a Jewish life in Montreal."

The federation is heartened that, by and large, the community thinks it is doing a good job and is needed. "Even if every program we had was endowed and we didn't have to raise funds, people still see us as having a pivotal role in the community, and able to take a global view," Myers said.

Hasen notes that the federation is already moving with the times. "I doubt you would have seen us, even five years ago, funding an environmental project or a chavurah in Mile End."

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Jews targeted in York Region

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Hate crimes targeting the Jewish community in York Region more than doubled in 2010 over 2009, York Regional Police reported last week.

With a total of 41 incidents reported, Jews were the single most victimized group, making up 39 per cent of the 104 crimes tallied by police, police data indicate. Blacks were the next most targeted group, with 17 incidents reported, down from 20 the year before. Catholics were the victims in two incidents and Muslims in three.

The findings were part of a report on overall crime statistics, which dropped by 1.1 per cent in 2010.

Referring to hate crime occurrences, Det. Brett Kemp, head of York Regional Police's hate crimes unit, said, "The vast majority of the cases we have seen were mischief-related property crimes."

After conducting a preliminary examination of the crime data, Kemp said "I've been unable to find any violent offences that targeted the Jewish community."

The 2010 findings of crimes against Jews were the highest in five years. In 2007, 24 incidents were reported to police; in 2008 that rose to 27 and in 2009 the number dropped to 19, before jumping again last year.

Kemp believes the spike in incidents in 2010 corresponded to world events and other high profile developments.

Len Rudner

"There were recurring events like Israeli Apartheid Week, the Gaza aid ship incident and then, surprisingly, the municipal election caused some occurrences," he said.

Kemp said swastikas were employed against candidates during the campaign and "the swastika is a world known symbol of hate." Though the perpetrators' motives were unknown, police assumed an anti-Jewish intent, he said.

Len Rudner, Ontario regional director of Canadian Jewish Congress, cautioned the community to "not necessarily set its heartbeat by any set of statistics....The numbers should not be seen as a determination of how safe it is to be Jewish in York Region. We keep statistics of hate crimes but not of the good acts and the positive things that happen between communities.

"Are there people with a dislike of Jews in Canada? Yes there are," he said. "There have always been.

"Are there more than before? The statistics don't tell us that, only that in a particular year there were more events reported, collected and categorized by police."

Kemp said the occurrences "were widespread across the region" and while most perpetrators were not apprehended, "I can't say there was any pattern...Since the vast majority of cases were mischief-related, it's not unfair to say it's youth doing it, who don't understand the impact of hate messages."

Police try to deter criminal incidents during periods of tension by patrolling around Jewish institutions and making their presence known, Kemp added.

Rudner noted that the federal government had made permanent the Security Infrastructure Program, which enhances the security infrastructure of communities targeted by hate-motivated crime.

"But we should not allow our comfort in being citizens of Canada and residents of York Region to be affected by a single number," he said.

CJC thanked parliamentarians

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The NCC is the Crown corporation that acts as the steward of federal lands and buildings in the National Capital Region.

The monument committee has three years to raise money and decide on the specifics of the monument.

Any Canadian interested in joining the committee will be allowed to apply, Grossman said.

She added that applicants will be reviewed and chosen by the minister responsible for the NCC – currently the minister of transport, infrastructure and communities.

Congress CEO Bernie Farber said he was gratified by the Senate's support of the bill and thanked all parliamentarians for their support of the legislation.

"We've lost earlier versions of this bill under similar circumstances, and it would have been heart-breaking to see this one die on the order paper as well," he said.

Congress, which has helped Grossman and Uppal in an advisory capacity on the legislation, will continue to assist in the implementation phase of the bill, Farber said.

Farber said that he hoped other community institutions such as the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, B'nai Brith Canada and local federations will "come on board" to work on the project as well.

Farber said that while the committee will ultimately make the final decision on the design of the monument, Congress has the experience and the "template" to search for designers, since it recently helped create a monument in memory of the St. Louis.

That monument, the Wheel of Conscience, was created for the Canadian Jewish community by renowned architect and artist Daniel Libeskind and is at the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 in Halifax.

In comments to the Senate, Yaron Ashkenazi, executive director of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, said he believed the National Holocaust Monument will be "a symbol of pride to all Canadians" and a way to honour many, including survivors of the Shoah, those who perished and the Canadian armed forces that helped end the World War II and "implement justice."

Farber said he knows of many Holocaust survivors who are "really anxious" to see the monument come to "final fruition.

"Time is our enemy here. We want to make sure that while there are survivors among us, we want to [erect] a monument in the nation's capital."

While Bill C-442 commits the government to donate the land for the monument, it does not oblige it to help fund it, a situation that Joe Volpe, the Liberal MP for Toronto's Eglinton-Lawrence, said was unacceptable.

Volpe had called on the Conservative government to fully fund the monument as a "national" symbol and not treat the Jewish community as "an ATM."

Asked if a new Liberal government would fund the monument, if elected, Volpe said he'd already spoken with Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff about the issue and that Ignatieff "agreed" that it should be funded by government.

If elected, Volpe said, "Michael Ignatieff and the Liberal party will put that thing up" as soon as possible.

"If it takes 48 hours to get the paperwork in order, then that's how long it will be before it gets [funded] and put up" under a Liberal government, he said.

The Conservatives left the door open to fund the monument late last year when a spokesperson for Transport Minister Chuck Strahl told *The CJN* that the government "would consider providing additional funding, if necessary, to realize the establishment of a national Holocaust monument."

Last year, the government gave Congress $500,000 to fund the Libeskind-designed sculpture memorializing Canada's 1939 refusal of entry to the St. Louis. That funding came from Citizenship and Immigration Canada's Community Historical Recognition Program.

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הרפתקאות רן הצווחן בטורונטו

כפי שחלק מכם עדיין זוכרים, לפני כחודשיים התקיים בטורונטו הפגש שזכה לתואר הראשון בהיסטוריה של ישראלים שחיים בתפוצות, בנסיון לגבש ארגון גג ישראלי עולמי בניכר. הניעו לכנס כשישים ומשהו ישראלים מאירופה, מאוסטרליה, ומאזורים שונים של קנדה, ואחרי הכבוד היו שר הקליטה ויושב ראש הסוכנות היהודית. כצפוי, לאנשים שונים היו דעות שונות על סדר עדיפויות של מה חשוב לעניות דעתם שיקדה לקהילה הישראלית.

אני, בחמש עשרה הדקות שהוקצבו לי מראש על ידי המארגנים, הבעתי את דעתי שהדוב המוחלט של הישראלים שחיים כאן לא עושים דבר למען קהילתם- בתור מתנדב ישראלי שמקדיש מאות שעות כל שנה להתנדבות- דפוס ההתנהגות הזה מפריע לי מאוד. והינה, כחמש דקות אחרי שהתחילה ההרצאה שלי פצח בצווחות רמות וגבר שישב בשורה קדמית משמאל תוך הבעת אי הסכמה לדברי. היה ברור שהוא איננו מתכוון לתת לי לדבר. שאלתי את עצמי- בהנחה סבירה שהוא איננו חי כאן- מהיכן הוא יודע מה קודה בטורונטו. ובכן הצווחן התברר כמר רן פורת מאוסטרליה והוא סיכם את רשמיו החודש ביתיתן הישראלי של אוסטרליה. לדבריו שיקפו הרעיונות שלי התנשאות, תוך שהוא משווה את "ההתנשאות" שלי כלפי הישראלים(ממש כך) לזו של הממסד היהודי הרשמי שמייצג ביד רמה את קהילת טורונטו. בכתבה הוא מציין בגאווה שבסוף ההרצאה שלי ניגשו אליו מספר אנשים לעודדו על רעיונותיו הצווחניים. צר לי לאכזבו שקבוצה גדולה של נוכחים הביעו באזני שאט נפש מהצורה הגסה והאגרסיבית שבה בחר להפריע להרצאה מתוכננת. האי הדגשתי בדברי חזור והדגש שאינני מדבר על תרומה כספית בכלל, אלא על התנדבות- איש איש לפי יכולתו והתעניינותו.

מאמרו של רן פורת בעיתון הישראלי-עברי של אוסטרליה עולים עוד מספר פרטים מאלפים:

בכנס היה עימות סמוי-גלוי בין אלה שסברו שיש לבחור מיד את המועצה העולמית והנהגתה, ובין המצדדים היה גם רן הצווחן מאוסטרליה, וממולם הביעו התנגדות נמרצת רוב המשתתפים שסברו שאין לראות בששים הנציגים המקריים שהגיעו לשם שום ייצוג דמוקרטי- וכדומא בוטה ביותר- לא היו שם נציגים כלשהם מהקהילות הישראליות הגדולות ביותר בארה"ב שמונות מאות אלפים. המתנגדים להצבעה ראו במעשה שניסו רן פורת וחבריו מישראל ואוסטרליה לעשות בכנס מהסוף לא הגון שהיה מבייש את כולם.

מדוחו של רן פורת גם עולה שבשיחותיו עם אנשי העיתון "שלום טורונטו" הובהר לו שהיחסים בטורונטו בין הישראלים לממסד היהודי "עבורים ביותר", אם אכן נאמרו הדברים הללו- זו ממש בדיחה, כי הקונגרס היהודי של טורונטו מממן מזה שנים דסק ישראלי, כשבראשו אשה מסורה ומופשרת, גליה סדנר, שיחומת עשרות פעולות מגוונות כל שנה. אנשי "שלום טורונטו", על פי דברי רן הצווחן לא הוזמנו על ידי המארגנים לסקר את האירוע החשוב, משום שהם "ידועים בביקורת העזה שלהם כלפי הממסד" (מעניין שלא שמענו). את העובדה שהקונגרס היהודי תומך כספית ב"שלום טורונטו", לא טרחו להבהיר לצווחן האוסטרלי. אני הצעתי את שמו של יוני דאוה הלוי להשתתפות בכנס ומאוד התאכזבתי שלא הוזמן-אבל מכאן ועד לדווח המוזר הזה-רבה הדרך.

אינני יודע אם הכנס הזה יביא בסופו של דבר למעשה הקמת ארגון ישראלי עולמי כי כבר בהתחלה התגלו תקלות שאופייניות להתנהלות ציבורית ישראלית. אבל אם יש שאיפה כנה ואמיתית לעשות זאת- חובה לדאוג לכך שריכוזי הישראלים הגדולים בעולם יהיו שם.

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Gaza presents Netanyahu with tough test

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The Grad missiles fired from Gaza at Be'er Sheva and Ashdod last week present Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with the toughest test of his term so far. The prime minister said he would be "strong in the face of Hamas." Now, the time has come to make good.

Until the current crisis, Netanyahu and his supporters have been able to say we have no terror. Netanyahu explained, and perhaps even believed, that the enemy is afraid of his "zero tolerance policy" against terror; that his very presence in government, with his record as an expert in the war on terror, had deterred Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the Al Aqsa Brigades from renewing their armed struggle against Israel.

But the murderers of the Fogel family in Itamar, who have yet to be apprehended, probably did not consider the identity of Israel's prime minister before they embarked on their nighttime slaughter. The launchers of the rockets and mortars are also not impressed by him. It seems that the perpetrators of last Wednesday's bombing in Jerusalem were more interested in security and escape routes than in who was sitting in the nearby Prime Minister's Office.

Netanyahu's response to the murders in Itamar, accusing the Palestinian Authority of incitement and speaking of building hundreds of apartments in settlements, was intended to calm his power base on the right and satisfy the settlers so they would not take revenge. But when it comes to Gaza, Netanyahu is doing the same thing his predecessors did.

However, the diplomatic environment is more complicated than on the eve of Operation Cast Lead in 2008-9.

U.S. President Barack Obama will not be enthusiastic over an Israeli operation that results in numerous casualties, destruction and a besieged Gaza. Egypt is in a period of political transformation and governments of Arab countries are in danger of collapse, which would make it difficult for them to support a major Israeli campaign against Hamas.

In addition the "moral" line set by the war in Libya is clear.

Attacks from the air are allowed, but no boots on the ground, and no occupation. Netanyahu will certainly try not to exceed this pattern in dealing with Gaza.

The Grad missiles that fell in Ashdod and Be'er Sheva may serve Netanyahu's efforts to stop international recognition of a Palestinian state. For they are the proof that any area Israel gives up in the West Bank merely becomes "a base for the launching of missiles against Tel Aviv and Jerusalem."

The Israel Defence Forces last Sunday deployed the first battery of the Iron Dome anti-missile and rocket defence system near Be'er Sheva. *[Israel Sun photo]*

Western leaders will find this argument difficult to oppose and will have to pay at least lip service to Israel's security demands in the West Bank.

The political implications of escalation are also complex.

Terror strengthens the right and hurts the left. But the right is split now between Netanyahu and Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman. Israeli hesitation in the face of continued fire from Gaza will strengthen Lieberman. An effective response against Hamas will help Netanyahu but only if it is short and surprising, the right mixture of military action and diplomacy.

Netanyahu's test will be to find this middle way.

Anarchy in Gaza: IDF

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JERUSALEM—The Israel Air Force killed two Palestinians and wounded three more in an attack on the northern Gaza Strip on Sunday, according to Palestinian media reports.

The five Palestinians were clustered just east of the Jabalya refugee camp at the time of the attack, said the reports. The Islamic Jihad militant group claimed the casualties as its members.

A spokeswoman for the Israel Defence Forces confirmed that an Israeli aircraft fired a missile at a group of militants in the enclave but gave no further details. According to Israel Radio and witnesses, they had been trying to launch a projectile at Israel.

In public remarks to his cabinet on Sunday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel has "no desire to escalate the situation," noting the frontier had been relatively quiet since the end of the December 2008-January 2009 Gaza war.

But he said: "We will not hesitate to use the might of the Israel Defence Forces against those who attack our citizens."

The strike came a day after Gaza groups signalled that they would halt rocket fire at Israel if the IDF stopped carrying out targeted attacks as well. The surge in cross-border violence recently has prompted fears of a possible escalation into war.

Hamas spokesman Ismail Rudwan said Saturday that militant leaders were "committed as long as the occupation [Israel] was committed" to abide by an earlier de facto truce. His comments followed a round of talks in Gaza, after of a weeklong swell in attacks.

GOC Southern Command Maj.-Gen. Tal Russo on Saturday described the situation in the Gaza Strip as "anarchic," as the IDF prepared to deploy the first of the two Iron Dome missile defence systems in the south on Monday morning.

The army has described the step as an "operational experiment," saying the deployment of the Iron Dome and beginning its actual use will take some time. The Israel Air Force stressed that even the first two batteries will not be enough, and that at least three more will be needed to provide ample defence from Gaza rocket attacks.

Three rockets were fired from the Strip into southern Israel at the end of last week. No casualties were reported in any of the incidents.

On a visit to the south, Russo said: "There's anarchy on the other side right now. It will be difficult for Hamas to roll things back. I hope they'll come to their senses."

He added that the anarchy in Gaza has spread both within Hamas and the smaller armed factions, referring to internal disagreements within Hamas on the question of renewing rocket fire on Israel or forcing other organizations to uphold the ceasefire.

Ismail Haniyeh, the head of the Hamas political wing in Gaza and the Palestinian prime minister, is pushing for a return to the relative quiet in the south, but senior officials in the Islamist organization, including some in the armed wing, disagree.

It seems Hamas is also finding it difficult to enforce its authority upon smaller factions, with small groups now carrying out their own policies. The fact many more Grad rockets were smuggled into Gaza in recent weeks and distributed between the factions also makes the situation more difficult to control.

The deterrence achieved after Operation Cast Lead two years ago is eroding, Russo said Saturday. Both the government and the IDF believe it will be difficult to retain any calm for long and that another escalation may occur in the near future.

In related developments, U.S. Defence Secretary Robert Gates last Friday made the first trip by a U.S. defence chief to the West Bank city of Ramallah, meeting with Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad and continuing to push for peace despite the recent spate of rocket and mortar attacks.

Gates, who also met with Netanyahu on Friday, visited Fayyad in Ramallah to speak about a return to peace negotiations with Israel.

Gates said he looked forward to talking about progress toward a two-state solution. Fayyad said this is a time of great challenges throughout the region, and he was looking forward to a redoubling of the peace effort.

Direct peace talks that began in Washington in September 2010 froze within weeks.

Fayyad's party, Fatah, which is led by Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, is a rival of Hamas and controls the West Bank. Hamas has ruled Gaza since seizing power in a five-day civil war against Fatah in 2007. As a wave of pro-democracy unrest reverberates through the region, both sides have faced growing calls to reconcile.

Israel should end the occupation of the West Bank by September, Fayyad told Gates.

Fayyad stressed to Gates the importance of meeting the September deadline set in what he called the "Ending the Occupation, Establishing the State" program, in a statement issued by PA Prime Minister's Office said.

According to this two-year program, the Palestinians would have completed building their state institutions and enforced security on the ground by the end of August 2011, to allow them to establish their independent state.

Poll results opposing Shoah gallery questioned

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WINNIPEG — Critics of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, currently under construction in Winnipeg, are using the results of a what some say is a questionable poll to bolster their argument that the facility shouldn't contain one area dedicated only to the Holocaust.

The survey, by Nanos Research, was commissioned by the Canadians for Genocide Education and Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association (UCCLA). The latter organization has been lobbying hard to have the Holodomor – Josef Stalin's mass murder by starvation of Ukrainians farmers who refused to go along with collectivization efforts in the 1930s – get equal billing with the Holocaust.

The poll of 1,216 Canadians asked respondents if they would want one gallery for all genocides or one permanent gallery for a particular genocide while others are grouped together in a separate exhibit. Sixty per cent of respondents favoured the first option, 24 per cent the second and 15 per cent weren't sure.

"Preferential, prominent and permanent recognition for one or two groups in a national museum funded from the public purse is unacceptable to Canadians," UCCLA chairman R.W. Zakaluzny said in a statement. "It's time for the [museum's] board of trustees to take note – the people of Canada don't want their tax dollars funding partiality."

Canadians for Genocide Education describes itself on its website as "a multi-cultural coalition of almost 50 community organizations committed to equity and inclusivity in education on and commemoration of genocide. We believe that any other approach promotes racism and not human rights. Our focus areas are school curriculum and government funded projects relating to genocide and human rights. CGE also sponsors an annual speaker series."

The organization's executive director, James Kafieh, is a Palestinian Canadian and a past president of the Canadian Arab Federation.

An editorial in the March 24 edition of the *Winnipeg Free Press* criticized the poll's methodology, noting that the question about the exhibits was buried in a series of unrelated polling questions on an omnibus poll. No background or context was provided, and there was no mention of the Holocaust.

"It is not even clear that the respondents had heard of the Human Rights Museum or understood its mission," the editorial said. "The question was slanted to guarantee a negative response – who wouldn't support equality for all? – and it does not represent reliable or responsible research."

The editorial further argues that the Holocaust stands out because it was global in reach – the Nazis murdered Jews in most of the 30 countries they occupied and antisemitism was prevalent worldwide. Stalin's goal was not the extermination of all Ukrainians, only those who opposed his policies.

Angela Cassie, the museum's director of communications, questioned the small size of the poll. "You need to be careful in extrapolating results for all Canadians from a poll that is that small," she said. "We have met with thousands of Canadians, and we have had more than 6,000 donors. They understand the concept behind the museum.

She added that placing the Holodomor was taken into consideration during the planning process. The museum's configuration, she added, will include two permanent galleries – for the Holocaust and Canada's Aboriginal Peoples – and 10 other permanent zones. The Holodomor will have a permanent display in the "Mass Atrocity" zone, immediately adjacent to the Holocaust zone.

"This area will feature detailed information on the Holodomor and many other mass atrocities that have taken place worldwide, and will provide educational opportunities for visitors to learn more about these events. It is not to memorialize atrocities. Rather, we are focusing on the human rights lessons that can be learned from events such as the Holocaust," Cassie said.

"The goal of the museum is to educate people to respect human rights and dignity and take action to prevent abuses of human rights."

The *Free Press* editorial concluded by saying the "suffering of individual Jews was no greater than the pain of Ukrainians or others who have been targets of hatred, but the story of how they lost their rights, and how their neighbours – ordinary people – turned against them, is a unique cautionary tale about the fragility of democracy and human rights.

"Why does the Holocaust get a place in the front seat?" the editorial asked. "Only the uninformed ask questions like that."

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Deal allows religious items in taxis

David Lazarus
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Arieh Perecowicz couldn't have been happier.

It's been almost five years since he was issued the first in a slew of tickets for having prohibited items in his taxi – including Jewish religious objects – based on a taxi code bylaw. But an out-of-court settlement hammered out between his lawyers and the city, announced last Thursday, made it clear that he could keep his mezuzah.

And so could all other cabbies with religious items.

"It's a huge victory for me," said Perecowicz, 66, who sat on the news of the impending deal for about a week. "It was a long and difficult wait."

The directive, issued by the head of the Montreal Taxi Bureau, prohibits city taxi inspectors from ticketing cabbies who display religious objects in their taxis, as long as they don't use them to proselytize and they don't constitute a risk to passenger safety.

In Perecowicz's case, they included two mezuzot and a photograph of the Lubavitcher rebbe.

Even if inspectors perceive a physical risk, they must have citations approved by a superior.

"That is a huge deal," Perecowicz said. "Before, they had complete discretion."

The deal was negotiated between the city and Mark Phillips, Perecowicz's lawyer with the firm Borden Ladner Gervais, which agreed to take on the case pro bono in a Charter appeal in Quebec Superior Court.

As part of the settlement, Perecowicz is dropping the appeal of his Feb. 17 conviction in Montreal Municipal Court, which means he still must pay more than $1,000 in fines, but four outstanding tickets are cancelled.

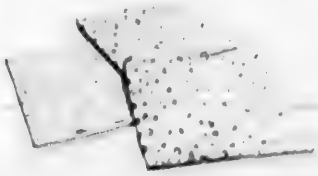
Perecowicz said he decided to accept paying the fines because even though Judge Dominique Joly ruled that he didn't "discharge his burden of proof" in his freedom of religion and expression defence, "she never actually addressed whether religious items are allowed or not allowed in taxis."

Abby Shawn, a lawyer and chair of Quebec Jewish Congress' human rights committee who closely followed the case along with QJC community relations director Enza Martuccelli, was "very pleased" with the deal.

"It's interesting because it's taking place against the backdrop of reasonable accommodation that's being debated in Quebec," she said.

"This is a way of saying that having religious symbols is a 'reasonable accommodation.' It gives life to the debate and answers we haven't had before."

The Quebec Human Rights Commission, where Perecowicz has lodged a separate religious freedom complaint seeking $25,000, is also expected to hand down a decision soon.



Passover Food Ideas

Time for family and friends

Just as we see the first hint of spring, we begin to see the first hints of Passover. Supermarkets start stocking their shelves, recipes appear in newspapers and magazines, and many of us begin thinking about food – what we're going to buy and what we're going to cook.

We also start reminiscing about the Passovers of our youth. Many of us remember the seders with our entire extended family. Our grandfather held fort at the head of the long table, trying to keep all the youngsters focused on the Passover story.

More often than not, we ate the same foods year after year, and erev Pesach we could already taste the chicken soup, fluffy matzah balls, carrot tzimmes and any other delicacies our mothers and grandmothers were known for.

Today, although menus may be complicated by those who are vegetarian, have allergies, are on a strict weight-loss program or are just plain fussy, we still look forward to gathering our family and friends and celebrating the holiday.

Many of us follow, with some modifications, the menus of our childhood, while others pore over cookbooks seeking something unique and fresh for their seder table.

In our upcoming Passover food supplements, we've tried to include recipes for everyone – those who are invited out and need mid-week ideas, those who want something brand-new to grace their seder table or those who are looking to tweak an old favourite.

Whether you're making your first seder or looking to pass the baton to a younger generation, you're sure to find something that will spark your interest.

The ingredients in all our recipes are acceptable for Passover use, and can be purchased kosher for Passover in most large Jewish communities.

From all of us at *The CJN*, enjoy your Passover meals, and we wish you a Chag Kasher v'Samayach.

– CB

Eliminate the 'Yuck!' factor

Lauren Kramer
Special to The CJN

Every week before Passover begins the same way for me – in between all the cleaning and shopping, I'm planning meals that will make dinnertime different and exciting, keep hunger at bay all day long and keep the fridge stockpiled with food. Good food, I mean. The kind that doesn't make my children say, "Yuck! I'm not eating that!" and turn to yet another piece of bland matzah instead.

If this is happening in my house, I'm pretty sure the same scenario is playing out in Jewish kitchens all over North America. Which is why, every year, my plans and resolutions get tossed out by Day 2 or 3 of Passover, in favour of regular dishes that don't contain anything contraband to Passover, or variations on those dishes.

Like Passover buns. They're filling, they look more or less like regular dinner rolls and they're great for breakfast, lunch or dinner. With some 40 years in her Cape Town kitchen, my mother-in-law, Maureen Aginsky, has a no-fail recipe for Passover buns that generate excitement and disappear almost before they've had time to cool. I can't seem to make them fast enough.

One thing I miss most about Passover is my regular morning cereal, which is why Norene Gilletz's recipe for Passover granola has been a saviour the past two years. It's way superior to the ridiculously expensive and tasteless Toasty O's available at the grocery store. And while it's not a low-fat food, it fills that hunger hole in your stomach with heart-healthy food.

Once you've got breakfast covered, lunch is the next challenge. The buns are a good staple to have on hand, but it makes sense to keep a few containers of tuna salad and egg salad in the fridge. My go-to items for Passover lunches are thick vegetable soups coupled with filling greens like coleslaw and garden salad. Add some matzah and fruit and you can make it to dinnertime. Almost.

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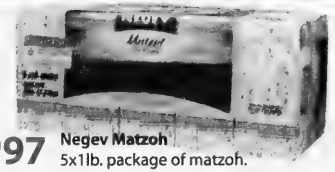

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Savour the mid-week meals

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I'm not a fan of fried foods, but I make a few exceptions for items that aren't deep-fried, making sure I drain them well on napkins and newspaper before they come anywhere near my mouth. My late mother's salmon balls are one of those exceptions. Popular during the year and perfect for Passover, they are tasty, nutritious and one of those meals you can make in a half-hour of efficiently used kitchen time. Served with soup, salad and quinoa, they constitute a complete meal.

Another tried-and-trusted dinner favourite comes from a second page in Maureen Aginsky's cooking files – her version of "Kentucky Fried" for Passover. Provided the chicken is not frozen, this is an easy dish that always garners approval at the dinner table. Served with baked potatoes and salad, it makes great leftovers, too. And judging by hunger levels at my house on Passover, leftovers are never left over for very long.

PASSOVER ROLLS

2 cups matzah meal
2 tsp. sugar
1 tsp. salt
1 cup water
1/2 cup oil
4 eggs

Mix dry ingredients together, followed by water and oil. Mix well, and then add eggs, one at a time.

Allow the mixture to rise for one hour, then shape into rolls and bake at 375 for 40-60 minutes.

PASSOVER GRANOLA

3 tbsp. vegetable oil
1/2 cup honey
3 cups matzah farfel
1/2 cup chopped almonds
1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
1/2 cup coconut, unsweetened
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 cup raisins or dried cranberries
1/2 cup chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 and line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a large bowl, combine oil and honey. Then add farfel, nuts, coconut and cinnamon, mixing well. Spread on the baking sheet and bake 30 minutes, or until the mixture is toasted, stirring every 10 minutes. Remove from oven, transfer to a bowl and allow to cool, stirring to break up clumps. Now stir in raisins and chocolate chips. Add milk, yogurt and/or fruit for a complete meal.

PASSOVER SALMON BALLS

1 large onion, chopped and fried
1 red or yellow pepper, chopped
2-4 cans salmon, deboned
1 medium potato, boiled and mashed
1 egg
2/3 thirds cup matzah meal
salt and pepper
oil for frying

Mix together salmon, mashed potato, egg, onion, red or yellow pepper, salt and pepper.

With moist hands, form the mixture into fist-size balls and roll the balls in matzah meal.

Heat oil on medium heat and fry lightly, turning to ensure that the balls get fried on all sides.

Once the balls are fried, drain them on a dish layered with newspaper and a napkin to remove excess oil.

PASSOVER KENTUCKY-STYLE NO-FRY CHICKEN

1 whole chicken, in pieces
1 egg
lemon juice
oil
matzah meal

Clean and portion the chicken. In one dish, beat the egg and add a quarter cup of oil, the juice of half a lemon and chopped parsley. In another dish, pour matzah meal for the second step in the recipe.

Dip chicken segments first into egg mixture and then into matzah meal. Then transfer chicken to a large, oven-proof bowl or pan lined with tin foil (shiny side up). Ensure the chicken segments are not on top of each other. Drizzle oil between the segments. Cover the dish well with tin foil, tucking in the sides to seal it. Bake in a 400-degree oven until fully cooked, removing the tin foil cover for the last five minutes.

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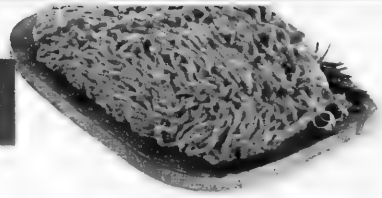

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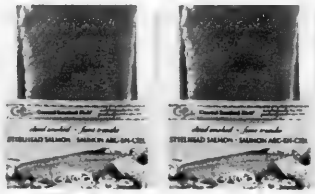

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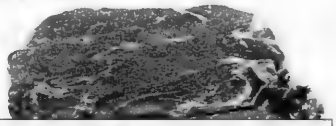

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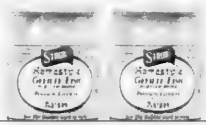

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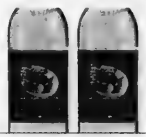

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Veggie side dishes complement the main course

Daphna Rabinovitch
Special to The CJN

During the Passover seder meal, all eyes and kudos tend to be rightfully heaped on the main course and the effort the host or hostess has gone to in making it delicious as well as beautiful. But where would the big bird or roast or brisket be without its supporting cast. It takes an entire crew to make a memorable repast. With that in mind, I've assembled four wonderful vegetable side dishes that are sure to please, without upstaging the star in the least. (OK, maybe a little bit!)

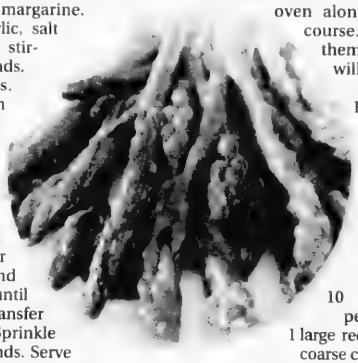
SAUTEED ASPARAGUS WITH CRANBERRIES AND ALMONDS

A delightfully different way to serve asparagus. The cranberries serve as a tangy, sweet foil to the earthiness of the sage and the toasted almonds. Try to buy asparagus that are more or less uniform in size so that they cook in the same amount of time.

2/3 cup dried cranberries
1 cup fresh orange juice
2 tbsp. olive oil
2 tbsp. unsalted butter or margarine
2 tsp. crumbled dried sage (not ground)
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 tsp.salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
2 lb. asparagus, trimmed
1/2 cup toasted sliced almonds

Stir together cranberries and orange juice. Let stand for 30 minutes. Reserving juice, drain cranberries.

Meanwhile in large heavy-bottomed skillet set over medium heat, heat together oil and margarine. Add the sage, garlic, salt and pepper; cook, stirring, for 30 seconds. Add asparagus. Cook, shaking pan often, for 5 minutes. Stir in 3/4 cup of the reserved orange juice. Cover and cook for 2 to 3 minutes or until asparagus are tender crisp. Stir in cranberries and cook for 1 minute until sauce is syrupy. Transfer to serving dish. Sprinkle with toasted almonds. Serve warm. Makes 6 to 8 servings.



ROASTED CAULIFLOWER WITH ONIONS, FENNEL AND RED PEPPER

Roasting vegetables is the easiest thing in the world and reaps such magical rewards. As the vegetables roast, all their natural sugars caramelize, leaving the diner golden-edged vegetables kissed by natural sweetness. This is especially true with the fennel, onion and red pepper in this particular recipe. Don't be afraid to make this dish ahead. You can roast the vegetables the day before and reheat them in a warm oven alongside your main course. Don't microwave them, however, or they will become mushy.

1 head cauliflower, cut into 1-in. florets
2 onions, cut into wedges
2 fennel bulbs, cut into thin wedges with core still attached
10 garlic cloves, peeled
1 large red pepper, cut into coarse chunks
1 tsp. each dried oregano and salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil

Preheat oven to 425. In large bowl, toss together cauliflower, onions, fennel and red pepper, oregano, salt and pepper. Pour in olive oil, tossing until well-coated. Spread on foil-lined baking sheet, arranging in single layer. Roast in centre of oven for 45 to 55 minutes, stirring once, until vegetables are soft and tender and golden brown. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

PAN SEARED ARTICHOKES WITH VINEGAR AND FRESH THYME

This dish is the perfect foil to the richness of a meat-based main course. It's chipper and lively and acts as a wonderful harbinger of the season just peeking around the corner.

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
12 artichoke hearts, fresh or frozen
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp. lemon rind
3 tbsp. sherry or balsamic vinegar
1/2 tsp. each salt and pepper
1 tsp. chopped fresh thyme

Heat olive oil in a heavy-bottomed straight-sided skillet over medium heat. Add garlic; cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Add artichoke hearts, concave side down. Cook for 5 minutes, or until nicely browned. Turn hearts over; sprinkle with lemon zest. Reduce heat to low and pour in vinegar and 1/2 cup water. Cook, covered, for about 5 minutes or until liquid has almost evaporated and hearts are tender. Stir in thyme. Serve warm. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Seder led to rebirth of community

Beverly Levitt
Special to The CJN

At sundown on Erev Pesach, Jews will gather around the Passover table to celebrate a 3,000-year-old miracle.

In the harrowing chase scene from the film *The Ten Commandments*, Egyptian soldiers were chasing the escaped Jewish slaves through the desert. When they came to the Red Sea, Moses raised his staff, and the Red Sea parted, just long enough for the Jews to cross. The miracle was reinforced when the blood-thirsty soldiers were drowned as the raging waters resumed their roar.

Close, but not exactly how it happened in the Bible, says Rabbi David Baron of Temple Shalom for the Arts in Los Angeles.

"In the Torah, God didn't just give Moses the power to part the sea and save his people. He told his disciple to have the Israelites go forward – the first step of the faithful into the sea would save them," he clarified.

"It's the power of taking a leap of faith to stand up against a tyrant and declare your freedom," says the rabbi, who wrote *Moses on Management* (Simon & Schuster, 1999). "It was the belief of the people, not divine intervention alone, that freed the Jews from slavery and led them through the dry seabed to emerge free men."

California entrepreneur Severyn Ashkenazy understands such a leap of faith. A dozen years ago, Ashkenazy went to Warsaw, Poland, with a small group of American and Polish Jews – all of whom had fled their native land during the Holocaust – and hosted the first Passover seder in that city since 1945.

That Passover was the start of a rebirth of the Jewish community in Poland.

But Ashkenazy, whose brainchild the Warsaw celebration was, had a formidable time pulling it together. In fact, it was several years in the making.

There were 450 thriving synagogues and some three million Jews in the country-of-the-shifting-borders before World War II, but when the vibrant 66-year-old survivor went back to Poland in 1994 for the first time since he was a child, he found only a handful of haredi Jews.

It was springtime, Passover was coming, and the city was ablaze with lilacs and cherry blossoms. Not only couldn't he find a place to celebrate the holiday, Ashkenazy encountered a beleaguered, practically non-existent Jewish population. Even those who knew of their Jewish heritage denied their faith. Some had converted to Catholicism, others had no religion at all. They wanted nothing to do with something that had caused so much grief.

During the Holocaust, 90 per cent of the Jews in Poland were killed.

Ashkenazy thought that if there was a supportive, progressive Jewish community in Warsaw, these "quiet Jews" could reclaim their identity and make peace with their past. And so Beit Warshawa, the congregation of Warsaw, was born.

Ashkenazy's first order of business: to host a Passover seder. "It wasn't easy convincing anybody to attend," says Ashkenazy, comfortably seated in his art-filled home in Beverly Hills. "But we are a people who are constantly saved by miracles, so our group persevered.

"The first seder, which was held in a hotel, in a room near the garden," he says, "had just 20 people – eight Jews and a smattering of Poles. We were just happy to have anybody participate.

"We ate delicious dishes I remember my mother making – kugels, kreplach, tzimmes, gefilte fish, chicken soup with kneidlach, brisket, macaroons and compotes – beloved Passover recipes that had their origins in Poland. They were so comforting. It reminded me of a more innocent time," he says.

"We read from the Haggadah, we sang, we experienced a true feeling of camaraderie. But most importantly, we tried to create a place for people to feel safe being Jewish," Ashkenazy says. "Now we celebrate all the Jewish holidays, and more and more people just appear. We're never sure of the numbers, but they keep increasing."

Now, in its 12th year, and with the first full-time rabbi, Burt Schuman, arriving soon from Altoona, Pa., the congregation boasts more than 1,500 people, all of whom will be in attendance this Passover. And there are the beginnings of congregations in Krakow and Lublin.

"The services are primarily in Polish, the Hebrew text transliterated into English and Polish so everyone can understand. Various rabbis from the United States and Israel come to Warsaw to lead the service, always making sure that it's very personal, there's lots of story telling and everyone, especially the children, feel included. It's as much about feeling comfortable and making it pleasant, so they'll want to return.

"Once we feel an emotional tie to the holiday, the learning begins," he says with a smile.

The following recipes are from *The Jewish Holiday Kitchen* by Joan Nathan, Schocken Books, 1988.

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OR
Homemade matzo ball soup

CHOOSE ONE
Farm fresh baby spinach salad with red onions, toasted almonds, mandarin oranges, topped with a citrus vinaigrette
OR
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CHOOSE TWO
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ASHKENAZI APPLE-NUT CHAROSET

4 apples (about 2 lb.), peeled and coarsely chopped
2/3 cup chopped almonds or walnuts
3 tbsp. sugar or more to taste
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
grated rind of 1 lemon
4 tbsp. sweet kosher red wine

Combine all ingredients, mixing together thoroughly. Add a little more wine as needed. In a food processor, combine ingredients; process until you reach the desired consistency. Nathan likes her charoset in large pieces, with a crunchy texture, but her husband's Polish family prefers theirs ground to a paste. Chill. Makes about 3 cups.

ROAST CHICKEN

Nathan's grandmother, Martha Kops Gluck, made this traditional chicken dish every Friday night for Shabbat. Nathan suggested it for this Passover menu because it is the perfect foil for the sweet tzimmes and beet eingemachts (preserves) and matzah stuffing. Because many Polish Jews were poor, the mama pulled out all the stops during Passover and served two entrées instead of one. So families had their choice – chicken or brisket. Most of the guests chose both.

2-3 1/2 lb. broiler chickens, quartered
salt to taste
pepper to taste
seasoning salt to taste
paprika to taste
2 large cloves garlic, peeled and crushed
24 pearl onions, left whole with skin intact
24 small white potatoes, left whole with skin intact
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup white Passover wine
vegetable oil as needed

Preheat oven to 350. Season chicken with salt, pepper, seasoning salt, paprika and garlic. Lay chicken, skin side up, in a roasting pan. Douse onions and potatoes with oil and seasonings; place in pan with chicken. Roast 20 minutes. Add a little water if pan becomes dry. Turn chicken over and roast 20 minutes more. Add wine to pan drippings and baste chicken periodically. Turn chicken over once more and roast 20 minutes with skin side up. If you like the skin crisp, place chicken under broiler before serving. Serves 6 to 8.

MATZAH STUFFING

2 matzot, broken into small pieces
1 large onion, grated, then drained
2 stalks celery, finely diced
4 mushrooms, quartered
2 tbsp. chicken fat or pareve margarine
3 tbsp. matzah meal
1 tbsp. chopped parsley
kosher salt and pepper to taste
paprika to taste

Preheat oven to 350. Soak matzah in hot water for 10 minutes, being careful not to let it get soggy. Drain thoroughly and squeeze out excess liquid. Combine onion, celery and mushrooms with matzah. Sauté mixture in chicken fat or margarine, until golden. Add matzah meal, parsley, salt, pepper and paprika. Place in greased baking dish. If desired, dot with chicken fat or margarine. Bake for 20 minutes or until golden and slightly crisp on top. Makes 4 cups.

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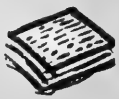

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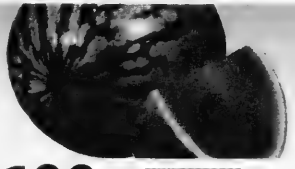

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I'm referring to macaroons, which are associated with Passover. The word macaroon comes from the French *macaron*, which, in turn, came from the Italian word *maccherone*, a tubular pasta that was the same colour as the almond paste in macaroons.

Barbara Revsine writes in "Macaroon Migrations" (*Chicago Tribune*, April 16, 2008) that its origins go back to an eighth-century French monastery. Others say it was probably Italian Jews who adapted the cookie for Passover, based on one developed by Italian monks.

My research tells me that French macaroons are dense, chewy and flat. Parisian ones are light and they sandwich a creamy filling. American macaroons use coconut, not almond paste; and Italian ones, called amaretti and sometimes flavoured with bitter almonds, are crispy on the outside and chewy on the inside and are made with almond flour, egg whites and sugar.

How macaroons became associated with Passover is logical. Almonds are Middle Eastern and mentioned in the Bible. The basic ingredients of ground almonds, sugar and egg whites, as well as coconut, would fit the requirements for a flourless Passover dessert.

In *The World of Jewish Desserts*, Gil Marks writes that Ashkenazi macaroons were called *makarondelach*, and confirms that Ashkenazi Jews got the idea for the flourless cookies from the Italian Jews. He also writes that among Sephardim, there is a denser and softer cookie called *marunchinos*, also made with almond paste and egg whites, and eaten for Passover.

Faye Levy suggests in her book, *1,000 Jewish Recipes*, that macaroon cakes baked in a springform pan are a Passover tradition. At the cooking school in Paris where she studied, she was taught to bake macaroons on a paper-lined baking sheet with a little water poured under the paper before removing the macaroons. In this way, they remain moist. Another secret to keeping them moist is to prepare Italian meringue with sugar and water boiled to a syrup then poured in a thin stream onto stiff egg whites.

Claudia Roden, in *The Book of Jewish Food*, writes that Jews of Iran and Iraq make macaroons in a Turkish turban style and add bitter almonds, cardamom, and sometimes rose water. Jews of Turkey and the Balkans do not add rose water. Moroccan Jews make a similar pastry dredged in confectioners' sugar, and serve them in paper cups.

Here are some interesting ways to make macaroons for Pesach.

CLASSIC ALMOND MACAROONS

1 1/2 cups blanched almonds*
1/4 cup sugar
2 egg whites
1/4 tsp. almond extract
3/4 cup sugar
4 tsp.confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 325. Line a cookie sheet with waxed paper or parchment paper. Grind almonds finely with 1/4 cup sugar in food processor. Add egg whites and almond extract and blend 20 seconds. Add 3/8 cup sugar and blend 10 seconds, add remaining 3/8 cup sugar and blend 10 seconds.

Wet hands, roll 1 tbsp. dough between palms into a smooth ball. Place on cookie sheet and continue until all dough is used. Flatten each to 1/2-in. high. Brush each with water. Sprinkle confectioners' sugar on top. Bake in 325-degree oven for 25 minutes until very light brown.

Remove cookie sheets from oven. Lift one end of paper and pour 2 tablespoons of water onto the cookie sheet. Lift the other end of the paper and pour 2 tablespoons of water onto cookie sheet. Tilt sheet to spread water. When water stops boiling, remove macaroons from paper with a spatula and cool on a rack. Yield: 20.

Note: To blanch almonds: Place water in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Add almonds and boil 10 seconds. To test if done, remove one almond with a slotted spoon, press with thumb and finger. If skin slips away from almond, it is done; otherwise, boil a few seconds longer. Drain and peel. Spread in a single layer on paper towels and pat dry. When dry, grind.

MINI CHOCOLATE MACAROONS

3 egg whites
2/3 cup sugar
1 cup coconut
4 oz. unsweetened baking chocolate
1/4 cup oil

Preheat oven to 325. Grease cookie sheets. Beat egg whites until stiff peaks appear. Add sugar and beat a while longer. Place coconut, unsweetened baking chocolate and oil in a mixing bowl. Fold in egg whites.

Drop by teaspoon onto greased cookie sheet. Bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes. Transfer to rack to cool. Yield: 40.

Hearty conventional and innovative fare

Randy Fingrut
Special to The CJN

Are you game for a walk down memory lane? Set your Passover table with your finest dishes and get ready to bring back many family seder recollections of traditional and tasty Passover dinners. Take your pick from these delicious Passover dinner recipes. These hearty Passover dishes, a mix of conventional and innovative, will put the perfect finishing touch on your seder. Serving hearty Passover fare will not only evoke many childhood memories, it will also make your seder a memorable gathering for family and friends this year.

VEGETABLE MATZAH BALLS IN SPIKED TOMATO SAUCE

This Passover, you won't even miss pasta night! Vegetable matzah balls covered with delicious spiked tomato sauce are an appetizing alternative to pasta, and for that matter, meatballs as well. Lightened up with fresh vegetables, the mouth-watering, handmade matzah balls are easier to prepare than you may guess. The matzah balls also work well to switch up your chicken soup.

Matzah Balls
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 medium onion, peeled
1 large carrot, peeled
2 large celery ribs
1 green pepper, stem and seeds removed
4 eggs, beaten
1/2 tsp. pepper
2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. dried basil
1 tsp. dried oregano
2 cups matzah meal

Start a large pot of water to boil. Chop the onion and vegetables to a fine dice. In a large frying pan, heat oil, then sauté the onion until soft and golden. Add vegetables and continue to cook until soft. Remove from heat and cool. In a large bowl, add salt, pepper, basil and oregano to beaten eggs. Add vegetables with the remaining ojl, and then the matzah meal. Mix well. Shape into balls and drop into the boiling water. Cook covered, on a medium heat, for 25 minutes.

Tomato Sauce
1 1/2 cups tomato sauce
1 tsp. basil
1 tsp. oregano
1/4 cup kosher for Passover sweet red wine.

Mix all ingredients together in a saucepan on stove or in a covered microwave safe dish in microwave, bring to a boil and remove from heat. Pour heated sauce over matzah balls before serving.

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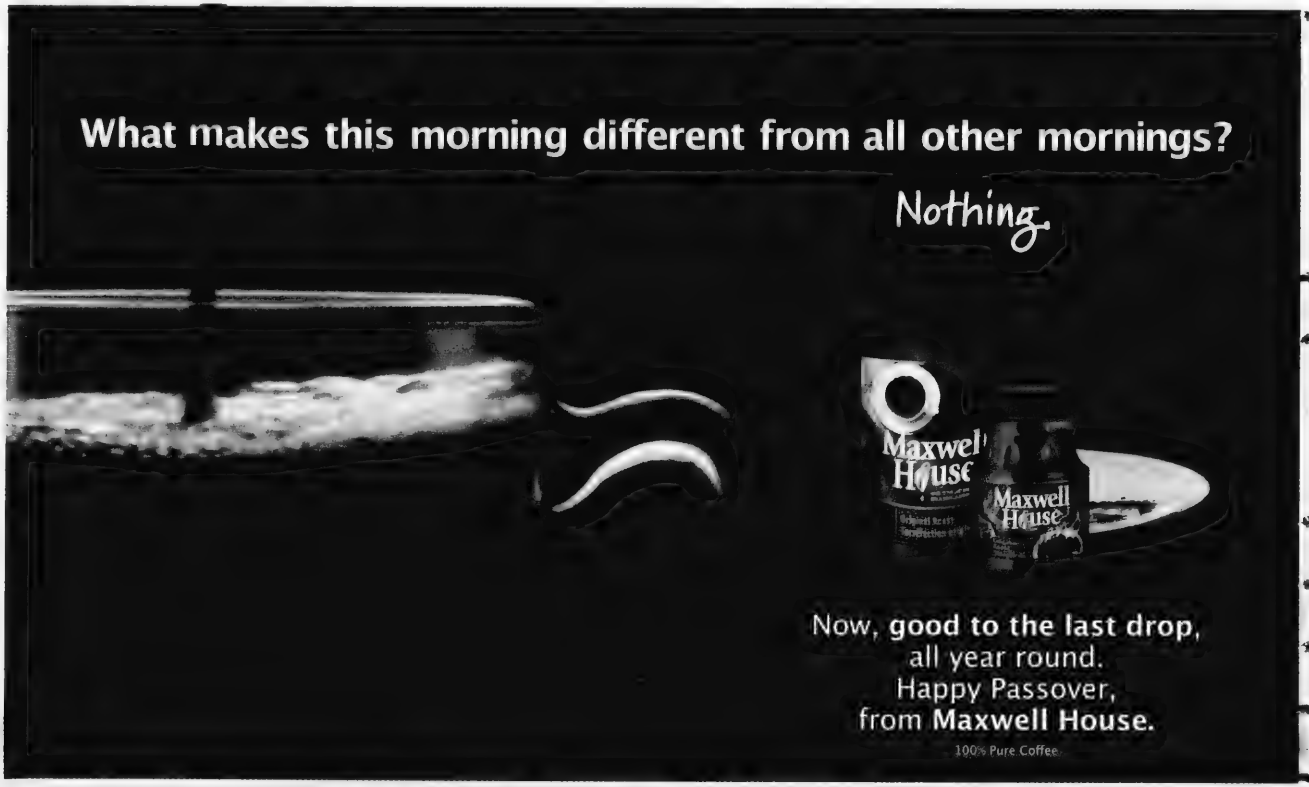

Traditional recipes bring back memories

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STUFFED CABBAGE ROLLS

These are tender cabbage rolls filled with beef, swimming in a saucy little bath of stewed sweet and sour tomato sauce. This comfort food is guaranteed to be number 1 on your list to stir up memories of family gatherings gone by.

1 large cabbage

Filling
1 lb. lean ground beef
1 cup matzah farfel
1 egg
1 small onion, finely chopped
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
2 tbsp. tomato sauce

Sauce
juice of two lemons
1 1/2 cups tomato sauce
1 can stewed tomatoes, chopped
1/3 cup brown sugar, packed
salt and pepper to taste.

In a large bowl, mix together ingredients for filling. Refrigerate.

Rinse the cabbage and place on a plate in the microwave. Cook on high for 10 minutes or until leaves soften and become easy to move. Plunge into a bowl of cold water to cool and loosen leaves. Carefully peel leaf back from cabbage, cutting it away at the core. If inner leaves are not softened, replace the cabbage in the microwave for 3 minutes. Repeat if necessary.

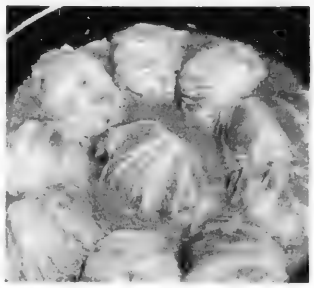
Cut out hard rib from the bottom of each leaf, set aside. When most of the leaves have been removed and all that remains is the centre of the cabbage, cut up the remaining cabbage. Place the cut cabbage along with the ends of each leaf at the bottom of a large, oven-proof Dutch oven.

Now start stuffing the leaves. Take about 1 heaping tbsp. of the beef filling and place it at the bottom of the leaf, where the hard rib was removed. First, roll up one time, then, envelope style, fold over one side then the other side. Continue rolling up until all the leaf is used and place seam down over the cut cabbage in the pot. Continue with the remainder of the filling and the leaves, placing the rolls, seam down, in rows on top of each other.

Pour sauce over cabbage rolls and cook, covered, on the stove at medium-high heat, for 2 hours.

Remove from stove, baste the top of the cabbage rolls with sauce from the pot, and place in a 350-degree oven, uncovered, for 1/2 hour.

May be made ahead. Reheat in the microwave.



OLD-FASHIONED BEEF STEW

Best made a day ahead, this hearty stew goes great with mashed potatoes.

3 tbsp. vegetable oil, plus 1 tbsp. vegetable oil
1 1/2 lb. stewing beef, fat removed, cut into 1-in. cubes.
4 tbsp. potato starch
4 large cloves of garlic, sliced
14 mini-potatoes, sliced in half
7 stocks of celery, sliced into 1/2-in. pieces
3 zucchinis, cut lengthwise into 4 pieces then chopped into 1/2-in. pieces
3 large carrots, sliced into 1/2-in. pieces
4 cups beef or chicken stock
2 tsp. dried thyme
2 tsp. dried rosemary
2 tsp. dried chives, or 2 tbsp. fresh chives, finely chopped
2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
3 tbsp. kosher for Passover, sweet red wine

Heat 3 tbsp. of oil in a large nonstick pan. Coat beef in potato starch and, in two or three batches, brown in hot oil. Remove browned beef to a large Dutch oven.

Add 1 tbsp. oil to pan, and sauté garlic until soft. Add garlic and remaining ingredients to Dutch oven, and, stirring occasionally, simmer covered over low heat 1-1/2 hours, or until beef is tender. After cooking, skim off fat. Freezes well.

Note: Veal may be substituted for beef.

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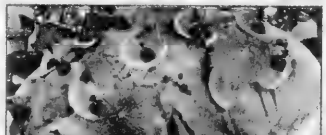

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'Premium' wines for Passover

Yonatan Sternberg
Special to The CJN

With Passover only a few weeks away, it's time to start thinking about which wines you are going to serve on this festive holiday. An Orthodox friend of mine recently told me that on seder night, he always makes a point of buying at least one bottle of "premium" kosher Israeli wine to serve to his guests.

According to his philosophy, as drinking wine during the seder is officially a mitzvah, buying a special bottle of wine for the occasion is considered as a *hiddur mitzvah*, a beautification of the mitzvah. The concept of hiddur mitzvah is derived from Rabbi Ishmael's comment on the verse, "This is my God and I will glorify him" (Exodus 15:2) – "Is it possible for a human being to add glory to his Creator? What this really means is: I shall glorify Him in the way I perform mitzvot. I shall prepare before Him a beautiful lulav, beautiful sukkah..."(Midrash Mekhilta - a halachic midrash to the Book of Exodus).

Hiddur mitzvah basically means taking the time and making an effort to create or acquire (within budgetary constraints, of course) the most beautiful, most ascetic and highest quality object possible to perform a given mitzvah.

While certain wine-producing countries like France, Germany and Spain have set standards and categories for the different qualities of wines or vineyards, in Israel such categories do not exist. A "premium" wine is usually considered as such according to its price tag and the scores it receives from wine critics. It is important to remember that the fact that a wine sells for over $50 a bottle or received 93 points from critics does not necessarily mean that you will enjoy it, and at the end of the day, your taste is the one that counts.

Following are several holiday wine suggestions as well as tasting notes for a few "premium" wines currently on the market:

Barkan, Cabernet Sauvignon, Altitude +624, 2007, is produced using 100 per cent Cabernet Sauvignon grapes harvested from the Alma vineyard, situated at 624 metres above sea level. This full-bodied Cabernet offers layered aromas of black berry fruits, plums and cherries, along with spices, purple flowers, oak and a touch of vanilla.

Barkan, Cabernet Sauvignon, Superieur 2007 – The latest release from the Barkan Winery, Superieur, is considered the winery's flagship label and consists of several varietal red wines, namely: Merlot, Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and a Pinotage-based wine. The Cab Superieur 07 is full-bodied and, in my opinion, more elegant than previous vintages. One hundred per cent Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from vineyards in the Upper Galilee, aged for

21 months in primarily French and some American oak barrels, still rather firm, the wine suggests black berry fruits, young plums, roasted coffee beans and vanilla followed by hints of fresh herbs and a touch of dark chocolate.

Binyamina, Avnei Hachoshen, Ya'halom, 2007 – A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (50 per cent), Syrah (30 per cent) and Petit Verdot (20 per cent), in my opinion, is one of the best wines produced by Binyamina in recent years. Dark ruby in colour, the wine shows aromas of both red and black berry fruits, fresh herbs along with slight coffee and earthy notes, all leading to a long finish.

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You can still prepare that dish – use substitutions

Eileen Goltz
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At some point during Pesach preparations, we've all tried to convert a mainstream recipe into a Pesach one, only to discover that we don't have a clue as to what to substitute for a chametz ingredient. This panic moment is why I started compiling my complete list of Passover substitutes. I've added some great new substitutions this year. If anyone has any other substitutions that they would like to share please let me know at eztlog@gmail.com.

1 oz. baking chocolate (unsweetened chocolate) = 3 tbsp. unsweetened cocoa powder plus 1 tbsp. oil or melted margarine

16 oz. semi-sweet chocolate = 6 tbsp. unsweetened cocoa powder plus 1/4 cup oil and 7 tbsp. granulated sugar

14 oz. sweet chocolate (German-type) = 3 tbsp. unsweetened cocoa powder plus 2-2/3 tbsp. oil and 4-1/2 tbsp. granulated sugar

1 cup confectioners' sugar = 1 cup granulated sugar minus 1 tbsp. sugar plus 1 tbsp. potato starch pulsed in a food processor or blender

1 cup sour milk or buttermilk for dairy baking = 1 tbsp. lemon juice in a 1 cup measure, then fill to 1 cup with Passover nondairy creamer. Stir and steep 5 minutes

Butter in baking or cooking – use pareve Passover margarine in equal amounts. Use a bit less salt

1 cup honey = 1-1/4 cups granulated sugar plus 1/4 cup water

1 cup corn syrup = 1-1/4 cups granulated sugar plus 1/3 cup water, boiled until syrupy

1 cup vanilla sugar = 1 cup granulated sugar with 1 split vanilla bean left for at least 24 hours in a tightly covered jar

1 cup flour – substitute 5/8 cup matzah cake meal or potato starch, or a combination sifted together

1 tbsp. flour = 1/2 tbsp. potato starch

1 cup corn starch = 7/8 cup potato starch

1 tsp. cream of tartar = 1-1/2 tsp. lemon juice or 1-1/2 tsp. vinegar

1 cup graham cracker crumbs = 1 cup ground cookies or soup nuts plus 1 tsp. cinnamon

1 cup bread crumbs = 1 cup matzah meal

1 cup matzah meal = 3 matzot ground in a food processor

1 cup matzah cake meal = 1 cup plus 2 tbsp. matzah meal finely ground in a blender or food processor and sifted

3 crumbled matzot = 2 cups matzah farfel

1 cup (8 oz.) cream cheese = 1 cup cottage cheese pureed with 1/2 stick butter or margarine

chicken fat or gribenes = 2 caramelized onions. Saute 2 sliced onions in 2 tbsp. oil and 2 tbsp. sugar. Cook until the onions are soft. Puree the onions once they are golden.

1 cup milk (for baking) = 1 cup water plus 2 tbsp. margarine, or 1/2 cup fruit juice plus 1/2 cup water.

1-1/4 cup sweetened condensed milk =1 cup instant nonfat dry milk, 2/3 cup sugar, 1/3 cup boiling water and 3 tbsp. margarine. Blend all the ingredients until smooth. To thicken, let set in the refrigerator for 24 hours.

1 cup wine = 13 tbsp. water, 3 tbsp. lemon juice and 1 tbsp. sugar. Mix together and let set for 10 minutes.

For frying: Instead of chicken fat, use combination of olive oil or vegetable oil and 1 to 2 tbsp. pareve Passover margarine.

Italian seasoning = 1/4 tsp. each dried oregano leaves, dried marjoram leaves and dried basil leaves plus 1/8 tsp. rubbed dried sage. This can be substituted for 1-1/2 tsp. Italian seasoning.

Curry powder = 2 tbsp. ground coriander, 1 tbsp. black pepper, 2 tbsp. red pepper, 2 tbsp. turmeric, 2 tbsp. ground ginger. Makes 2/3 cup.

Pancake syrup = use fruit jelly, not jam, and add a little water to thin. I always like to combine the jelly and water in a microwave safe bowl and heat it gently before I serve it.

Seasoned rice wine vinegar = 3 tbsp. white vinegar, 1 tbsp. white wine, 1 tbsp. sugar, 1/2 tsp. salt. Mix to combine. Makes 1/4 cup

Flavoured vinegar = lemon juice in cooking or salad, grapefruit juice in salads, wine in marinades.

Water chestnuts – substitute raw jicama

Orange liqueur – substitute an equal amount of frozen orange juice concentrate

SOY SAUCE SUBSTITUTE

This soy sauce substitute doesn't taste exactly like the real thing, but it makes a flavourful alternative for Pesach stir fry.

2 tbsp. beef broth
1 tbsp. red wine vinegar
1 tsp. balsamic vinegar
1 tbsp. brown sugar
1 tsp. oil
1/8 tsp. garlic powder
black pepper to taste
1/4 cup boiling water

Combine all the ingredients. At this point, you can either (a) use the sauce as is, leaving for an hour to give the flavours a chance to blend, or (b) for a thicker, richer sauce, boil the liquid until it is reduced by half, about 3 tablespoons. Store in a sealed container in the refrigerator. Makes 2/3 cup. Use the sauce within 3-4 days.

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This is creamy and you can use it in any recipe that calls for sour cream. It refrigerates well.

1 cup raw cashews (must not be roasted or salted)
1/4 cup cold water
1/4 tsp. salt
1-2 tsp. apple cider vinegar
1 small lemon, juice only

Cover cashews with water and soak for a few hours, or overnight. Pour off all water, and place nuts in food processor. Add 1/4 cup cold water, salt, vinegar and lemon juice. Puree for 3-4 minutes or until completely smooth and creamy in consistency. Use in any recipe that calls for sour cream. Refrigerate in an airtight container for up to a week. Makes 1 cup.

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Carmel, Limited Edition, 2007 – A blend of 57 per cent Cabernet Sauvignon, 31 per cent Petit Verdot, five per cent Merlot, five per cent Malbec and two per cent Cabernet Franc, it is dark ruby with purple reflections, full-bodied, with good acidity, on the first attack notes of green pepper followed by pleasant aromas of dark berry fruits, black cherries and toasted oak leading to a long and pleasant finish.

Carmel, Mediterranean Blend, 2007 – steering away from the everyday Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, last year the Carmel winery released a blend based on Mediterranean grape varieties: Carignan, Shiraz, Petit Verdot, Petite Sirah and a dash of Viognier. The wine offers generous aromas of both black and red berry fruits, cherries and violets, followed by toasted oak and dry herbs.

This is part of a welcome trend, set by several Israeli wineries, to grow grape varieties that better suit the local climate. Carmel's Carignan, old vines and the Petite Sirah of the winery's Appellation label are definitely worth a try. The Binyamina Winery also recently released a very enjoyable Carignan as part of the winery's Reserve label.

Dalton, Matatia, 2006 – This is an elegant and well-balanced Bordeaux-style blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Full-bodied and almost garnet in colour, the wine offers layered aromas of various black and red fruits: plums, cherries and blackberries come to mind, along with hints of fresh herbs, black pepper and dark chocolate, all leading to a long and satisfying finish.

Domaine du Castel, Grand Vin 2007 – Full-bodied and well-balanced, this elegant red blend offers layered aromas of various black and red berry fruits, plums, chocolate covered citrus peels, with in the background, hints of fresh herbs and just a touch of anise. By the way – since the 2003 vintage, all of the Castel wines have received kashrut certification.

Ella Valley, "E," 2007 – Last year, the winery officially released its new flagship vino simply titled "E," in a limited edition of 2,200 bottles. Dark ruby in colour, full-bodied, offering layered aromas and flavours of ripe plums, blueberries and black berry fruits, all followed by notes of black pepper, cloves and oak, leading to a long and generous finish.

Galil Mountain, Yiron, 2007 – A blend of 62 per cent Cabernet Sauvignon, 31 per cent Merlot and 7 per cent Syrah, full-bodied, the wine is fruit forward and a bit bombastic, showing generous aromas and flavours of dark berry fruits, sweet spices, plums and cherries, followed by notes of vanilla and bittersweet chocolate.

Golan Heights, Rom, 2007 – The winery recently released the Rom 07 which like the Rom 06 was also produced with the assistance of internationally recognized wine consultant Zelma Long. A full-bodied, concentrated blend of 53 per cent Cabernet Sauvignon, 24 per cent Merlot and 23 per cent Syrah, it opens with plenty of fruit – red cherries, blackberries and blueberries come to mind. These are followed by sweet spices, cinnamon, toasted oak and bittersweet chocolate that come together nicely to a long and satisfying finish.

The Golan Heights Winery also released the new Katzrin red blend from the 2007 vintage, which is definitely up to par compared to previous Katzrin releases – good structure, generous fruit and pleasant spices but still rather firm and not yet approachable. If you are thinking of serving it on Passover of 2014, it is advised to pick up a bottle and keep in the cellar for a few years. As time goes by, this wine is not always easy to find.

Golan Heights, Cabernet Sauvignon, El Rom Vineyard, 2007 – Full-bodied, the wine suggests concentrated aromas of dark berry fruits, dried cherries, purple flowers and slight earthy and dark chocolate notes, all coming together nicely and leading to a long finish.

Segal, Cabernet Sauvignon, Unfiltered, 2007 – Segal's flagship vino was produced that year using 90 per cent Cabernet Sauvignon from the Dishon and Dovev vineyards and 10 per cent Merlot from Dovev as well. Aged for 19 months in a mix of French, American and Central European oak barrels, the wine is full-bodied, displaying pleasant dark and red berry fruits alongside notes of black pepper, dark chocolate and just a touch of smoked meat, all leading to a long and satisfying finish. It's a rather food friendly wine, but very enjoyable on its own as well.

1848, Special Reserve, 2006 – A new release from a newly established winery, the 1848 Special Reserve is a blend of 78 per cent Cabernet Sauvignon and 22 per cent Petite Sirah. The wine was aged for 30 months in both new and used French oak barrels. Dark and concentrated in colour, full-bodied, the Special Reserve suggests various berry fruits, ripe plums, raspberries followed by notes of leather and toasted oak.

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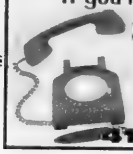
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Yanofsky to perform at Crohn's, colitis fundraiser

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Singer Nikki Yanofsky is the headliner at this year's All That Glitters Gala, in support of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada.

As well, some talented up-and-comers are also featured at the event, called A GLEEful Gala. More than 1,000 guests are expected to attend the fundraiser to be held in May at Exhibition Place in Toronto.

Ronda Taylor has been a volunteer and fundraiser for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada (CCFC) since her daughter, Jessica, was diagnosed with Crohn's colitis eight years ago. This year, Taylor has taken on the position of chair for the event.

"Research has shown evidence of a genetic predisposition to chronic IBD [inflammatory bowel disease] among Jews of eastern European descent. After seeing first-hand how very debilitating these illnesses can be, I decided it was my time to help," she said.

The CCFC will fund more than $5 million worth of research this year, but the organization still had to turn down at least 11 applications. "We are committed as a foundation and committee not to stop raising the necessary funds for these illnesses until there is a cure," Taylor said.

Over the past 15 years, the All That Glitters' Toronto chapter has raised over $8 million, she said. "The gala is an important tool in raising awareness for these debilitating illnesses. By educating Canadians about IBD, we can lift the veil of silence that often surrounds Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis."

Issues such as the lack of awareness of IBD as a chronic disease, social stigma and the lack of equitable access to expensive IBD medications are prime focuses in the CCFC's national and international awareness campaigns, Taylor said.

In the past 18 months, Taylor witnessed the horrors of Crohn's disease, with the death of her aunt, Gail Fein-Simcoe, from complications of her illness. One of the committee's most dedicated fundraisers and volunteers, Mimi Greenspoon, also suffered the tragic loss of her son, Lee Greenspoon.

"We have an amazing executive and general committee that work tirelessly for our successes," Taylor said. "We are thrilled with the response to our event this year. We anticipate having the best All That Glitters' Gala to date and raise the much-needed funds so no one has to know the horrors of losing a child or a loved one."

The CCFC was founded in 1974 by a group of parents whose children were diagnosed with IBD. They were concerned about the lack of funding for IBD research, and they were interested in learning more about Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

CCFC has grown to become a world leader in IBD research funding. Through the support of sponsors and donors, CCFC funds research projects that probe the mysteries of IBD. Life-altering treatments have been developed as a result of these discoveries.

Nikki Yanofsky

Tickets for the May 4 gala are $500 each and can be purchased at www.allthatglittersgala.com. Cocktails begin at 6:30 and dinner follows at 7:30. Information about donations and sponsorship can also be found on the website.

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Yanofsky, recently kicked off a three-city U.S. tour with jazz divas Jane Monheit and Dianne Reeves, according to *CJN* reporter Marvin Glassman. Yanofsky sang and scatted five songs from her latest CD, *Nikki*, on March 18 at the Arsht Centre in Miami, Fla.

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Syrian forces fire upon protesters, witness says

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JERUSALEM — Syrian security forces opened fire on hundreds of demonstrators chanting against emergency laws in the southern city of Daraa on Monday, a witness said.

The demonstrators had converged on a main square in the city, chanting, "We want dignity and freedom," and, "No to emergency laws," the witness said.

Syria has been rocked by more than a week of demonstrations that began in the southern city of Daraa and exploded nationwide on Friday.

In a move to quell the unrest, Syrian Vice-President Farouq Shara said on Monday that President Bashar Assad would announce important decisions that will "please the Syrian people" in the next two days.

Bashar Assad

Shara was speaking to Lebanese Hezbollah's Al-Manar television. The station did not give further details. Assad has been facing the biggest challenge to his 11-year rule after two weeks of anti-government protests spread across the country.

Assad pledged several reforms after the unrest began in the country, but his efforts failed to appease protesters who are enraged after a violent crackdown on demonstrations in several cities.

At least 55 people are believed to have been killed in and around Daraa alone, as secret police and special forces try to quell the protests.

Earlier in the day, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said that he had spoken to Assad twice in the past three days and advised the Syrian leader to answer the people's calls with a reformist, positive approach.

Syria is working on reforms, including lifting emergency rule and restrictions on political parties, Erdogan said.

But activists continue to call for protests ahead of Assad's expected speech.

"We call for daily demonstrations and will not announce a place for protesters to gather because police will turn these areas into military zones," activists said on the Facebook page The Syrian Revolution 2011.

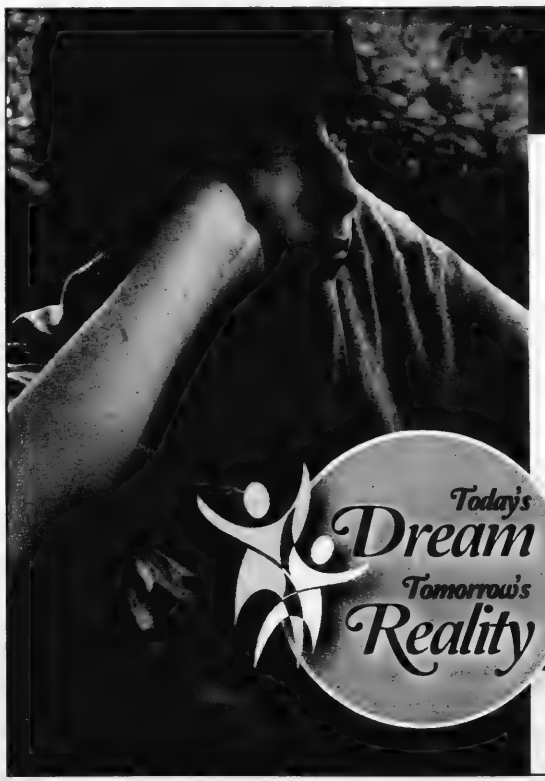
> *At least 55 people are believed to have been killed in and around Daraa alone*

On Sunday, the Interior Ministry urged Syrians on Sunday not to respond to calls to protest near Damascus' Umayyad Square.

"These messages you are receiving on your phones are the work of the people who want to incite strife in Syria," state television said.

Assad has convened the leadership of his Baath party to consider the steps to take to quell the unrest. Hezbollah's Al-Manar television in Lebanon reported that a shake-up of the Syrian cabinet was one of the moves being debated, along with the release of political prisoners.

Bashar Assad has been president since 2000, taking over after the death of his father, Hafez.



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Canada condemns Jerusalem bombing

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

The deadly Jerusalem bomb blast that killed one woman and sent dozens to hospital on March 23 was immediately denounced by Canadian officials and representatives of the Canadian Jewish community.

Two of the injuries in the attack, which took place shortly before 3 p.m., were considered serious, according to news reports citing Magen David Adom. One of the injured went straight to surgery at Hadassah Hospital. Five others were reported in moderate condition, injured by shrapnel packed into the one-to-two-kilogram bomb.

The woman who died was Mary Jean Gardner, a 59-year-old British national. The evangelical Christian and Bible translator was studying Hebrew at Hebrew University.

Police said the bomb was left in a bag either in a telephone booth next to a busy bus stop or at the bus stop itself, along a main artery in central Jerusalem, near the International Convention Center and about a block from the city's central bus terminal. The blast blew out the windows of two buses picking up passengers.

In a statement, Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon called the attack "an act of terror against the Israeli people."

"Our thoughts are with the victims and their families, and with the people of Israel. These heinous acts of terror must not be tolerated. Those behind this criminal act must be held accountable," he said.

Cannon also urged Israelis and Palestinians not to let this event derail the peace process and noted that Canada "stands ready" to assist with peace negotiations "if asked."

Also in a statement, Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff also referred to the bombing as "an act of terror" and expressed his party's sympathy to those affected in Israel.

"At a time when the region faces great challenges and is undergoing momentous change, all actors and states must also condemn this affront to peace, security and human life," Ignatieff said.

In a joint statement, the Canada-Israel Committee and the Canadian Council on Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA), said "extremists" were not only behind this attack, but also the renewed firing of rockets into Israel from Gaza and the recent brutal murders of five Israeli family members in Itamar.

CIC chair Moshe Ronen said the extremists "are cynically trying to provoke Israel into a military response that will no doubt be used as an excuse by the Palestinian leadership to continue avoiding peace negotiations, and to further isolate Israel in the international arena."

Steven Cummings, national chair of CIJA, added: "Now more than ever, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas must accept Israel's offer to negotiate a comprehensive [peace] agreement immediately."

B'nai Brith Canada CEO Frank Dimant said in a statement that the bombing's timing "clearly suggests that this was a thinly veiled attempt by Islamists to try to refocus the international community on Israel and away from the brutal attempts by Libya and Arab regimes to quell the struggle for democracy in the Middle East and Northern Africa."

In a statement, Canadian Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center (FSWC) called the bombing the "most serious" of recent attacks by "Gazan terrorists."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who delayed by several hours leaving on a planned trip to Moscow, said following the attack that his government has had a clear and successful policy on security, including "a vigorous response to any attempt to harm Israeli citizens, and systematic and assertive preventive measures against terrorism," which have led to two years of relative quiet.

U.S. President Barack Obama, in condemning the bombing, stressed that "Israel, like all other nations, has a right to self-defence" and "in the strongest possible terms." In the same statement, Obama offered condolences for the March 22 deaths of Palestinian civilians in Gaza that were caused by Israeli tank fire.

Palestinian terror groups in Gaza praised the bombing. Islamic Jihad spokesman Abu Ahmed called the attack a "natural response to the enemy's crimes. It is a clear and powerful message to Israel that her crimes won't be able to break the resistance."

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She went straight to the ER

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By the time she arrived on the scene, her friend, quite shaken and scared, had already taken a ride back to her seminary. Kaye stayed to help, but soon realized she could be of most assistance at the hospital where she was a volunteer. Many of the wounded, who had been hurt by the flying shrapnel of steel balls, nails and screws embedded in the bomb, had been taken to Shaare Zedek, with the balance going to the Hadassah Ein Kerem Medical Center, Hadassah-Mount Scopus and Bikur Cholim hospitals. Kaye ran back to the hospital.

She went straight to the ER, where she was immediately put to work. "All hands were on deck," she said.

The severely injured were rushed into surgery, while the less severe cases were treated in the emergency ward. Kaye found herself in a room with five victims who had already received initial treatment.

"They had bandages around their legs, and there was lots of blood. It looked as though their legs had been badly burnt," Kaye said. She comforted one teenaged victim who was waiting for his mother – stuck in traffic – to arrive at the hospital. "He used my cellphone to call her, and I held the phone to his ear because his hands were bandaged. Seeing this kid in pain and shock was terrible."

As a regular volunteer helping the elderly in the geriatric rehabilitation ward with their meals, she is often confronted with death. "People die every day. Just today, three people died on my ward," Kaye said, the day after the terror attack. "Working in the ER during a terror attack was very different. It was scary. But I don't want to dwell on it. Thank God there was only one death."

Kaye said she was surprised to discover how efficiently the ER operated in response to the attack. "They are very organized, thank God. If this happened anywhere else in the world, it would not have been as organized as it was. They are very on top of things."

According to Kaye's friend, Vivi Stahl, an interning physician at Shaare Zedek, the hospital's efficiency can be attributed to its staff's extraordinary experience in dealing with multi-casualty incidents.

"It was so efficient last night because they know exactly what they're doing. Everybody is prepared," said Stahl, 29, "Most of the staff are seasoned veterans and worked through the last intifadah, when [terror attacks] like this happened on a regular basis."

Stahl, originally from Teaneck, N.J., helped a few victims of the bombing who were rushed to the internal medicine ward where she works. She said the strangest part of the event was having to continue working side-by-side with Arab colleagues.

"The truth is that it was really hard to look them in the face. It was tense," she said, adding that usually, the Jewish and Arab doctors and nurses not only work together, but are great friends. "But we had to move past it very quickly, because when you're trying to save a patient, nothing that's going on outside matters. That's just the way medicine is."

For Stahl, it was strange just to be there. "I wasn't watching it on TV. I was actually [there]," she said.

The experience affected her deeply. "I went into the volunteer program to make a contribution, and for the first time, I really felt needed by my country," she said.

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Israel sends medical delegation to Japan

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TOKYO — An Israeli medical delegation landed in Tokyo late Sunday as Israel prepares to open a field hospital in Japan's quake-ravaged Miyagi prefecture. Miyagi is one of the areas worst hit by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami which destroyed parts of the country.

The Israeli field hospital is to operate in Kurihara for a month, the Israeli military said on Monday. The closest hospital, a small one, is 1-1/2 hours away by car.

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"This is not a life-saving mission, like that of Haiti," said chief medical officer, Brigadier Nachman Esh, but the delegation would do important work attending to mostly older farmers living in the area.

The plane transporting the 50-member medical corps team was followed by a cargo plane carrying tons of equipment, including blankets, coats, and portable toilets.

Although Israel offered aid on the first day of the disaster, it took some time for Japan to accept the offer, on the condition that the delegation function independently, without logistical help from Japanese authorities, who are dealing with many other problems.

The delegation will help victims who survived the 9.0 magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami which swept through the area.

Despite widespread international assistance sent to Japan, Israel is one of the first countries to dispatch a medical delegation to the country.

An estimated 10,000 people were killed and over 17,000 people remain unaccounted for in the combined earthquake tsunami disaster that struck Japan.

The Israeli embassy in Tokyo and the foreign ministry will help co-ordinate communications between the Japanese authorities and the IDF.

Almost 15,000 homes across northeastern Japan have been destroyed by the disaster, and more than 100,000 damaged.

At the request of the Japanese National Disaster Center, the Israeli Foreign and Defence ministries also has sent 10,000 coats, 6,000 blankets, 6,000 pairs of gloves and 150 mobile toilets to the stricken area.

Israel Briefs

Dylan to perform in Israel

Bob Dylan will hold a single concert in Israel on June 20 at the Ramat Gan stadium, where Leonard Cohen and Elton John recently performed, it was confirmed last week. Dylan, who turns 70 in May, will arrive in Israel as part of a world tour that begins in Asia two weeks earlier and will conclude in Denmark in late June. This will be his third performance in Israel, following a concert in 1987 and another in 1993. He also visited Israel on his own in the 1960s. Dylan is expected to perform songs from all five decades of his musical career. Justin Bieber is scheduled to perform in Israel during the Passover holiday.

Facebook purchases Israeli start-up

Facebook is purchasing its first Israeli company, a start-up called Snaptu. Facebook will pay an estimated $60 to $70 million, according to reports citing market sources. The deal is expected to be finalized in the next few weeks. The company, established in 2007 with offices in London, Tel Aviv and northern California's Silicon Valley, has developed applications that allow mobile phones, including non-smartphones, to access the Internet. The applications could apply to about 80 per cent of all mobile phones in use around the world.

Remove intifadah page, minister urges Facebook

An Israeli government minister has called on Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg to remove a page calling for a third Palestinian intifadah. Yuli Edelstein, minister of diplomacy and Diaspora affairs, in a letter sent last week called Zuckerberg's attention to the Facebook page "Third Palestinian Intifada," which calls for a third Palestinian uprising to begin May 15. The page, which has more than 230,000 friends, includes quotes and film clips calling for killing Jews and Israelis, and for "liberating" Jerusalem and Palestine using violence. "As Facebook's CEO and founder, you are obviously aware of the site's great potential to rally the masses around good causes, and we are all thankful for that," Edelstein wrote. "However, such potential comes hand in hand with the ability to cause great harm, such as in the case of the wild incitement displayed on the above-mentioned page."

Katsav sentenced

Former Israeli President Moshe Katsav was sentenced by a panel of three Tel Aviv District Court judges last week, after being convicted weeks ago of rape and sexual assault, to seven years in jail. He was also ordered to pay compensation to his victims. The sentence came nearly five years after he was first accused. Katsav, 65, reportedly began sobbing after the verdict was read and then yelled out several times, interrupting the judges, saying "It's all lies."

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Hadracha helps young Jews get self-sufficient

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

It's not exactly the *Dragon's Den* – no-one is going to pony up big dollars for a piece of an innovative product – but getting young entrepreneurs to stand up and pitch their ideas to a business planning consultant is certainly an important step on the road to economic self-sufficiency.

At least it is according to the brain trust behind Hadracha, a relatively new entry into the field of career counselling and business development. Launched in November 2010, Hadracha is a non-profit organization aimed at helping Jews, mainly from the Orthodox community, embark on a career or start a business.

Part of its mentoring strategy is to have prospective entrepreneurs make a pitch before a specialist who can guide them toward possible business opportunities.

But that stage is already further down the checklist of interventions being proposed by Hadracha. According to Yis (short for Yisroel) Cohen, Hadracha is proposing a "triage" approach to its clients that will help them determine the best course of action toward achieving their career goals.

"Our hope is that Hadracha will be a point of entry for folks who need some attention and who are insecure or uncomfortable going to other service providers," Cohen said. "They need someone or some program to help them build their confidence and clarify if they are really cut out for business."

Hadracha's involvement begins with an intake interview in which the prospective client is asked to outline his or her goals, strengths and skills. From there, those expressing an interest in running a business may be given an appointment with a professional industrial psychologist who can perform a career assessment test. A meeting with a business plan expert could follow.

If they are deemed to be a better fit for traditional employment, they may be directed to subsequent interviews with other community services such as JVS Toronto or Kesher Employment Services.

While other community agencies should play a role, Cohen believes many in the Orthodox community will do better with Hadracha's involvement. "They need more hand-holding, private conversations, the sensitivity and understanding, so that the client is made to feel comfortable," he said.

Managing each client's case "from the get-go, getting a feel for the individual from a personal business perspective is the linchpin here," he added.

Hadracha's game plan is to follow the clients throughout their journey through the agency maze, to receive reports and help integrate the services to best meet the clients' needs. "Over time, we will take them to a point that is close to the realization of their aspirations," he said.

Cohen, who worked in a similar field with Chassidim in Brooklyn, acknowledged that making the transition to gainful employment or starting a business can be difficult in the religious community.

The five volunteers who started Hadracha are themselves young professionals who wanted to ease the move for others.

"They recognized that there is economic pressure, particularly in the Orthodox community, where at a young age, they have a few children and the wife is not working and the husband is transitioning from intensive Torah studies to having to go into the workforce to get a secure job to meet the growing family's needs."

Mayer Plonka is one of the five. He works providing logistics for the trucking business, but four or five years ago, he was "stuck looking for a job and feeling lost." Though he managed through his own initiative to become gainfully employed, he feels that "I could have saved time if there was someone to talk to and get advice."

Many in the Orthodox community are unaware of resources that could help them, including those in the Jewish community such as JVS. Hadracha "is all about communicating and helping them navigate the system," Plonka said.

What Hadracha is attempting to do is "to create a mechanism to allow the Orthodox community to find their way to mentoring from people who have been through the ropes, with solid, successful business experience," Cohen added.

Hadracha's first program last November saw close to 200 people gather for a conference where speakers discussed the economy, innovation, creativity and the application of social media to business. That was followed by a number of workshops on starting businesses and financial literacy. Hadracha has contracted with the Toronto Business Development Centre and George Brown College to offer their programs off-site – once at a Jewish high school in the Bathurst Street and Lawrence Avenue area, and another time at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Synagogue (BAYT) in Thornhill. Participants are not charged any fees.

Participants feel more comfortable at those venues and they can network with each other, Plonka said.

Sixty-five men and 35 women have attended the workshops so far and three have gone on to meet with business consultants.

With an annual budget of $140,000, Hadracha is planning to hold mini-conferences for about 300 people and 48 workshops for 960 more this year.

"Our funding plan is to assist 60 people with career counselling and 60 with business consulting," Cohen said.

Assisting people to stand on their own two feet not only helps the individual, but has community-wide repercussions, Cohen said. It is expensive to juggle all the elements that go into a Jewish lifestyle – including private school, synagogue membership and kosher foods.

"Our mission statement references the fact this is nothing less than building a stronger community by building individuals and families," he said.

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Researchers warn of Israeli housing bubble

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JERUSALEM — A paper by researchers from the Faculty of Architecture and Town Planning at the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology concludes that price levels in the local housing market are showing signs of reaching bubble proportions similar to those elsewhere in 2007, before the global economic crisis.

The researchers do not, however, expect that prices will collapse here, as they did in other places then, thanks to the structure of the mortgage market and the current housing supply.

The paper, by Danny Ben-Shahar and doctoral student Yakov Varshavsky, will be included in a compilation of essays published by researchers from University of California at Berkeley. In it, the two examine the patterns of housing prices, focusing on the affordability of homes in Israel between 1989 and 2010 in terms of average net monthly household income.

The researchers found that between 1989 and 2008, the number of monthly incomes required to cover the price of an average dwelling rose from 47 to 60, or by 28.8 per cent. However, while for the top 10 percentile of income-earners this rose from 25 to 28 monthly earnings, or 13.6 per cent, for the bottom 10 percentile it soared from 109 monthly wages to 170 – a 56.7 per cent increase.

In analyzing affordability in different cities, the researchers found that for the wealthiest 10 per cent of the population, the number of monthly household incomes required to purchase a home in Tel Aviv rose from 1989 to 2010 by 10 to 43, while for the poorest 10 per cent, it rose by 120 months' salaries to 264 over the period.

In Haifa, the poor fared better: purchasing a home there required "just" 112 monthly earnings in 2008 for the lowest 10 per cent of earners, up 19 from 1989.

The researchers think that rising home prices in 2009 and 2010 have probably led to an even more extreme situation than the situation they found in 2008.

"We have found that the ratio of housing prices to income has recently reached not only an all-time high, but diverges dramatically and consistently from its long-term trend," Ben-Shahar said. "Potential homebuyers and policy-makers must carefully examine this disturbing phenomenon in comparison with worldwide housing markets in 2007, just before their collapse, so that it won't occur in Israel too."

Tovah Feldshuh brings Golda Meir to life

Kathryn Kates
Special to The CJN

Tony-nominated actor Tovah Feldshuh is bringing her Broadway hit *Golda's Balcony* to the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts.

The one-woman show, at the centre on April 4, for one night only, is about the life of former Israeli prime minister Golda Meir.

"The play shines a light on a woman who never expected to become prime minister and the greatest agony of her entire political career, which was the 1973 war and the surprise attack by [Egyptian president] Anwar Sadat across the Suez Canal on Yom Kippur," Feldshuh says.

"And, it shows how a mother and a wife, who also happens to be prime minister, deals with the possible annihilation of her country."

Feldshuh, a multi-award winning actor of stage, film and television who was nominated for her first Emmy for playing the freedom fighter Helena in the 1978 NBC mini-series *Holocaust*, takes us on Meir's journey from childhood to death's door at 78.

For *Golda's Balcony*, written by William Gibson, she portrays 36 different characters. The original concept of the play didn't involve playing all these characters. It was reconstructed to suit what the actor so enjoys, and thinks edgy and daring – portraying multiple characters – as she demonstrated in 2000, in her one-woman show, *Tovah: Out of Her Mind!*

"The reason her [Meir's] journey is so arresting is because she goes from under the staircases of Kiev, hiding from a pogrom, to the halls of the Knesset," Feldshuh says.

"She goes from a poverty-stricken life in Milwaukee and Denver, to helping to found the Jewish state, to tilling the soil, something she knew nothing about, and never getting sick... others were dropping like flies. Her husband, Morris, got malaria, but not she.

"The play will bring to life her relationship with Israel as her primogeniture. Israel was her most important child, and Golda was pulled between her personal and her state life, and she chose the state for the greater good. She was a true utopian socialist," Feldshuh continues.

"She loved her children dearly, but if it was between being with them when they were sick or trying to save the state, there was no choice, she went to the latter."

Feldshuh, who is married to New York attorney Andrew Harris Levy and has two grown children, Garson Brandon and Amanda Claire, relates to Meir as a mother.

"I think Meir sacrificed a great deal for the birth of the Jewish state, and the substance of the Jewish state. You think it is hard to create a Jewish state? Try to sustain it... now you're talking!

"Sometimes we have to make big choices if we are prime ministers, surgeons or generals. Happily for me, I'm but an artist and I'm not faced with a career in the military or the medical. Lives don't depend on it."

Feldshuh first played the role of Meir in 2002, and other than a 2003 charity performance in Montreal for a Jewish fraternity house that had been destroyed, the Richmond Hill performance is the only Canadian stop on her tour to date.

"I just think it will be a rare artistic opportunity for the audiences in the Toronto area to witness, on a very personal level, the agony and dilemma of military conflict," Feldshuh says.

"The choice to engage in it and the sacrifice it means, and the dilemma of Israel being chosen as an enemy of her neighbour states, unnecessarily, of course... I think for pride alone. I think this play is moving art. If I was invited to see *Golda's Balcony* with the original Broadway actor, I would go and I would take my children and my parents."

For tickets, call 905-787-8811 or visit www.rhcentre.ca.

Tovah Feldshuh stars in the one-woman show *Golda's Balcony* at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts.

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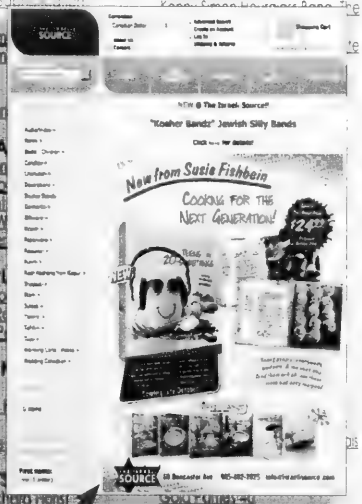

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Matisyahu to star in Chabad benefit concert

Marvin Glassman
Special To The CJN

Matisyahu singing and dancing in his black hat, black suit and yarmulke, with his tzitzit flying, doesn't look like most reggae stars.

An American chassidic artist, Matisyahu has fused the musical styles of reggae, rock, hip hop and band box rhythms to the poetry of words from the Torah. He has crossover appeal to Jews and non-Jews alike, especially among the under-30 age group.

Matisyahu, 32, has created unique songs such as *One Day* and *King Without a Crown*, which became a Billboard top 40 hit song in 2006. Matisyahu is so popular that he has performed several times on TV talk shows hosted by Jimmy Kimmel, Jay Leno and David Letterman.

"All my songs are influenced by teachings of Chassidim that inspired me," said Matisyahu in a phone interview.

"I want my music to touch people and make them think. Chassidim teaches that music is the quill of the soul. I have many fans because the music taps into a very deep place and speaks to us in a way that regular words can't."

Born Matthew Miller in West Chester, Pa., Matisyahu (his Hebrew name) was raised a Reconstructionist Jew but became Orthodox in 1996 while attending Alexander Muss High School in Israel.

Matisyahu became a ba'al tshuvah in 2001, affiliating with Chabad Lubavitch in Crown Heights in Brooklyn, where he now lives with his wife and two sons. Inspired by diverse musical artists such as Bob Marley, the rock band Phish and Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, Matisyahu has performed all over the world, including Israel.

"When I was a teen, I felt like I wasting my time playing music as nobody was paying attention. I prayed that God would show me what's real and true, then a whole path just opened up for me," Matisyahu said. "I am trying to be the person I am on stage and people respect that."

Matisyahu *[Episode Phive photo]*

Matisyahu is a gentle soul who has crossover appeal "because he is an exciting performer with unique music," said Yael Mamann, who chairs a benefit concert Matisyahu will perform for Uptown Chabad at the Toronto Centre For The Arts on April 5.

"He doesn't just say he is Jewish," Mamann said. "Matisyahu leads by example by spreading the words of the Torah in music that touches the soul and moves you, Jew and non-Jew alike."

Chabad will sponsor a pre-concert dinner with Matisyahu at 6:30 p.m. in the centre's lobby. Following the concert, a dessert meet-and-greet photo reception will be held with the performer.

Matisyahu looks forward to meeting his fans at concerts. "I feel it is important to greet people and know them like family. Without my fans, I would not have a career," he said.

"Learning that my concert will benefit a worthy organization like Uptown Chabad makes it sweeter to perform," he added.

Matisyahu performs in an acoustic concert with guitarist Adam Weinberg on April 5. For tickets, $40 to $250, go to www.uptownchabad.com or call 416-635-9696.

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Creativity is most important to actor who played in Incendies

Cara Stern
Special to The CJN

It's been a successful year for actor/designer Allen Altman, with two of his projects winning a slew of awards including eight Genie Awards, and one Oscar nomination.

The Montreal native who now lives in Toronto plays an Arabic notary in *Incendies*, the Canadian film nominated for Best Foreign Film at this year's Academy Awards.

The movie tells the story of twins who travel to Lebanon to unravel the mystery of their late mother's past. Altman plays the notary who helps them.

Incendies, shot in Montreal and directed by Denis Villeneuve, also won nine Jutras – the Quebec movie awards – on March 13.

"It's just such a wonderful story of humanity, of letting go of your anger, and all these messages that I think people really often don't want to discuss," Altman said in an interview. "But when they're put in a tableau of such a beautiful piece of art like this film, then they're discussed in a different way."

He calls his character, Notary Maddad, one of his most challenging to date. First, he had to learn to speak French with an Arabic accent. For that, he called on his childhood memories.

"I'm a Sephardic Jew, so my mom and dad spoke a little bit of Arabic when I was growing up," he said. "I knew the tonality that I was looking for, and what I was comfortable with."

Through mimicking an Arabic friend's accent and extensive training with a dialect coach, he was able to master a convincing accent.

Other challenges included learning the relatively large amount of dialogue that went with the role and not presenting it with a heavy hand.

"I think that was probably the most challenging part, finding the balance between giving justice to the importance of the situation but keeping it light and human," he said, explaining that his character often had to give intense, life-altering information.

Canadian films are not often nominated for Academy Awards – in the last 10 years, there have only been two others: *The Barbarian Invasions* (2004) and *Water* (2007).

He said the support for the film reminded him of the feelings of national pride in the Olympic gold medal men's hockey game against the United States.

"Everyone was just so proud to be Canadian – and I felt the same thing from the movie," he said.

Allen Altman *[Caitlin Cronenberg photo]*

In addition to helping him learn the accent, he said being Jewish, as an important part of him, would always affect or influence his roles.

"As a Jewish man, I grew up with traditions and core values that I often had to question, and the same thing happens in the movie," he said. "Every aspect of my being had a part in this film, and I put all of that in there."

His other recent roles include a profiler who helps capture a serial killer in a TV film called *Wandering Eye*.

"I really like to tell a story in that manner," he said, adding that his hope for the future is to go to Vancouver for a few months, and he would like to get a regular lead on a criminal or law-based television series.

When Altman's not acting in films or television, he practises Bikram yoga, a form of hot yoga done in a heated room.

"Often, life goes really, really quickly, and you need to find way to slow everything down and focus on yourself," he said.

He also runs an interior design company called Allen Altman Design, which he said is not so much a way of making money as another method of channelling his creativity.

"It all comes from the core essence of creativity, and for me… that's probably the most important aspect of my life," he said. "If I'm not creating something or working on something, I don't feel like I'm completely alive."

KINKY FRIEDMAN COMING TO TOWN

Self-proclaimed "original Texas Jewboy" **Kinky Friedman** is coming to town. The colourful, irreverent singer-author whose list of classic songs includes *They Ain't Making Jews Like Jesus Anymore* – serves up A Night of Raucous Humour and Biting Satirical Songs and Stories as a fund-raising evening for the Koffler Centre of the Arts.

St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, 27 Front St. W., Wednesday, May 4, 8 p.m. Cowpokes $100, Texas Longhorns $250. 416-638-1881, ext. 4269, www.kofflerarts.org

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• Toronto-based artists **Lenka Lichtenberg** and **Roula Said**, who are of Jewish and Arabic origins respectively, present Bridges, a concert that combines original and traditional Jewish and Arabic music. With musicians **Alan Hetherington**, **Chris Gartner**, **John Gzowski**, **Ernie Tollar**, **Kinneret Sagee** and **Ravi Naimpally**. Lula Lounge, 1585 Dundas St. W. Thursday, April 7, 9 p.m. Doors open 7 p.m. $15 in advance. Dinner reservations. smallworldmusic.com, 416-588-0307.

• Jazz trombonist **Darren Sigesmund** and his band, the **Strands II Septet**, perform with New York musicians **Mark Feldman** (violin) and **Gary Versace** (piano, accordion) at the Al Green Theatre, Miles Nadal JCC, April 27, 8 p.m. $25, $20. 416-924-6211, ext. 0.

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Kinky Friedman
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Israeli writer to screen his award-winning film

Bill Gladstone
Special to The CJN

Israeli writer-filmmaker Etgar Keret is headlining a precursor event for the Ottawa International Writers Festival that includes a screening of *Jellyfish* (*Meduzot*).

Keret made the award-winning film with his wife, writer Shira Geffen.

A prolific short-story writer born in August 1967, Etgar Keret has certainly made his mark. Although his name may not yet be quite as recognizable as that of Amos Oz, David Grossman or A. B. Yehoshua, he's been hailed as a "genius" by the *New York Times*, the "voice of the next generation" by Salman Rushdie, and "Israel's most extraordinary writer" by the *Observer*.

His numerous story collections include *Suddenly a Knock on the Door* (2010), *The Bus Driver Who Wanted to Be God* (2003), *The Nimrod Flip-Out* (2002) and *Missing Kissinger* (1994). They have been variously translated into many languages, including Arabic.

A child of Holocaust survivors, Keret seems to return to dark themes with occasional cruel twists, no doubt as a result of living with Israel's existential "situation." His stories unfold by an internal subjective logic rather than an outward realism.

Jellyfish, which won a top prize at the Cannes Film Festival in 2007, shows the strange interconnectness of a disparate group of residents of Tel Aviv – an assemblage of "functionally depressed types stuck in mildly ridiculous situations not entirely of their own making," the *Los Angeles Times* noted. The film marked Keret's notable directorial debut.

His stories have inspired numerous short and feature films, such as the 1998 feature *Wristcutters: A Love Story*, which deals with the afterlife for suicides. The Huffington Post called it "a romantic comedy with no comedy and very little romance... a movie about death with very little death."

Contacted by e-mail as he was about to depart for Europe and America, Keret demonstrated his native wit in response to four e-mailed questions from *The CJN*. His answers came back in less than an hour.

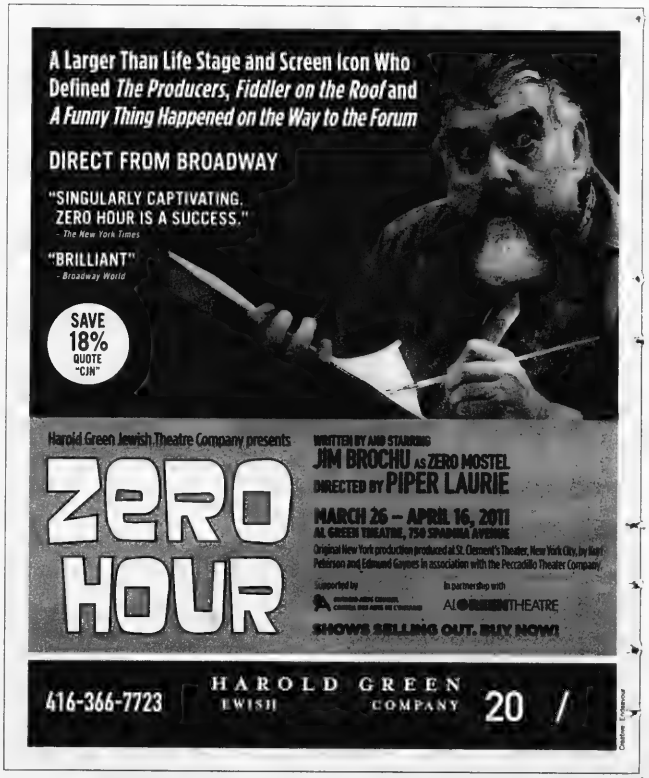
First, has he ever been to Canada before? "I've been to Toronto a couple of times and to Montreal once and had a great time," he replied. "Canadians seem to be some sort of upgraded Americans which makes me wonder: why did God give them horrible weather as a reward?"

Second, does he consider his writing to be specific to the Jewish people? "I've been so heavily influenced by writers like Kafka, Sholem Aleichem and Bashevis Singer (as well as chassidic tales) that if my fiction would come out goyish, in the end it would be very disappointing :-)," he replied.

Third, which does he enjoy more, writing or making movies? "I love writing fiction and it is basic as a reflex for me, but after writing for years, taking part in a collaborative attempt like filmmaking can be a great change," he replied. "Yet, by the time the film is done, I already start missing again the solitude of writing."

And fourth, what is his advice to young writers? "Stay young! All this older-and-wiser stuff is so heavily over-rated," he quipped.

The film screening and a discussion with Keret, in Ottawa on April 3, are being hosted and moderated by the CBC's Adrian Harewood. See the websites writersfestival.org and etgarkeret.com for further details.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Singer marries Yiddish, Middle Eastern influences

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Singer Lenka Lichtenberg has immersed herself in the thick, Old Country glottals and umlauts of Yiddish song for the past three decades.

Last year, she released her fourth studio album, *Fray* (*Free*), a collection of haunting, original Yiddish compositions that marry Yiddish and Middle Eastern influences, and she's gearing up for a performance at Lula Lounge in Toronto. It's a strange departure from the Czech-born artist's early beginnings as a child star with little connection to her Jewish roots.

"I was no genius, but I could hold a note," she recalls, sipping orange tea in her Toronto home. "So when I was eight years old, my mother responded to a request on the radio to apply for an audition [at Prague's famous Semafor Theatre] with Jiri Suchy, who's a household name back home. I got the part, and together with him I recorded a bunch of hits."

The eight-year-old became a full-fledged sensation, and Lichtenberg grew up performing those hits on the radio and in front of live audiences. It seemed a given that she would transition into an equally successful career as an adult.

Then, as a young woman, she made a startling discovery: she is Jewish.

It wasn't that she didn't know she is a Jew, as she sang at the Prague Jewish Community Centre every year for Chanukah and Purim. But the traditional songs she performed were for her simply words and melodies she memorized and "parroted" back.

As for the meaning behind the songs – and her religious identity – that had purposely been kept from the young girl. Fearful of the anti-Jewish sentiment circulating around eastern Europe at that time, Lichtenberg's mother felt she was protecting her child from the fate she and millions of other Jews had suffered.

"My mother was in the Terezin camp for 2-1/2 years," Lichtenberg says. "My father died in Auschwitz. My mother and grandmother had survived, and my mother had survivor's guilt. She never gave me any details of my Jewishness. In many ways, she blamed her Jewishness on all the horrible things that had happened to her, and she was protecting me by not telling me more."

Lenka Lichtenberg

Once Lichtenberg began to delve into her family history, however, she felt a powerful draw toward Judaism. During a trip to Masada in 1987, she had her personal epiphany. "I had been a rock singer and a folksinger," she says. "But then I had my moment in Israel where I discovered that I needed to be a Jewish singer."

And not just any kind of Jewish singer. With no prior exposure to the old Germanic tongue, the petite blond decided she would sing primarily in Yiddish, and soon became adept enough to start translating lyrics from the English.

"I still need some help, but I'm definitely getting more proficient," she admits with a self-conscious smile.

Recently, Lichtenberg has started exploring her attraction to Middle Eastern sounds, a genre she'd once overlooked because she didn't feel the exotic melodies fit with the thick, heavy Yiddish words. On *Free*, Lichtenberg threw the mantle off musical convention and created a collection of songs that fuse Yiddish and Middle Eastern influences with radical abandon.

"The CD's title is *Free*, which is fitting because I finally felt free to take my music into my own style. A lot of Yiddish music style is not caught up to where it should be," she says.

The album's success has inspired Lichtenberg to continue smashing boundaries and focus on a more collaborative approach to songwriting. So perhaps it's fitting that her upcoming show, aptly titled *Bridges*, features a selection of the singer's Yiddish songs merged with music by Palestinian-Canadian artist Roula Said.

With a performance schedule full enough to keep anyone busy, the mother of three has somehow found time to also explore Jewish liturgical music. Her upcoming project, *Songs for the Breathing Walls*, combines recordings taken from concerts at more than a dozen European synagogues, many of which are located in towns whose Jewish populations have been wiped out.

"I suppose it's somewhat ironic, as I was brought up an atheist, but this project is possibly the most significant thing I may ever get to do, and one unbelievably deep in my heart," she says.

So with Lichtenberg's adult life dedicated to exploring Judaism through song, how does her mother – who struggled so deeply with her own Jewish identity – feel about her daughter's chosen path?

"She doesn't understand it," Lichtenberg admits. "But I think by now she's used to it."

The Lula Lounge is at 1585 Dundas St. W. For tickets to Lichtenberg and Said's show, on April 7 at 9 p.m., call 416-588-0307.

Liz Taylor was a strong supporter of Israel

JTA

Academy Award-winning actor Elizabeth Taylor was buried at Forest Lawn in Glendale, Calif., on March 24, the day after she died, in accordance with Jewish law.

The popular actor, known for her violet eyes and her plethora of husbands, died March 23 of congestive heart failure at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where she had been hospitalized for about six weeks. She was 79.

Taylor converted to Judaism following the death of her third husband, Mike Todd, who was Jewish, in a plane crash and before marrying Jewish singer Eddie Fisher.

She denied that she had converted because of her Jewish husbands, saying that she had wanted to do it "for a long time." Her 1959 conversion at Temple Israel of Hollywood was well attended by the press.

Taylor made a point of travelling to Israel and fundraising for the Jewish state during the Arab boycott in the 1970s. Her films were banned in much of the Arab world. She was a supporter of the Kabbalah Center in Los Angeles.

She reportedly offered herself as a hostage for the more than 100 Air France hijack victims held by terrorists at Entebbe Airport in Uganda in July 1976.

In 2007, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear a lawsuit challenging Taylor's ownership of a Van Gogh painting that was claimed by a Jewish family. The family said the painting was looted from their relatives during the Holocaust.

Taylor won two Oscars, and is remembered for her roles in *National Velvet* and *Cleopatra*, among many others.

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Coetzee's novel is a semi-fictional biography

J.M. Coetzee won the Nobel Prize for literature in 2003, but in his recent autobiographical novel, *Summertime* (Harvill Secker), an intimate sums up the author this way: "After *Disgrace* I lost interest. In general, I would say that his work lacks ambition. The control of elements is too tight. Nowhere do you get a feeling of a writer deforming his medium in order to say what has never been said before, which is to me the mark of great writing."

Reviewed by Norman Ravvin

In *Summertime*, "John Coetzee" is dead. The novel is made up of discrete sections, each an interview conducted by a biographer struggling to understand his biographical subject before "Coetzee" became a writer of renown. Among the interviewees is Sophie, who offers the devastating critique quoted above. A Frenchwoman with whom the young "Coetzee" taught a course in African literature at the University of Cape Town, Sophie, knew him in the early 1970s, when he returned from the United States after American authorities denied him permission to stay.

Other interviewees include Martin, a teaching colleague who abandoned South Africa for England; "Coetzee's" cousin, Margot, who remains entangled with her family, many of whom live in obscurity on the barren landscape of the Karoo, north of Cape Town. Among them, too, is Julia, whose Jewishness is expressed through her easy use of Yiddish slang and with whom "Coetzee" has a short, failed affair. For each female interviewee, "Coetzee's" unfinishedness, or naiveté in relation to women is a constant and unsettling theme.

What, readers might wonder, is the point of presenting a semi-fictionalized "John Coetzee" in a novel rather than writing a memoir? By penning his own mock biography Coetzee may succeed in short-circuiting efforts by critics and literary journalists to mine his life for their own work. And Coetzee might argue that novels are often thinly veiled autobiography, without any overt acknowledgment of this.

Summertime offers glimpses that resonate with Coetzee's earlier work. Martin tells us that the writers that "mattered deeply" to his compatriot include "the 19th-century Russian novelists." To find out more we might turn to Coetzee's fictional portrait of Dostoyevsky in *The Master of Petersburg*. When Sophie is asked about her response, upon reading Coetzee's second work, *In the Heart of the Country*, she admits her surprise at not finding herself in it, at being excluded from the writer's "imaginative universe."

The South African predicament comes sharply into focus in *Summertime*, both as it stood in the early 1970s and in its transformed condition in recent years, when the novel's interviews take place. "Coetzee's" bond to his homeland is expressed in the interview with Margot. Having grown up together, they share the same sense of connection with the harsh landscape of their childhood, the *kontrei*, as the Afrikaans language designates the particular character of the Karoo.

Margot believes they were "granted to spend" their "childhood summers in a sacred space. The glory can never be regained..." This is one of the few passages where the novel's title takes on clear relevance. Margot's farmhouse kitchen on the Karoo has an almost sacred quality, as a place "she married into and has come to love, with its huge old fireplace and its ever-cool, windowless larder whose shelves still groan with jars of jam and preserves she laid in last autumn."

In Margot's recollection of her cousin we learn of the young John's decision to do work for himself, in a country with a "long history of making other people do our work for us while we sit in the shade and watch."

There is nothing programmatic about "Coetzee's" politics in relation to his homeland. Sophie describes him as "anti-political," frustrating her interviewer's aim to uncover his subject's relation "with black people in general." These themes are introduced in ambiguous and devastating ways. The Afrikaans language is an important presence in *Summertime*. And "Coetzee" expresses an urge to learn the largely lost Khoi dialects: "I am interested in the things we have lost, not the things we have kept," he says. His goal is to "speak with the dead... who otherwise are cast out into everlasting silence."

As part of the interview with Martin, we are offered a summation of one view of South African identity held by "Coetzee's" generation: "our presence there was legal but illegitimate. We had an abstract right to be there, a birthright, but the basis of that right was fraudulent. Our presence was grounded in a crime, namely colonial conquest, perpetuated by apartheid. Whatever the opposite is of native or rooted, that was what we felt ourselves to be."

This is a devastating indictment from an author who left his parents' country in 2002 to teach and write in Australia. It is a view that has gained Coetzee his share of detractors in South Africa. But the craft and impact of its presentation in fiction marks him as a writer who deserved the Nobel Prize for his writing alone, and not for the positions that his writing takes on political or social issues.

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Jewish sports program has 'grown exponentially'

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

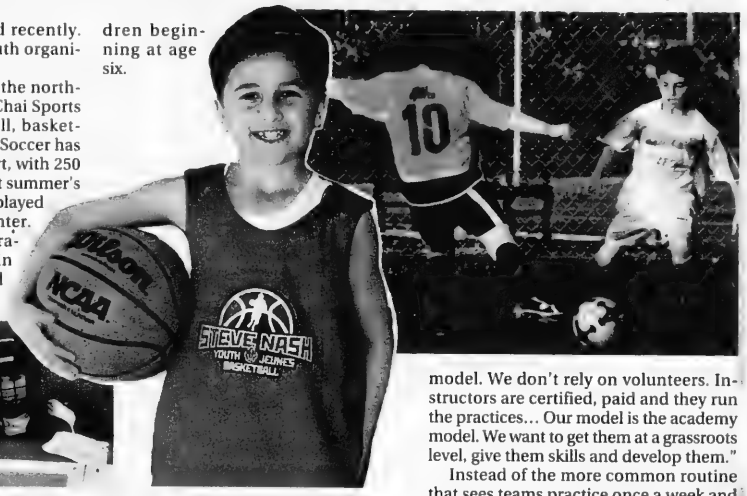
It seemed like a good idea at the time. Offer Jewish youngsters a variety of sporting activities, give them good quality coaching and an environment in which they compete with other members of the Tribe. Create, in effect, a Jewish sporting community that instils pride and develops community affiliation.

Three years into the sporting venture, Alex Voihanski is reporting that the program has exceeded expectations.

More than 1,300 boys, girls and even adults have signed up for sports programs offered by JCC Chai Sports, a partnership of Voihanski's Chai Sports and Toronto-area Jewish community centres.

"We've grown exponentially," Voihanski said recently. "We're the largest Jewish youth organization in the country."

Catering largely to kids in the northern reaches of Toronto, JCC Chai Sports offers soccer, baseball/T-ball, basketball, flag football and hockey. Soccer has proven the most popular sport, with 250 youngsters participating in last summer's schedule and another 60 who played the indoor game this past winter. In 2009, the first year of operation, only 40 kids enrolled in the outdoor league. Entry level programs are geared to children beginning at age six.



Hockey is likewise quite popular and could be even more so but for the shortage of available ice time. Playing out of the Pavilion, JCC Chai Sports offers three divisions for youngsters aged five to 10. Altogether, 125 kids play in the league with another 27 on the waiting list. In the first year, a total of 35 skaters participated.

Basketball likewise stresses a "learn to play" program for the younger set, with 160 kids from ages six through 17 playing. A further 60 are expected to enrol in the spring session.

Almost 80 young batters take part in the baseball and T-ball programs, and last season, 30 older kids eight to 13, enrolled in the NFL flag football program. "We expect to double that" this year, Voihanski predicted.

JCC Chai Sports also offers an adult hoops league, with 180 guys playing on 24 teams. The organization has also put together the Jewish team in the Canadian Multicultural Hockey Championships – the Israeli Stars of David have won the championships twice in the last three years, including last December. It is also responsible for assembling the Toronto team for the JCC Maccabi Youth Games, which are held in North American cities every August.

"Our goal is to become the one-stop shop for the Jewish sporting community," said Voihanski.

Take hockey, for example. Voihanski's vision is to develop a full house league system with kids staying with the program as they get older.

"Why we've become so popular in a short time is that we've taken a European model. We don't rely on volunteers. Instructors are certified, paid and they run the practices... Our model is the academy model. We want to get them at a grassroots level, give them skills and develop them."

Instead of the more common routine that sees teams practice once a week and play later the same week, JCC Chai Sports offers one longer (75-minute) practice and play session. That makes it easier on parents who no longer have to schedule two weekly events, he said. Topping it off for the hockey champions is the "Kiddush Cup," a miniature version of the Stanley Cup.

Though the programs have proven quite popular, Voihanski sees room for expansion. To date, most of the sports venues are in northern rinks, gyms or playing fields. "We're developing more programs to cater to the south, but hockey is tough," he said. "You just can't find the ice time."

But it's not just the on-ice or on-field program that is proving attractive to parents, Voihanski believes.

"There are no [other] legitimate programs for Jewish youth specifically," he said.

Modern Orthodox families have taken to the program – they make up about 35 per cent of the enrolment – since none of the sports are held on Shabbat. And, "a lot of kids without major connections to the Jewish community are enrolled. That's why their parents put them in."

The programs "are top end" and offered "at a reasonable price."

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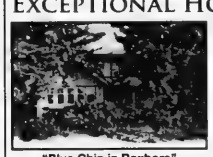

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Kiss singer calls boycotters 'fools'

JTA

Gene Simmons

Shout it out loud: Gene Simmons thinks Israel boycotters among his rocking colleagues are "fools."

Simmons, the Kiss co-founder known for his seemingly endless tongue, returned to Israel recently as part of his TV reality show, *Gene Simmons Family Jewels.*

Simmons, born Chaim Witz, left Israel 50 years ago as a child with his mother, and settled in New York.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Simmons blasted rockers like Elvis Costello, the Pixies and ex-Pink Floyd frontman Roger Waters, who are boycotting the Jewish state because of its West Bank settlement policies and other policies.

He said they were "fools" for boycotting the region's only democracy.

"The countries they should be boycotting are the same countries that the populations are rebelling," he said.

Kiss, a glam-rock band known as much for its outrageous costumes and makeup as for its anthemic music, scored huge fame and hits in the mid-1970s with the songs *Detroit Rock City, Shout It Out Loud* and *I Wanna Rock and Roll All Nite (and Party Every Day).*

Rock hall inducts Neil Diamond

JTA

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inducted singer Neil Diamond earlier this month.

Diamond, 69, who launched his career as a songwriter in the 1960s in the Brill Building songwriting factory penning hits for groups like The Monkees, was inducted at a ceremony in New York.

He soon launched a solo career, and his rich baritone coupled with his lively onstage presence earned him the sobriquet "the Jewish Elvis" with hits such as *Solitary Man* and *Cherry, Cherry.*

Diamond addressed his Jewish roots and the conundrum of assimilation when he starred in the 1980 remake of *The Jazz Singer.* The film was a box office success but was panned by the critics.

Another Jewish singer-songwriter, Paul Simon, who already is a member of the Hall of Fame, introduced Diamond.

Other inductees at the March 14 ceremony at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel included Darlene Love, the Phil Spector protege whose *Christmas (Baby, Please Come Home)* is a seasonal classic, Alice Cooper, Dr. John, Leon Russell and Tom Waits.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame is located in Cleveland, Ohio.

Both non-performer inductees this year are Jewish: Jac Holzman, who founded Elektra Records and signed The Doors; and Art Rupe, who founded Specialty Records, a pioneering soul label.

Neil Diamond *[Jesse Diamond photo]*

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HEEBONICS

Childhood friends run popular Out of the Cold art program

Jordan Press
Special to The CJN

Every Tuesday night during the winter, two old friends, Melanie Cheskes and Marni Wolf, spend some time together and time with those less fortunate than themselves.

And they wouldn't have it any other way.

Cheskes, 26, and Wolf, 24, volunteer their time with the Out of the Cold program, an Ontario-wide program that provides a warm meal, a welcoming environment, clothes and a bed for those in need.

But what is different about the Out of the Cold program that Cheskes and Wolf volunteer with – jointly run by Beth Sholom Synagogue and Beth Tzedec Congregation each Tuesday until the end of March – is that since last year, an art program has been put in place.

Cheskes and Wolf, childhood friends who decided to become involved with the art program, said they have bonded with the artists who stop in.

"It's become a commitment to the people. At the end of every week, they tell me they look forward to it, and I look forward to it," Cheskes said.

"They're so appreciative that you're there, and it's nice to feel that way. It's a very warm and peaceful atmosphere amidst the chaos of whatever else is going on outside. It's a nice little break from life."

The success of the arts program makes Wolf and Cheskes believe it could bear similar results at other Out of the Cold programs.

"There's so much opportunity for growth," Cheskes said.

Marni Wolf, second from the left, and Melanie Cheskes, beside Wolf, run Out of the Cold's art program.

In late 2009, volunteers at Beth Sholom asked Cheskes if she would be interested in volunteering two hours a week to run the arts program that was a year old. The synagogue is close to her home, and Cheskes said the idea caught her attention.

"There was really no reason to say no," she said.

She started with about three participants. Now, there are 15 regulars and new people participate all the time.

"As I started going to do art with the participants every week, I realized this was a really beautiful program, and the participants were doing something special... and we could take this further," Cheskes said.

In an effort to raise money for both the Out of the Cold program and the people who benefit from it, they decided to organize an art show to present the work created by the program participants.

The plan was to have 80 per cent of the proceeds go to the artists and the remaining 20 per cent to the program, but the artists would hear none of it. They wanted all the funds to go to the program.

Last year, the first art show raised more than $4,000.

"People that came were touched by the artwork," Cheskes said. "They were surprised that these people were so poor."

Many attendees, Cheskes said, were confused about why some artists didn't have more opportunities for work. Many have had opportunities for work presented to them, Cheskes said, but mental health issues have stepped in the way.

"Most of them struggle with mental issues. Some are more obvious than others," Cheskes said.

This year's art show is scheduled for April 10, and the art will remain on display at Beth Sholom until April 15.

"It's just a way to raise awareness and raise money for the program," Cheskes said.

Each painting will be sold for $35, and Elgin Picture & Frame on Dupont Street is matting paintings for free to give the artwork a professional look, Cheskes said.

"That is pretty wonderful and a huge help," she said.

The group of artists that works with Cheskes and Wolf ranges in age from a high school girl who comes in with her mother to a man in his 60s.

When Wolf and Cheskes speak of their group of artists, you can tell immediately that they are pleasantly surprised each week with their artistic skills.

Take Freddie, one artist who Wolf said attracts the attention of others in the program. A formally trained artist, Freddie grew up in El Salvador. People watch him paint, but he doesn't notice them, Wolf said, because he's focused on depicting the Mayan folklore in his head.

"He'll sit there and talk to you about the story for 20 minutes," Wolf said.

"You can see when he paints that he is completely and utterly absorbed... He's just clearly extremely talented."

Freddie helps with the setup and clean up of the arts table, and has also taken on the role of teacher, helping others who have just started and are not as sure of their skills.

Then there's Michael, the man who is there to make art and socialize. Cheskes said Michael, who is in his 30s, helps the volunteers in handing out clothes and food to all those coming in the door and makes sure the art program is organized and artists have everything they need.

When he sits down to draw, he produces caricatures of men with top hats and spectacles, Wolf said.

"You can see him thinking and laughing at what he's drawing. He's his own entertainment. You can see how much he loves it."

It's this attachment and sense of community that Wolf and Cheskes have built with their fellow artists that makes them believe they will be back with the program when it starts again next winter.

"There's such a warm, genuine feeling from a lot of the people," Wolf said. "How could you not go back to that?"

For more information, visit www.bethsholom.net/out-of-the-cold.htm.

Out of the Cold is holding an art show/fundraiser at Beth Sholom Synagogue on April 10.

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Slave to the mega-seder

Dear Ella,

My most dreaded Jewish holiday is upon us, and it's getting worse every year. Passover. People think our enormous annual family seder is wonderful. For me, it's anything but wonderful. We have a large family, and it's getting bigger every year. I realize that's a good thing, but for a our Passover seder, it spells disaster.

We started with 30 people, and we're up to 76 this year. Traditionally, I have always hosted the seder, because I live in a condo with a large party room. Everyone is in charge of a different task. One person decides on the menu and delegates the cooking. This in itself has become a nightmare because of food allergies, diets, kashrut, etc. Another is in charge of ordering chairs, tables, dishes and still another in charge of wait staff. The list seems endless. I feel like I should open my own event-planning company.

Ask Ella

Ella Burakowski

On the day of the seder, I am drained, running between the condo and the party room. Then comes the seder itself. Not everyone is speaking to each other.There is whispering and gossiping. Someone inevitably brings an inappropriate dish. The invited gentiles are often given the cold shoulder by some family members.

I'm too old for this. It takes me a month to recover. After this year, I will no longer be hosting the Passover seder. I know this will be a huge blow to the family. Any suggestions on how to let them down easy would be appreciated.

Exodus

Dear Exodus

Passover is a time for family. However, not all connected families have to get together in one place.

In theory, your seder sounds wonderful – having the entire extended family celebrating together – but the logistics of making it work, and staying calm and happy in the process, are challenging.

It would be a shame to dissolve this family tradition, but the seder has to take a back seat to your health.

Make your announcement, but offer a couple of alternative ideas, so the decision isn't yours alone.

You're right when you say it requires an event planner. Short of a live band, everything else has to be organized: food, drink, dishes, linens, decor, wait staff, invites, head counts, set-up, clean-up and payments. Perhaps renting a venue would solve the problem of where to hold the seder. Your family could even take it one step further and hire a caterer to plan and execute the entire event from start to finish. Obviously the cost would be much higher, but the caterer would be responsible for supplying everything. All that would be required from one of your family members is a head count and input on the menu.

By offering these suggestions, you take the onus off of you and force everyone to make a collective decision.

As for the family politics, you can't control that. Just sit back and enjoy. It adds flavour to the event.

Chag Samayach!

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Shoah, Claude Landzmann's 9-1/2-hour documentary on the Holocaust, which was recently aired in Iran with subtitles in Persian, under the auspices of the UN's Alladin Project.

Yolande James

Yolande James, right, Quebec minister of families, who talks about the new directive that prohibits religious teaching in provincially funded day cares.

Also on the web

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Web columnist Lauren Aginsky writes about how she is teaching her family to love Shabbat without resorting to becoming the Shabbes police.

More to hearing than sound

It was one of many geriatric meetings that I have attended as part of my academic professional activities. The speakers and the audience were all health-care professionals committed to the care of the elderly.

The session focused primarily on issue of driving and aging, but the question of hearing and cognitive impairment came up. An audience member, a speech-language pathologist, asked one of the speakers about the importance of confirming a patient's hearing capacity before a decision was made about his or her cognitive abilities.

Senior Side of Life

Michael Gordon

A well-respected geriatrician, contrary to what I would have thought to be a reasonably suitable answer, discounted hearing as playing an important role in the symptomatology and evaluation of people with cognitive impairment. The questioner reiterated her concern that it was an issue, expressing some degree of incredulousness at the physician's answer, and from the murmuring in the audience, it seemed that she was not alone in her connecting compromised hearing with compromised cognition.

After the session, I went up to the therapist and expressed my surprise at the answer and told her of our practice at Baycrest in which we try, whenever possible, to evaluate hearing as part of an assessment, at least initially, of a person with symptoms of cognitive impairment.

I was, therefore, elated to read recently of a research study that implicated hearing impairment in the development of dementia and suggested that hearing loss is perhaps linked as one component to be considered in its causation.

To quote Dr. Frank R. Lin of the Center on Aging and Health, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, the first author of the study published in the February 2011 issue of *Archives of Neurology*, "Whether hearing loss is a marker for early-stage dementia or is actually a modifiable risk factor for dementia deserves further study."

From an article by Megan Brooks, published in *Medscape Medical News* on Feb. 16, Lin is quoted as saying, "A number of mechanisms may be theoretically implicated in the observed association between hearing loss and incident dementia. Dementia may be over-diagnosed in people with hearing loss; alternatively, people with cognitive impairment may be over-diagnosed as having hearing loss. It's also possible that the two conditions share an underlying neuropathologic process."

He goes on to say, "Another option is that hearing loss may be causally related to dementia, possibly through exhaustion of cognitive reserve, social isolation, environmental deafferentation or a combination of these pathways." Environmental deafferentation is a complex medical term that means the freeing of a motor (movement) nerve from sensory components. How do we translate this into our ordinary clinical activities and how should individuals experiencing cognitive decline and their families address the issue? One important step in the assessment and evaluation of cognitive impairment is to ascertain a person's level of hearing, and if there is any doubt whatsoever, a proper audiology evaluation should be done. A rough test of hearing is not enough because sound as well the ability to discriminate sounds into words and meanings must be evaluated.

If there is any question of hearing impairment, it's always worth addressing it, even with a Pocket Talker, a low-cost amplification device that can usually help determine if some degree of amplification will enhance hearing and, at the same time, cognitive capacity. Don't hesitate, just get it done.

Dr. Michael Gordon is medical program director of palliative care at Baycrest and co-author with Bart Mindszenthy of Parenting Your Parents (Dundurn Press). His latest book, Moments that Matter: Cases in Ethical Eldercare, follows his previous book, Brooklyn Beginnings: A Geriatrician's Odyssey. All can be researched at his website: http://www.drmichaelgordon.com.

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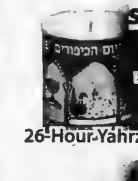
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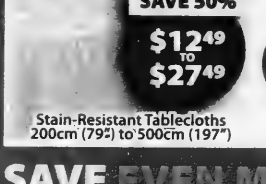
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Judge Goldstone recants anti-Israel conclusions in report

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JERUSALEM — Judge Richard Goldstone said last week that if Israel had co-operated with the UN fact-finding commission looking into activities in Operation Cast Lead, the charges levelled against Israel in his report, including those of alleged war crimes and the intentional targeting of civilians, would have been different.

Writing in a *Washington Post* column published Friday, Goldstone pointed to Israeli efforts to investigate wrongdoings by soldiers and commanders during the war in Gaza 2-1/2 years ago. War crimes allegations against Israel would have been influenced by the evidence provided by such probes, he said.

"We know a lot more today about what happened in the Gaza war of 2008-09 than we did when I chaired the fact-finding mission appointed by the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) that produced what has come to be known as the Goldstone report," Goldstone wrote, adding: "If I had known then what I know now, the Goldstone report would have been a different document."

The former South African jurist said that while "Israeli evidence that has emerged since publication of our report doesn't negate the tragic loss of civilian life, I regret that our fact-finding mission did not have such evidence explaining the circumstances in which we said civilians in Gaza were targeted, because it probably would have influenced our findings about intentionality and war crimes."

While Israel has been shown to probe itself "to a significant degree" over its actions in Gaza, Goldstone wrote, Hamas, which has been in control of the coastal enclave since 2007, "has done nothing."

Goldstone also criticized the UN Human Rights Council's anti-Israel bias, saying he had hoped that the report could "begin a new era of even-handedness at the UN Human Rights Council, whose history of bias against Israel cannot be doubted.

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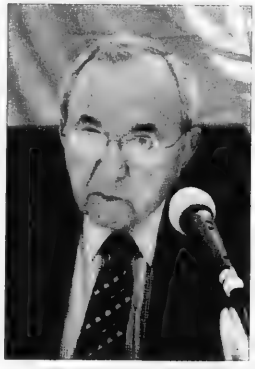

Richard Goldstone

Israeli medical team helps in Japan

A medical team of 30 Israelis arrived last month in Japan to give assistance to the victims of the earthquake-tsunami in the region of Miyagi. The Israelis are the only foreign medical team on the ground providing aid there. In this photo, the Israeli team checks 11-month-old Sana'a at the field hospital the team established near Minamisanriku, a village devastated by the tsunami. ***Please see the related story on page 20.***

[*Israel Sun photo*]

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CANADA

Seder in Sherbrooke

MONTREAL — Quebec Jewish Congress, the Université de Sherbrooke, the Canadian Center for Ecumenism and the Sherbrooke Agudath Achim Society hosted a communal seder on Monday, April 4, at the university, presided over by Archbishop André Gaumond. The seder was dedicated to the sharing of cultural traditions and intercultural dialogue. People from the political, cultural and business sectors of Quebec's Eastern Townships shared a special meal, traditionally held on the first and second nights of Passover in celebration of freedom and tolerance.

WORLD

Art To Be Returned

LOS ANGELES — The Getty Museum in Los Angeles will return a 17th-century Dutch painting looted by the Nazis to the heir of a Jewish art dealer. Jacques Goudstikker left 1,400 works of art in his Amsterdam gallery when he fled the Nazis in 1940. He died during the escape. His gallery was looted by Hermann Goering shortly afterward. In 2006, the Netherlands returned 202 paintings from its national collection to Goudstikker's sole heir, Marei von Saher. In returning the painting *Landscape With Cottage and Figures* by Dutch artist Pieter Molijn, the Getty Museum becomes the first U.S. institution to restitute von Saher, the widow of Goudstikker's son.

Camp Restoration

VIENNA — Austria will renovate the site of the Mauthausen concentration camp in a $2.4-million (US) restoration project. The two-year project will include creating a hall of names in memory of the camp's victims, a new display about the Holocaust and upgrading the permanent exhibition, according to reports. The project was announced March 29 by the Austrian interior ministry.

BBI Leader Charged

WASHINGTON — Dennis Glick, who abruptly resigned as president of B'nai Brith International, has been indicted on federal charges of tax fraud. Glick, a certified public accountant who held a variety of positions over the years at B'nai Brith, including treasurer, was arraigned last Thursday and released on $50,000 bail after entering a plea of not guilty. He was arrested March 23 on charges of falsifying tax returns for a client and lying about it to investigators. If convicted, he faces up to 15 years in prison and a fine of $1.2 million. Glick, 67, had been president of the organization since December 2009 and has a 40-year history with B'nai Brith.

Peace Plans

WASHINGTON — Israeli President Shimon Peres on a visit to Washington reportedly will present the outlines of a peace plan that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu expects to unveil in May. Peres will be in Washington this week, the Israeli Embassy said in a release and arrangements for meetings with "government leaders" are under way.

Yemen's Jews Reportedly Staying Put

SANAA —The 250 or so Jews remaining in Yemen insist on staying despite the upheaval in their country, Jewish organizational officials say.

Long a target of campaigns by Jewish organization officials in the United States and Israel to get them to emigrate, the Jews remaining in Yemen simply don't want to leave, according to a Jewish organization official involved in the effort.

Last month, Yemen's president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, blamed violence and unrest in his country and around the Arab world on "an operations room in Tel Aviv" that is "run by the White House." Despite his statement, he's given protection and support to Jews at a compound in the capital Sanaa, where most of Yemen's Jews live.

Saleh recently indicated he might be convinced to step down, but the developments have not prompted an exodus of Jews from the country.

"They refuse categorically to leave," said the Jewish official, who insisted on anonymity. "They have been under a barrage of phone calls from relatives encouraging them to leave. Prominent ex-Yemenite rabbis were drafted as well and asked to call them, saying leave now before things get hectic and you can't leave."

Some seem to be making contingency plans to leave, the official added, but so far they're sticking together.

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Campaign launched on behalf of Gilad Schalit

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A Toronto woman is spearheading what she hopes will be a GTA-wide awareness campaign for Gilad Schalit, to take place at Saturday morning services on Shabbat HaGadol, April 16.

Marlene Black Rattner – a teacher who spent more then 15 years in bank management before becoming a stay-at-home mom – told *The CJN* she has never taken on an activist role before, but that she is "pretty much fed up with the injustice of the terrorists. I think it's time we all took a stand."

Schalit, who was born in 1986, was abducted from his IDF unit by Hamas in June 2006. In an information sheet, Black Rattner noted that he has been held in isolation for just under five years, and – in contravention of international law – Hamas has not granted visitation rights, permitted correspondence or demonstrated humane treatment to him.

Black Rattner, who has a 20-year-old son, said Schalit's abduction bothered her "to no end."

But it wasn't until last summer, when she read a column about him in *The CJN* called "Time to end the silence" that she was galvanized into action. Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg – rabbi emeritus of Beth Tzedec Congregation, where Black Rattner is a longtime member – was the author.

Another influence for her was hearing Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz and MP Irwin Cotler speak at Beth Tzedec a few years ago. In addition to organizing the upcoming Shabbat initiative, last fall Black Rattner started an ongoing awareness campaign, and has gathered more than 450 signatures on a petition she prepared under the name "Concerned Canadians for Gilad Schalit." She has been assured that it will be read in the House of Commons, she said.

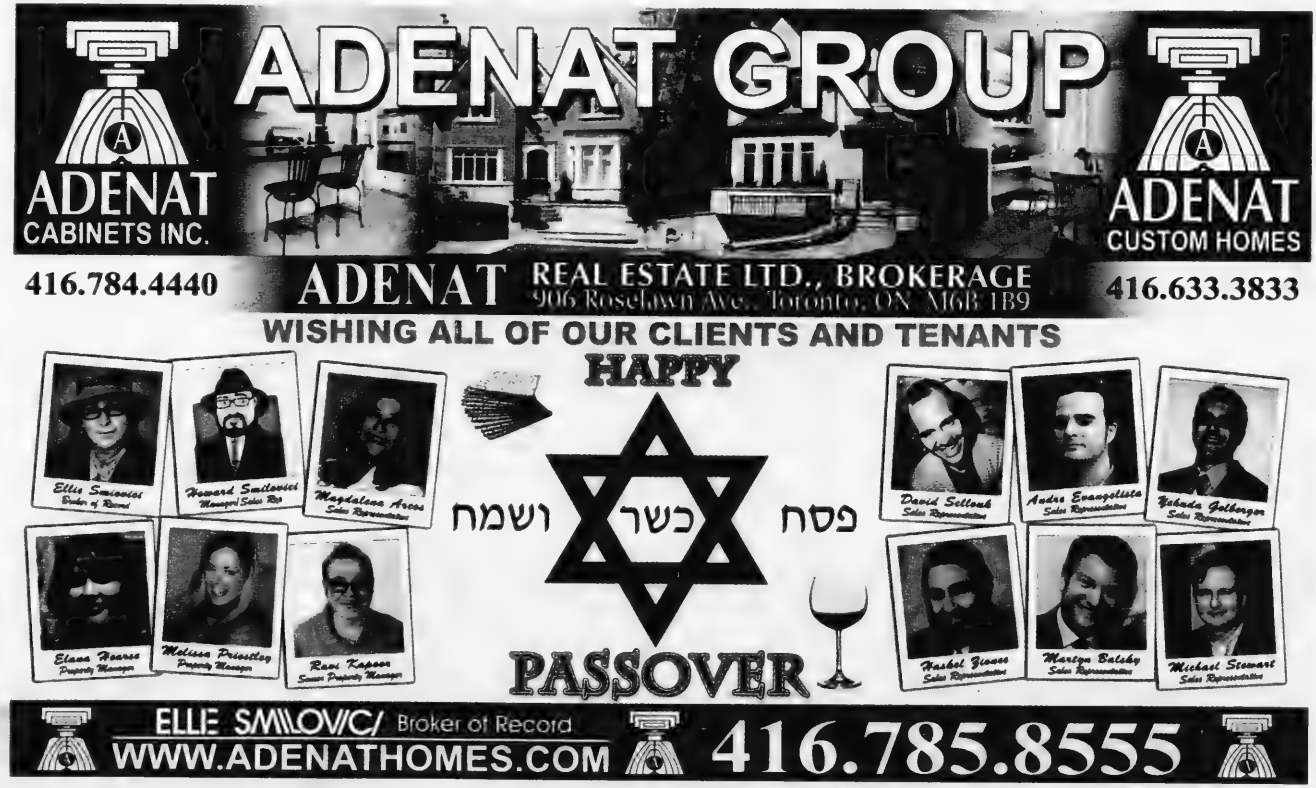
To raise awareness for the petition, she prepared a multimedia display that has been rotating among Toronto shuls. An oil painting of hers, depicting Schalit under the banner, "Help Bring Gilad Shalit Home," is on display at Beth Tzedec.

Marlene Black Rattner's painting of Gilad Schalit is on display at Beth Tzedec Congregation in Toronto.

The Shabbat HaGadol date – the first Shabbat before Passover – was chosen because of its symbolic nature, Black Rattner said, referring to the theme of the Israelites' freedom.

In a letter to rabbis and cantors that she sent to the Toronto Board of Rabbis, the Toronto Council of Hazzanim and the Vaad Harabonim of Toronto for distribution last week, Black Rattner said she knows that many local synagogues have ongoing awareness campaigns for Schalit and that synagogues have their own schedules and may not be able to participate on the same day. But, she added, "by the same token, I feel that if we as a total community can approach this together here in Toronto it will achieve a greater message."

She said in an interview she hopes the Schalit family, and ultimately Gilad, will know about the effort "so that he can be brought home and made aware that he has not been forgotten."



Damage already done

Judge Richard Goldstone regrets what he wrote in his infamous report for the United Nations about Israel's conduct in its war in Gaza, 2 1/2 years ago against Hamas.

"We know a lot more today about what happened in the Gaza war of 2008-09 than we did when I chaired the fact-finding mission appointed by the UN Human Rights Council that produced what has come to be known as the Goldstone Report. *If I had known then what I know now, the Goldstone Report would have been a different document.*" (My emphasis)

Thus began Goldstone's public disavowal of the judgment he rendered in such harsh and harmful terms 18 months ago at the behest of the absurdly named, sadly surreal and dangerously demonic Human Rights Council of the United Nations.

The *volte-face* appeared as an op-ed essay last Friday, in the *Washington Post* entitled *Reconsidering the Goldstone Report on Israel and War Crimes.*

"Our report found evidence of potential war crimes and possibly crimes against humanity by both Israel and Hamas,"Goldstone wrote. "*That the crimes allegedly committed by Hamas were intentional goes without saying – its rockets were purposefully and indiscriminately aimed at civilian targets.*" (My emphasis)

"The allegations of intentionality by Israel were based on the deaths of and injuries to civilians in situations where our fact-finding mission had no evidence on which to draw any other reasonable conclusion. While the investigations published by the Israeli military and recognized in the UN committee's report have established the validity of some incidents that we investigated in cases involving individual soldiers, *they also indicate that civilians were not intentionally targeted as a matter of policy.*"

(My emphasis, again.)

Goldstone vindicates Israel's claims that it did not intentionally target civilians.

So scathing were the findings of the original report against the conduct of the Israel Defence Forces, Israel's enemies reaped a cornucopic harvest of punishing anti-Israel propaganda.

The images of the war had been horrendous, as images of war always are. Yet the report "proved" that the images actually attested to a cruel, indifferent Zionist state that had deliberately targeted innocent civilians.

The IDF was brutalized in the minds of so many as a malicious, sadistic fighting force, and the very moral underpinning of Israeli society at large was called into doubt. Israel's democratic institutions, too, were challenged as probably inadequate to give answer to the questions demanded by the report. Not surprisingly, some of Israel's "friends" too, not wishing to appear meak and demurring in the face of Israeli "crimes", also rushed to judgment.

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The damage to Israel's standing as a state governed by law and whose citizen army operated under civilian control according to the rule of law, was considerable.

In an exhaustive two-part assessment of the report published in the *Jerusalem Post* in August 2009, Irwin Cotler, called it "tainted to the core."

Given the wide international purchase of the anti-Israel calumny when it first appeared some 18 months ago, the single venue release by Goldstone of his conscience-stricken postscript last weekend is quite curious and also, it must be added, quite disappointing.

As David Horovitz, the editor of the *Jerusalem Post*, pointed out on the weekend, "Unfortunately, Goldstone's 'reconsideration' will not garner a thousandth of the publicity or have a thousandth of the impact that his original, baseless accusations against Israel drew. Governments – including, to what should be their abiding shame, self-styled friends of Israel in Europe and beyond who failed to vote against this report – will not rush to deliver the apology they owe our government and our soldiers. They will not rush to recalibrate their policies.

"They will not now rush to issue statements expressing their confidence in Israel's capacity to properly investigate allegations of misdoings by its military, even though the man who had previously given cover for their criticisms has now reversed himself and penned an article endorsing Israel's processes for self-investigation."

The Palestinian Authority and Hamas have reportedly dismissed the judge's addendum .

Even as it braces to deal with a second "freedom flotilla" to Gaza, the impetus for the first of which stemmed in great part from the original Goldstone report, the government of Israel has asked the UN to discard that document, now discredited by its own author.

It can only be hoped that Goldstone will be vociferous and dedicated in the dissemination of his amended point of view.

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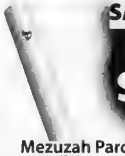

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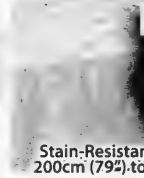

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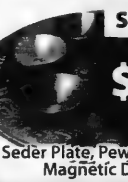

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Pilot program aimed to 'lift' families out of poverty

Rent bank, scholarships among future projects

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

The Jewish Poverty Action Group (JPAG) has just come to the end of its poverty reduction pilot project aimed at the working poor, but it's continuing to address issues of poverty, said Janis Roth, executive director of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services Toronto (JIAS.)

Comprising representatives from JIAS Toronto, Kehilla Residential Program, Jewish Family & Child and UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, the group was started six years ago after the 2005 national conference on the poverty of Canadian Jewish families initiated by the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies, Canadian offices.

Roth said the group was so charged up after attending the conference, they decided that something had to be done to change the way families who live in poverty in our community are assisted.

She said that financial assistance is different from a poverty reduction program in that those on financial assistance often have certain life conditions that keep them from rising above their situation. "They will likely require the community's support – funded by federation and managed by JF&CS and JIAS – over long periods of time."

Poverty reduction, she said, looks at the root causes of poverty and tries to implement strategies to lift people out. "We wanted to look at reasons why they were stuck in low-paying jobs or were under-employed, and provide them with opportunities for change."

Eric Kirsh, supervisor of the financial assistance and rehabilitation program at JF&CS, said that about 11 per cent or 21,575 Jews in the Toronto area live in poverty and about 5,000 are defined as working poor.

After obtaining a $200,000 grant from the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto, they hired co-ordinator Dalia Margalit-Faircloth to look at 10 families – clients of JIAS or JF&CS – who were transitionally poor as a result of having immigrated or because of health or family circumstances, Kirsh said. "By investing in these families up front, we are breaking the cycle. The long-term implications are huge."

Janis Roth

Roth said that one family in the JPAG program was supporting five people on $36,000 and saw its income rise by 66 per cent after the mother was provided with funds to write a recertification exam.

"Many of the families are reporting an increased sense of pride and hope because the community saw them as important enough to invest in. One woman said she was even able to lose weight because her family was eating better. This points to the ripple effect."

Kirsh said that every family saw an improvement. "Half have been lifted out of poverty and do not rely on assistance, and some are on the route."

Kim Smiley, director of capacity building for community social services for UJA Federation, said that they are looking into other pilot projects, with the help of developer and philanthropist Joseph Lebovic, "a champion for the vulnerable in our community."

She said that one such project, a rent bank, is aimed at people who spend more than 50 per cent of their income on housing. "Some people spend up to 75 per cent of their income on housing, and they are at risk of becoming homeless. Some people have to choose between rent and food. We are looking to reduce this risk factor so that they only spend 40 per cent of their income. This can make a miraculous difference."

Roth said that scholarships for educational and career advancement are also important, "because if you invest in someone up front you are helping them towards self-reliance and setting the stage for their [family's] future."

To that end, JIAS offers the Shindman/ShaRna Foundation scholarship to newcomers who want to continue their post-secondary education, she said, and Lebovic's donation will also go towards vocational training.

JVS, she said, was also instrumental in helping the families in the pilot project find their work path.

Through JPAG, she said, "we've shown that with collaboration, sharing of resources, developing purposeful strategies and, most importantly, putting people first, we can provide opportunities for lifelong changes. JPAG is looking for additional resources and opportunities to expand its poverty reduction efforts on behalf of community members."

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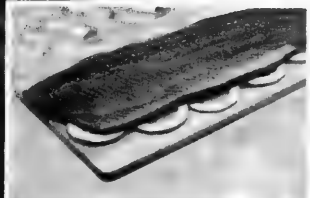

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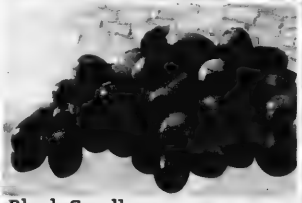

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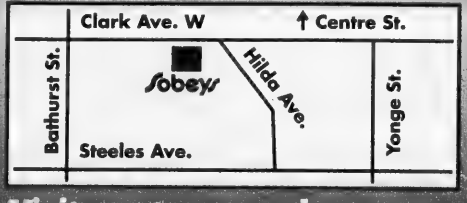

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Broadcasters' betrayal

The consortium of broadcasters from CBC/Radio Canada, CTV, Global and TVA that has designed and arranged the televised leaders' debate on April 12 (English) and April 14 (French) has once again decided to bar the door to the Green party leader Elizabeth May. Her participation will not be allowed.

Tory Reeb, a spokesman for the consortium, told the *Globe and Mail* last week that the "decision is final and the decision is unanimous. It will not be reconsidered." May must now turn to the courts of justice to find a place in the leaders' debate.

We urge the consortium to reconsider its decision. The broadcasters justify their exclusion of May because her party held no seats in the recently dissolved Parliament. But in a "first-past-the-post" electoral system such as ours, where pluralities not majorities of votes usually rule the day, their reasoning does not stand up. It is just plain wrong – fundamentally unfair to May and egregiously offensive to Canadians and Canadian voters.

Rather than the harshly absolutist, single criterion that the consortium used to deny May a place at the podium, we suggest they rethink their decision using the following criteria: the credibility of the party, its relevance to the debate of national issues and the formulation of national public policy, and the extent of its popular acceptance among the voters. When applied to these criteria, the results from the last election in 2008, as tabulated by Simon Fraser University, persuasively argue on behalf of May's inclusion in the debates.

The Green party received seven per cent of all votes cast; the Bloc Québécois 10 per cent and the NDP 18 per cent. Nearly one million Canadians – 937,613 – voted for the Green party. The party fields candidates in each federal riding. It is truly a national party. By obvious contrast, the Bloc is decidedly not, fielding candidates in Quebec only. May and the three other national parties campaign the length and breadth of the entire county; Gilles Duceppe, the Bloc leader, campaigns the length and breadth of one province alone. The Green party was the only party of the five to receive more votes in 2008 than in the preceding federal election in 2006. This strongly suggests that Canadians are increasingly serious in weighing the "green" aspects of matters of public policy.

Prohibiting May's participation will likely further alienate already alienated younger voters as well as Canadians still too young to vote but not too young to be interested in "green" issues. It will likely further sour them on involvement in a political system that seems so petty and not relevant to "their" issues and vindicate the apathy that holds them in grip.

Participation strengthens democracy. The broadcasters, it seems, do not agree. By denying May the microphone, they have fallen far below the duty they owe *all of us* – not just prospective Green party voters – to enhance that participation. They have betrayed their responsibilities. We should tune out these debates.

25 years ago in *The CJN*

The Reagan administration said it has agreed to study a proposal by Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres for the creation of a Marshall Plan – a development fund for the Middle East "as the way to foster a better climate for peace" in the region.

Dry Bones
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Women in a minyan

Kol Hakavod to Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl and Beth Tzedec Congregation on their decision to be the first large Conservative synagogue in Toronto to include women in the counting of a minyan ("Women to be counted in Beth Tzedec minyan," March 31). It is more than 50 years since the Jewish law and standards committee of the Rabbinical Council of America decided to permit – but not mandate – the inclusion of women in a minyan and to allow them to have aliyot. Most U.S. Conservative synagogues have followed this practice for many years.

Thirty years ago, a group of members of Adath Israel Congregation in Toronto made an effort to achieve these reforms in their synagogue, and although their efforts were initially welcomed and some progress was being made, they were eventually quashed by the powers that be. A number of these reformers were welcomed into Congregation Darchei Noam, an egalitarian Reconstructionist shul that has grown into a major presence in Toronto Jewish religious life and is now probably the fastest-growing synagogue in Toronto. Its success is due not only to its inclusion of women in all aspects of ritual life, but also to its welcoming of all Jews, without distinction.

It is unfortunate that Beth Tzedec has not decided to allow women to participate in the leading of religious services. Since a service leader is a *shaliach tzibur*, a representative of those attending a prayer service, I would venture to guess that if those attending a minyan were asked to vote on the matter, a large majority would welcome a woman leading the service.

Saul Paton
Toronto

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Another victory for CJC

Canadian Jewish Congress has another victory for Canadian Jews under its belt ("Shoah monument law given royal assent," March 31). Working with student Laura Grosman, CJC convinced the Senate to speed up the royal assent needed to pass a bill ensuring a Holocaust memorial in Canada's capital. This followed the awarding of a plaque of special recognition to Congress by the federal government recognizing its service to Canada and Canadian Jewry. And yet, there are still a number of leaders in our community who continue to be seen as trying to dismantle the organization. Sometimes we are our own worst enemy.

S. Kates
Vancouver

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Israeli medical team in Japan

Yair Lootsteen wrote in his column that "Israelis felt great sympathy for Japan and its people. We offered search-and-rescue teams. The Japanese declined" ("Only talking can end the hostility," March 31). However, it was reported on various news sites, including CNN's, that Israel did send trauma specialists and medical care personnel to help after the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Japan. I found the Lootsteen article to misrepresent Japan, and in turn create more controversy and anger in a situation that does not need it.

Rabbi Stephen Wise
Oakville, Ont.

Editor's note: Japan accepted no search-and-rescue aid from any country. However, Israel was and remains the only medical team that arrived in and helped Japan.

LET THEM GO...

Ron Arad, Zachary Baumel, Zvi Feldman, Guy Hever, Yehuda Katz

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The number of days Hamas has held Gilad Schalit captive

The boat to Gaza

Editorial reference is made to the BDS – boycott, divestment and sanctions – intent to challenge Israel's blockade of Gaza by launching the "Canadian boat to Gaza" ("Sanctimony, not integrity," From the editor's desk, March 24). This name is a misnomer.

It is interesting to note that Israel's connection to Gaza goes back to biblical times. From 1948 to 1967, Gaza was ruled by Egypt which at one time was ruled by an Israelite, Joseph, he of "the coat of many colours." Therefore, it would seem most appropriate for the BDS vessel to be called "the boat of many dullards."

Sam Mitnick
Cote St. Luc, Que.

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Searching for family members

I am trying to find family members and know that I have family in Toronto. I am looking for a David Gellman (or his family), whose father was Morris Daniel Gellman brother of Millie, Ethel, Goldie,Yale and Isaac. I am from the Gellman family, and my grandfather was Isaac, brother of Morris. Please contact me if you have any information.

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Israel needs a pre-emptive diplomatic strike

Ari Shavit
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The writing is on the wall: 2011 is going to be a diplomatic 1973. In September and October, the UN General Assembly will decide whether to establish a Palestinian state in the 1967 borders. The international community will recognize a Palestinian state.

At that moment, every Israeli apartment in Jerusalem's French Hill neighbourhood will become illegal and every military base in the West Bank will be contravening the sovereignty of an independent UN member state. The Palestinians will not be obligated to accept demilitarization or peace with Israel.

The gap between the declared situation and the situation on the ground will inevitably create friction. The conflict will quickly become a popular confrontation. The Palestinians will march on Jerusalem, and Israel will be condemned. A diplomatic siege from without and a civil uprising from within will grip Israel in a stranglehold.

Also in 2011, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will become Golda Meir and Defence Minister Ehud Barak will become Moshe Dayan. Both will be remembered as leaders who, even though they saw the iceberg, insisted on sailing straight into it. You don't have to be a diplomatic genius to understand that we need a pre-emptive diplomatic strike. You don't have to be a strategic genius to understand that Israel must come out with an initiative that will reshuffle the cards in the game it's about to lose.

However, the diplomatic genius Netanyahu and the strategic genius Barak are standing on the deck and keeping silent. They see the iceberg coming closer, and they're not doing anything. Netanyahu and Barak are still refusing to understand that what held true in the spring of 1973 holds true now: there is no time. History will have no mercy on anyone who doesn't act now. Israel will not forgive anyone who doesn't steal the thunder. Under these blue skies the paralysis is not just irresponsibility; the paralysis is a crime.

When the Middle East is boiling over, it's impossible to end the occupation peacefully. Not even politicians on the left of the political spectrum such as Yossi Sarid and Yossi Beilin can do this. However, nor can politicians on the right such as Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman and Vice Prime Minister Moshe Ya'alon ensure security. When the Middle East is boiling over, there is no possibility of clinging to the status quo. Creative thinking is needed. A realistic Israeli initiative is needed.

The following is an example of such an initiative.

Israel at long last distinguishes between the occupation and peace. As a result, Israel declares that if the Palestinians agree to a complete demilitarization, true mutual recognition, significant border amendments and a total end to the conflict, Israel will end the occupation peacefully. Also, Israel declares that if it emerges that the Palestinians do not accept these basic conditions, it will have to act unilaterally.

In this case, too, the aim will be decisive: an end to the occupation. But in this case, the way to ending the occupation will be long. In the absence of a Palestinian partner for peace, the Israeli withdrawal will have to be gradual and phased. It will entail getting the approval and backing of the international community.

A realistic Israeli initiative would immediately hand over to the Palestinians sizable chunks of the West Bank while evacuating about 20 isolated settlements. In this way, Israel will prove its seriousness and the Palestinians will be challenged. They will be able to establish a state on 70 per cent of the West Bank without ideological concessions they can't yet make. They will be able to advance the process championed by Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad before they are compelled to make difficult historic decisions.

But this not enough. The Israeli initiative must offer a gradual withdrawal to a separation line in the West Bank in exchange for recognition of that line as an interim border between Israel and Palestine. The separation line must be the border until peace is made.

It is acceptable for our leaders to think of other, different initiatives but it is not acceptable for them to adopt a policy bereft of any initiatives.

Israel needs a diplomatic Iron Dome (anti-rocket and missile safety system) as much as a military one. If Netanyahu and Barak are not capable of giving Israel a diplomatic Iron Dome, they must go.

We will not wait again the way we waited on Oct. 6, 1973.

Please see According to Reports on page 23.

Israel bids to thwart recognition of Palestinian state

Barak Ravid
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JERUSALEM — Isaac Molho, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's senior adviser and top negotiator with the Palestinians, made a secret trip to Moscow two weeks ago and met with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov. The purpose of the visit was to dissuade Russia from supporting the European Union's intention to present a plan next month for the establishment of a Palestinian state within the 1967 borders.

Molho was accompanied on the trip by the Foreign Ministry's legal adviser, Daniel Taub, and spent more than an hour with Lavrov. Taub and Molho also met with the Russian envoy to the Middle East, Sergei Yakovlev, and other senior Russian officials. A senior Israeli official told *Ha'aretz* that Taub and Molho used the visit "to present new Israeli ideas for re-launching the peace process with the Palestinians."

The visit came just two weeks before the foreign ministers of the Quartet – the United States, Russia, the European Union and the United Nations – were to meet. France, Germany and the United Kingdom are pushing for announcing a new international peace initiative. The principles of the initiative known so far include setting up two states on the basis of the 1967 borders with territorial swaps; a fair, realistic and agreed-upon solution to the predicament of the Palestinian refugees; Jerusalem as a capital for both states and security arrangements that would protect Israel but not infringe on Palestinian sovereignty.

U.K. Foreign Secretary William Hague said that interim arrangements alone cannot end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and progress must be made in the peace process before September. He also called on the United States and the rest of the Quartet to present clear principles for the process, based on the new initiative, as soon as possible.

The European initiative is strongly supported by Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, who is lobbying all members of the Quartet to have it officially endorsed in the upcoming meeting. However, Abbas has yet to confirm whether he will return to the negotiating table if the lobbying succeeds.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met two weeks ago in Russia with Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin. Last week, Netanyahu sent an emissary to meet with Russian officials on what was described as a secret mission. ***[Avi Ohayon/GPO photo]***

The U.S. administration has yet to comment on the initiative, but it has already won the support of the UN and, it would seem, Russia.

Netanyahu had planned to dispatch Molho to a round of talks in London, Paris, Berlin and Brussels to persuade the Europeans to postpone the initiative's launch. That trip was cancelled at the last moment, after the prime minister understood Molho was unlikely to persuade the European governments to withdraw from the plan without new diplomatic statements on the peace process coming from Israel itself.

Molho's Moscow trip appears to indicate that Netanyahu thought the Russians would prove more attentive to Israel's objections, and could be persuaded to oppose or at least stall the move.

The results of Molho's mission remain to be seen, but Lavrov's statements during the meeting may mean Russia will be reluctant to block the initiative. Lavrov told Molho that continued efforts to find a way out of the impasse were important, and that trust between Israel and the Palestinians needed to be restored. Quartet envoys were expected to visit Israel this week to prepare the foreign ministers' summit. They were to meet Molho and the Palestinian negotiators. Netanyahu was expected to meet German Chancellor Angela Merkel this week in Berlin.

In related developments, French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said recently that EU recognition of a Palestinian state could be a "possibility that should be kept in mind," according to AFP.

"There's no point recognizing the Palestinian state on our own. It must be done together," AFP quoted Juppe as saying about recognition by EU countries. "Personally we're not there yet, I think that it's a possibility that should be kept in mind," he said.

As a response to the deadlock in peace negotiations between Israel and the PA, a number of countries have started upgrading the diplomatic status of Palestinian representatives in their countries, Denmark being the latest one to do so by upgrading the PA from general delegation to mission.

Britain's Foreign Office said it would upgrade the status of the Palestinian representation in London as an "administrative step." In recent months, France, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, the United States and other countries have announced similar upgrades to PA diplomatic delegations.

Two holidays, two messages of redemption

Jean M. Gerber

in Vancouver

The period between Purim and Passover is an interesting psychological time. We just had a wonderful party, and suddenly we're wandering around the house deciding how to arrange the Passover dishes, which must crowd onto the few shelves set aside for them.

Purim was fun. We put on silly wigs, dressed up like Lady Gaga and sashayed around the synagogue while children dressed as a princess/queen Esther/ Cinderella or Spiderman/Darth Vader/ Lord Voldemort (oooh, mustn't say his name.)

Passover, in the lead-up, is hard work.

Kosher stores entice you with new products, most of which you'd never eat during the year – yet the thought of Passover makes you hungry, as if one breadless, eight-day week was similar to the famine in Canaan that drove the Israelites down to Egypt in the first place.

I feel that my time will be taken up with cleaning and cooking – not that my wonderful husband doesn't help, but I have an established routine and end up giving orders like a drill sergeant.

It seems to leave little time to reflect on the juxtaposition of these two holidays, Purim and Pesach. Each reverberates with the themes of deliverance, redemption and renewal, with the situation of Jewish communities caught between an enemy whose sole intent is to bury us and a tenuous promise of rescue.

I don't mean to compare the hilarity of Purim with the solemnity of Passover, or maybe I should say the more sober parts of Passover, since there's plenty of happiness around our seder table.

In the Purim tale (I don't want to debate its historicity here, let's just go with the story), the Jewish community needs no urging to rally around Mordechai and the edict of the threatened queen. "Fast and pray for me," she demands, and everyone immediately does just that.

This in a country where Jews are, by implication, well regarded and assimilated.

In fact, they did what the Jews of Egypt, according to the midrash, never did: they changed their names and their clothes, so that no one imagined that Esther-Ishtar was a Jewess, and no one but Haman cared that Mordechai-Marduk is a Jew.

The city of Shushan is perplexed – of course. What's the reason behind this sudden exercise against their Jewish neighbours? They're good citizens of Persia, just like everyone else!

For a community seemingly so assimilated, the Jews take no time whatsoever to realize their dangerous position. No great thunderbolt needs to sound. They get the message loud and clear.

And the heroine comes through, unmasking Haman and his evil plan, and winning the lumpen king over. Redemption and renewal, with light, joy and gladness all around (except for the fallen enemies).

In *The Jewish Way*, Rabbi Irving Greenberg calls Purim the ultimate Diaspora holiday, one that gives Jews living outside the land of Israel hope in redemption. It's the holiday that celebrates the salvation of a community outside the Promised Land and stands in for all the dangers through which, over the centuries, Diaspora Jewish communities have had to pass. Rabbi Greenberg calls it "the holiday for the post-Holocaust world."

Purim is the holiday when Jews save themselves. Passover is when they need a miracle. Pesach is the epitome of the promise of redemption.

The Israelites weren't an easy crowd to redeem. The initial message of Moses and Aaron falls flat. Not only is Pharaoh scornful – the Israelites themselves resent and resist efforts to rouse them from their torpor. We can imagine them saying to themselves, "Well, it can only get worse – and here comes this dreamer to tell us there is a way out if we just wait for it. Fat chance!"

I reflect for a moment on the trajectory of redemptive moments in our collective history. At times we have been comfortable in our circumstances, at times totally alone and at risk. Sometimes we have had a rescuer, sometimes we were thrust into the kingdom of night.

Two holidays, both in their own ways bringing a message of redemption. At Purim, we celebrate with the community in sacred carnival. God has turned us loose to find our own salvation. At Pesach, we surround ourselves with family and friends, assuring each other through recognition of God's mighty hand and outstretched arm that hope is still alive.

Asenath Barazani: a history lesson

Norma Baumel Joseph

in Montreal

I met the descendants of Asenath Barazani in synagogue one Sabbath, and I was elated. They, too, were excited. From both vantage points, we were amazed to know of each other's interest in this obscure 16th-century woman. Perhaps our mutual awareness of her existence was a sign that she's not so obscure.

The family knew lovely stories of her magical talents. They weren't aware of scholarly attention or academic publications.

Let me introduce you to Asenath.

She was the daughter of a great rabbi in Kurdistan from the second half of the 16th century. Rabbi Samuel ha-Levi had no sons. He taught this daughter Bible, Talmud and more. She helped him run his yeshiva in Amadiya, Kurdistan. When she married Rabbi Yaacov ben Yehudah Mizrahi, her father made one demand. Fortunately, we have her own words explaining some of the transactions that rendered her life extraordinary. In a letter, she proclaimed that her father "made my husband swear that he would not make me perform work."

The deal was that Asenath wouldn't be obligated, as most Jewish wives were, to perform household chores. Rather, her father insisted, and her husband agreed, that she was to spend hours each day studying Torah. Amazing! What would a modern ketubah look like with such clauses? Asenath taught in her father's yeshiva and later in her husband's yeshiva in Mosul. When her husband died, Asenath took over his role as head of the yeshiva, a rosh yeshiva. We have letters in which she writes as head of the school soliciting funds to help the yeshiva.

What is so amazing? Here is an example of an extremely well-educated woman. To be sure, others came before her, such as Bruriah, Rashi's daughters, Miriam Benayah the Yemenite scribe, Deborah Ascarelli, Hava Bachrach, Bat Halevi, Sarah Copia Sullam, Fioretta. (There are many more. If you don't know them, follow Hillel's advice: go out and learn.) All these women were learned, some even teachers, but Asenath was unusual.

With her example before us we can see that history is not as progressive as we might like to think. Certainly in terms of women's lives, much has improved. Particularly in the specifics of Jewish women's lives, such as participation in communal structures and rituals, the patterns have usually become more inclusive. But not always and not in every way.

There's much to learn from history and many lessons from lives lived in the past. Thus, Asenath was a rosh yeshiva for boys. Let that sink in. Additionally, we need to consider her title. According to records, she was called a *tannit*, the female equivalent of *tanna*, the title given to a sage who discussed the Mishnah. In other words, the Jews of Kurdistan used this distinguished title when referring to her father as well as to her. They also accepted her in a male role and didn't seem to object to her being a teacher in a male environment. Finally, no one objected to her as leader or asked her to take a lesser title.

All of which has happened with women's leadership in our modern period. Asenath Barazani stands out as a model to us in the 21st century: a Jewish woman functioning in a male world using all her God-given talents as a leader, with Torah knowledge and wisdom and without controversy. She may not have had all the financial success she needed to keep the institution afloat, but she had the respect and following a leader needs.

Let me be clear about my point: when it comes to memories of her great skills, we hear a different trope. The stories told about her focus on magical moments in her life, times when she supposedly would call upon special powers to stop thieves or discern evil. As with many learned women in the past, legends abound, and they reflect a reverence of the mystical rather than the scholarly. Understanding that is part of our complex gendered disequilibria.

Additionally, I'm not confronting the complex legal issues, nuances of public policy, pressures of unity without uniformity, and the divisiveness of communal diversity that inhere in the subject of female rabbis.

I am pointing to her presence in our past and her potent example for understanding our rich heritage.

Israel greets Arab uprisings with ambivalence

With peaceful popular uprisings and rumbles of discontent convulsing the Arab world, Israel is hopeful yet apprehensive about what lies ahead. The unrest, spearheaded by frustrated youths fed up with dictatorship and galvanized by social media, already has had a profound effect. Supposedly impregnable authoritarian regimes in Tunisia and Egypt have been toppled. Revolts have shaken Yemen, Bahrain, Jordan and Syria. Stirrings of dissension have bubbled up in Saudi Arabia. In the wake of a revolt in Libya, a full-blown civil war has erupted, and Libya is now subject to a United Nations no-fly zone and bombing raids by the United States and its NATO allies.

The protesters want to shatter the stultifying status quo – which has nurtured dictatorship and stifled democracy and progress – and to root out the malaise of endemic corruption.

Weary of totalitarianism and economic stagnation, Arabs from the Mediterranean Sea to the Gulf of Aden have awakened to challenge entrenched, self-serving elites that have enriched themselves at the expense of the masses. The historic upheavals echo the 1848 revolutions in Europe and signify an important break with the past. Defiant of authority, Arabs no longer fear the repressive aura and intimidating security apparatus of the states that have oppressed them.

Clearly, change is in the air, but the situation remains fluid, with the endgame uncertain because some Arab regimes have chosen to fight back, regardless of the cost in lives. In Tunisia and Egypt, the respective presidents, Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali and Hosni Mubarak, were swept away in a matter of weeks as the will of the people triumphed in unprecedented populistic revolutions.

But in both countries, the army, an integral component of the old regime by virtue of its previous toleration of autocracy, is still very much in charge. In Bahrain, the mainly Shiite protest movement was summarily crushed, underscoring the maxim that the pendulum can swing either way and that reactionary forces can retaliate to maintain the status quo ante.

Watching these developments from afar, Israel has monitored them with ambivalence. As Israeli President Shimon Peres suggested last week, the current uprisings can produce better neighbours for Israel if they lead to democracy and prosperity in Arab states. But democracy is a two-edged sword, as Israel has discovered.

Free and fair elections in 2006 enabled Hamas – an organization committed to Israel's destruction – to gain a deeper foothold in the Gaza Strip.

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The armed forces in post-Mubarak Egypt have promised to uphold the 1979 peace treaty, a cornerstone of Israel's security doctrine. But an Egyptian opposition leader, Ayman Nour, has said that the accord should be renegotiated.

Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak, meanwhile, has disclosed that his Egyptian counterpart, Gen. Mohammed Hussein Tantawi, told him that voters in forthcoming elections may favour candidates who are hostile to Israel.

During the three-decade Mubarak era, Egyptian politicians, intellectuals and journalists regularly demonized Israel. However, Mubarak, no lover of Zion, scrupulously respected the peace treaty and kept Hamas in check by laying siege to Gaza.

Since he provided stability for Israel on its southern border, Israelis generally viewed his demise with angst. Now that he is gone, Israel is concerned that a new Egyptian government, chosen in democratic elections, may alter Mubarak's policies.

Israeli strategists also worry about the ripple effects that the Arab uprisings may have on Israel's relationship with Jordan, the second Arab country after Egypt to have signed a peace treaty with Israel. If the Hashemite monarchy falls, a remote possibility at this moment, Israel's assumptions about its non-belligerent Arab neighbour would have to be drastically revised.

The Palestinians in the West Bank pose problems as well. Since 1987, they have launched two violent intifadahs in an attempt to achieve statehood and sovereignty. The Palestinians, having drawn lessons from the non-violent revolutions in Tunisia and Egypt, may also decide to choose the path of non-violence. Given the international climate, Israel would be hard-pressed to squelch a peaceful Palestinian campaign for statehood.

Barak, having read the political tea leaves, said recently that Israel could be buffeted by a diplomatic tsunami should talks with the Palestinian Authority not be resumed. As he ominously put it, "It's a mistake not to notice this tsunami. Israel's delegitimization is in sight ... It is a very dangerous situation, one that requires action."

Taking heed of Barak's comment, U.S. Defence Secretary Robert Gates, on a visit to Israel last month, linked the ongoing Arab rebellions with the impasse in the peace process, reportedly telling Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that Israelis have "a very deep strategic interest in getting out in front of the wave of populism that's sweeping the region." In Gates' view, Israel should be proactive by restarting direct negotiations with the Palestinian Authority.

The turmoil, having transformed politics in the Middle East, has forced Arab rulers to pay far more attention to the basic needs and demands of their citizens.

Egypt is a good case in point.

In a referendum sanctioned by the army, Egyptians voted for nine constitutional amendments in advance of legislative and presidential elections later this year. In the meantime, the army has eased rules on the formation of political parties.

The army has pledged to lift the hated emergency law, but no date has been announced. Nor can it be divined what role the Muslim Brotherhood, the best organized political and social movement in Egypt, will eventually play.

King Abdullah II of Jordan has reacted to calls for reforms by approving cosmetic adjustments. But it remains to be seen whether he is prepared to overhaul the system and share power with the toothless parliament.

Syrian President Bashar Assad

President Bashar Assad of Syria, a self-styled reformer whose forces have killed more than 60 demonstrators, has made no concessions apart from dismissing his docile cabinet and allowing his spokesmen to deliver nebulous speeches about pending reform. In a bombastic speech on March 30, he condescendingly called the protesters dupes, claimed that foreigners aligned with Israel are behind the rioting and completely ignored demands to abolish the nearly five decade old emergency law that ensures the Baath party's monopoly on power.

In Bahrain, King Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa declared martial law and chased demonstrators away after calling in 2,000 troops from neighbouring countries and Saudi Arabia (which has tolerated no dissent within its borders). In Yemen, the embattled president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, has refused to leave his post, despite the defection of a senior army commander and numerous officials and ambassadors. In Libya, Moammar Gadhafi's refusal to implement meaningful reforms has triggered a civil war that could yet end with foreign troops on the ground and Libya's partition or Gadhafi's death.

Change is afoot in the Middle East, but some Arab leaders are resisting it.

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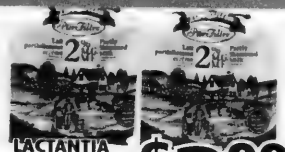

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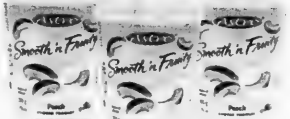

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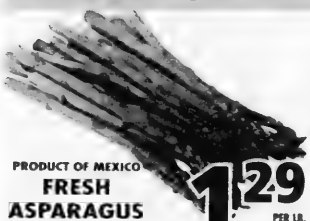

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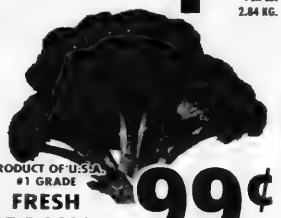

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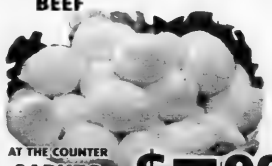

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Canadians urged not to forget about Darfur

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Canadians should remember that millions of people in Darfur are still suffering, said panellists speaking about the ongoing conflict in that region of Sudan.

In attracting only about 15 people, the March 29 panel discussion, titled "Referendum, Revolutions, Genocide: A Turning Point for Darfur," emphasized the goal of bringing the crisis in Darfur back into the media limelight.

"The fighting is still happening. The government is still attacking villages and different areas," said Mahjob Abdalla, the Darfur Diaspora Association director.

The panel, organized by the Holy Blossom Temple's social action committee and moderated by Ben Fine, the founder of Students Taking Action Now: Darfur (STAND) Canada, also included Tag Elkhazin, an international consultant on conflict analysis in Darfur for the SubSahara Centre, and Kyle Matthews, the lead researcher at the Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies at Concordia University.

"In the last two years or so, Darfur has completely come out of the international community's mind," said Abdalla, who still has family living in Sudan.

Since 2003, Darfur has been the site of mass murder, rape, starvation and displacement. In an attempt to exert control over a country divided by religious and ethnic backgrounds, the pro-government Arab militia has murdered more than 400,000 and displaced about 2.5 million more in refugee camps where the threat of starvation and disease are constant.

Abdalla said Darfuris aren't even safe in refugee camps, which are subject to violent raids.

He added that even the aid that's distributed to refugees by advocacy groups is harming them.

"My niece said most of the aid materials that they get are all expired. She read the label of cooking oil and it expired in 2001... Another woman told her, 'Every time that I eat this specific oil, I get stomach problems.'"

Elkhazin agreed that although it's been eight years since the genocide began, the situation on the ground is still dire.

He said that late last month, four women who were moving from one refugee camp to another near El Fasher were spotted by militiamen walking along a road.

"They were arrested, they were tied to trees, they were severely beaten and repeatedly raped," Elkhazin said. "The situation and the atrocities are still happening. The problem is that there is no political will [to stop it]."

He said there are about 22,000 peacekeepers in the region. That translates to about one peacekeeper per 26 square miles.

"There is no way you can actually keep the peace with that many. But the government of Sudan has refused the participation of seasoned, experienced peacekeepers."

Abdalla said his only wish is that the war-torn regions come under the protection of the United Nations, because "under the current situation, there is no solution that I can see."

Former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, left, speaks to Sudanese refugee women at the Zamzam camp in northern Darfur in 2004. [*CJN file photo*]

He added that he wished international governments had intervened in Darfur as quickly as they did in Libya, where a no-fly zone was enforced last month to protect civilians from the violence of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi.

"Years ago, people were pushing for a no-fly zone in Darfur because the government in Sudan was [dropping] and continues to drop rockets on people," Fine said.

"Fast forward six years and the Libyan government attacked its own people, and within hours, the international community, including Canadian fighter jets, are now bombing Libya."

During the question and answer period, a Sudanese immigrant expressed her anger that Darfuris didn't get the same protection.

"Darfuris are being slaughtered right now while we are in this room and [U.S. President Barack Obama] knows that. And Canada never did anything. I'm a proud [Canadian]. I've got my citizenship and this year I'm going to vote, and I will vote for the party that will work there," she said.

Another Sudanese audience member said the only people who can help end the crisis in Darfur is the Jewish community.

"Not because they are Jews, but because Jewish people have experience. They feel the injustice, they feel the pain, they have felt the killing before."

Matthews, co-author of *Mobilizing the Will to Intervene: Leadership and Action to Prevent Mass Atrocities*, said that "in order to prevent future genocides from taking place... we have to mobilize international governments."

Matthews said that last year, Obama's administration implemented two of the book's recommendations that deal with taking a proactive approach to preventing genocide and he hopes that other countries, including Canada, will follow suit.

Fine said the best way to push Canadian politicians into action is to "pick up the phone or knock on the door of a candidate or member of Parliament and simply say that you care about what is happening in the Sudan."

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Israel urged to present peace plan

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

A former Israeli cabinet minister has called on Israel to immediately unveil a peace plan based on a two-state solution.

With the Palestinian Authority expected to take its case for statehood to the United Nations in September, Israel should be proactive, said Ami Ayalon, speaking at Beth Tzedec Congregation last week.

Ayalon, a minister without portfolio in Ehud Olmert's coalition government and a Labor party member of parliament until 2009, said that since the Palestinians will likely win global support for statehood and be perceived as freedom fighters, Israel would be wise to pre-empt them by presenting its own parameters for peace.

'We have to define where we want to go'

"We have to define where we want to go," said Ayalon, a former commander-in-chief of the Israeli navy, and director of the Shin Bet, Israel's internal security service, after Yitzhak Rabin's assassination in 1995.

Israel's strategy should be driven by demographics and based on preserving its current status as a Jewish democratic state and permitting the Palestinians to form a demilitarized state with eastern Jerusalem as its capital, noted Ayalon, the newly-appointed chair of Haifa University's executive committee.

A one-state solution, he warned, would imperil Israel's existence.

To maintain its character as a Jewish democratic state, Israel should be ready to withdraw to the pre-1967 borders and trade territory with the Palestinians in land swaps.

Under his proposal, Arab refugees would return to a Palestinian state rather than Israel, and Jewish settlers who leave their homes in the West Bank would receive immediate compensation. He estimated that 20 to 25 per cent of the settlers would seriously consider accepting such an offer.

Calling the settlers "pioneers" who have fought for Israel, Ayalon said they must be "brought home."

Before a formal peace treaty is signed and sealed, the Israeli army should be stationed in the West Bank, and settlement construction on the eastern side of the separation fence should be completely frozen, he said.

An agreement would be guaranteed by the international community, he noted.

Ami Ayalon

Ayalon's concept of peace resembles The People's Initiative, launched in June 2003 by Ayalon and Palestinian academic Sari Nusseibeh.

According to Ayalon, 450,000 Israelis and Palestinians have endorsed it with their signatures.

"From a security point of view, we wouldn't be taking any risks," he said of his proposal. "I believe most Israelis would accept it."

Asked in a question-and-answer session whether Israel has a leader who would subscribe to his tenets, he replied, "I believe in the power of the people. Every politician, no matter where he comes from, has to respond to the voice of the people and react to the international community. I believe the Israeli people understand the reality of what is in front of us."

In a reference to the current popular uprisings in the Arab world, Ayalon chided Israeli intelligence agencies for having failed to anticipate them. "We couldn't feel them coming. We knew nothing about it."

But if Israeli analysts had read Arab Facebook pages, they would not have been taken by surprise, he observed.

Peering into the future, Ayalon predicted that radical movements and ideas would percolate to the surface in the region.

Ayalon does not expect Egypt to play a role in regional politics following the ouster of its president, Hosni Mubarak. "Egypt will be concerned mostly with domestic issues."

As a result of the upheavals, he speculated, Turkey and Iran will compete for dominance in the Middle East.

With Iran's hegemonic ambitions in mind, he urged Israel to repair its tarnished relationship with Turkey and form a new regional alliance to counter Iran.

Ayalon suggested that an alliance like this cannot be established unless Israel lowers Arab-Israeli tensions.

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Senior spreads word on 'buying' cemetery plots

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

Ruth Goldsmith, 81, vice-president, communications, of the Association of Jewish Seniors, is trying to spread the word about an emotional topic – cemetery plots.

Ruth Goldsmith

A widow for nine years who recently moved into a retirement home, Goldsmith, a native of London, England, said that many women in her generation don't realize that when they purchased a cemetery plot from their synagogue, they were only buying the right to a plot.

"They are only entitled to that plot as long, as they are a paid-up member of the synagogue," she said.

This particularly affects those who want to be buried alongside their late husband, she said. "Synagogue fees have risen considerably in recent years, making it prohibitive for many families to remain members, especially retired seniors.

"Unfortunately, most husbands die before their wives and leave the widows alone to bear these costs. Even when paying a single membership, synagogue fees can become a major financial burden to widows on a fixed income."

In her own case, she said, she and her husband, Ernest, joined Shaarei Tefillah Congregation when they bought a house nearby about 45 years ago. "We were recent immigrants – they met in England after he left Germany in 1937 – and we became very involved in the synagogue. It became the centre of our social life."

About 15 or 20 years ago, she said, the cemetery chair at the synagogue approached them and said the synagogue was running out of plots. "We purchased two adjacent plots at Bathurst Lawn Cemetery, and we got a receipt. We didn't realize at the time, though, that we had only purchased the right to a plot."

She used her husband's plot when he died, she said, "and I assumed that I would eventually be next to him. It is unthinkable not to be with my husband."

As she aged however, she decided to move to a retirement home in order to be near her children and grandchildren. "I was no longer walking distance to the synagogue, and it was not feasible for me to remain a member. I was shocked to discover, though, that if I left Shaarei Tefillah, I was no longer entitled to a plot."

She stressed that she does not blame the current cemetery chairs, because they "inherited" this situation. "This policy was established years ago, and it is the same in most synagogues of every denomination. It is not at all illegal. It is just misleading."

Sy Baltman, cemetery chair at Shaarei Tefillah, confirmed that in order to be entitled to a plot, the deceased must have been a paid up member in good standing. "Members do not purchase plots. They are entitled to one as allocated by the cemetery committee."

Goldsmith said Baltman was sympathetic to her situation, and because of her history with the shul, allowed her to purchase the plot next to her husband's for $5,200. "That is a lot of money for me, but I had no choice. It is imperative that I be with my husband."

Now she owns her own plot, she said, "but I want to warn everyone to check with their synagogue. Some do sell them outright, and some don't."

The association recently held a meeting to discuss the issue, she said. "Part of our mandate is to keep seniors informed."

THINKING GREEN: The third annual joint conference of the United Church's Green Awakening Network and Greening Sacred Spaces, was held on March 27. Seen here leading a jazz service is, from left, Rabbi Miriam Margles, Imam Yusuf Badat and Minister Chris Levan. To read story, please go to cjnews.com

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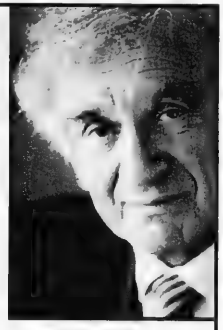

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Joy – the essential ingredient

Rabbi Uri Kaufman

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On this night, we transmit this narrative to our children, fulfilling the Torah's commandment: "And you shall tell this story to your son on this day."

The essence of the night provides examples of cutting edge educational pedagogy.

The Talmud states that we give treats to the very young children at the beginning of the seder to maintain their interest and increase their excitement (a good anticipatory strategy that is impactful to begin a lesson).

And there is no lack of active participation. Teaching in the format of questions and answers is, according to the Maharal of Prague, the key to acquiring new information. Only when you are questioning and puzzled will you be able to internalize the answers. For those familiar with more recent educational trends, the different answers given to the four sons qualifies as a perfect Differential Instruction lesson. We do this every year to ensure that our children will be imbued with Jewish values and Jewish identity.

There is, however, a more critical ingredient that is needed, both on Pesach during the seder and all year, to help ensure that the lessons of our tradition take seed in our young, and that ultimately

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we are successful in raising committed and inspired Jews. This final pedagogical element is joy. Our children must consistently see in our words and, more importantly, in our deeds, *simchah shel mitzvah*, the excitement and joy in being Jewish and living our lives according to the Torah's values and direction.

Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, a great Jewish leader of the past century, was asked why so many Jews who came to America and, in spite of great hardship, remained faithful to their Jewish observance, were unable to raise their children as Orthodox Jews.

Rav Moshe explained that those Jews who remained true to Orthodox Sabbath observance did so at great personal sacrifice, often with a complaint about their lot, but if there is no joy in a home around practising Judaism, observance is not easily transmitted to the next generation.

Only sharing joy in living a Jewish life will guarantee success with children. We emphasize the great historical tragedies in our teachings, neglecting the message of the specialness of our people and the personal fulfilment and happiness of living with a commitment to Torah values.

A local educator once opened a talk on "Success in Jewish Education" saying in real estate there are three conditions for property value – location, location, location. So, too, in Jewish education, there are three requirements for success with our children – joy, joy and more joy.

Rabbi Uri Kaufman is the rav of Agudas Yisroel Anshei Kielce and the associate principal of Eitz Chaim Schools Patricia campus.

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Our sages well understood the folly of predicting the future by asserting that the only "prophets" of today are children and fools. Yet there is one thing that never changes: human nature. Almost equally unchanging is the inability of man to learn from past mistakes, dooming us to repeat them over and over. Thus it is old news to read, once again, of a warning – this time from the federal Office of Superintendent of Financial Institutions – that financial institutions are engaging in risk at "pre-recession levels." It's precisely this uncontrolled risk that led to the last recession and will undoubtedly lead to the next.

Left to our own devices, nothing stands in the way of seeking more money now. As Chuck Prince, former CEO of Citigroup, said in July 2007, just prior the near financial meltdown, "When the music stops, in terms of liquidity, things will be complicated. But as long as the music is playing, you've got to get up and dance. We're still dancing." It should surprise no one that Citigroup shares later fell by more than 95 per cent, while Prince left the bank, but not before receiving millions of dollars.

It takes a great moral leader to demand that we stop the music

Money Matters

Rabbi Jay Kelman CA

while the profits are still rolling in.

It's precisely when things are going well that government regulators must ensure that the music is playing at the right speed. Initiatives such as "too big to fail," in which governments guarantee to prevent the bankruptcy of key economic players, even were they to have economic benefit – something that's highly debatable – are morally problematic.

Allowing others to pay for someone else's mistakes undermines the most basic principles of moral behaviour. In a society in which people too often look to blame others for their own failures, it's even more imperative that we model lessons of personal responsibility.

When one combines the uncertainty of the future with the consistency of human nature, it's apparent that the key characteristic we should be demanding of those who seek political office is moral integrity. Unfortunately, there is little evidence that such motivates many politicians, nor will it unless we demand it. Perhaps even more so than in corporate boardrooms, in the area of political manoeuvring, decisions are based on what's best for the present, and, all too often, little regard is given to the implications years down the road.

However, as a Jewish Canadian, I am most proud that in one area at least, our government has taken the morally proper path, despite the political fallout. The moral leadership that our prime minister has shown in supporting Israel is a model of principled leadership. While it's not my place to endorse a specific candidate, I do think that we need to look not only at policies, but more importantly at the people that we have the privilege and obligation of electing to serve us.

Medieval rabbis differed about women

Anyone who teaches pre-modern Jewish texts is often forced to confront the large gap between attitudes to women in those texts and our current values.

I often remind my students that it is unreasonable to expect to find egalitarianism before the 20th century. I suggest that they hold their noses, as it would be narrow and ignorant to refrain from reading old texts from any culture just because they fall short of our understandings of race, freedom of speech, sexual standards, and a host of other topics.

But a new book by one of the foremost living scholars of medieval Judaism, Prof. Avraham Grossman of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, is making me rethink my approach. His 600-page Hebrew book, *Vehu yimshol bakh? (And He Shall Rule Over You?)*, is a careful study of the attitudes toward women of 21 medieval Jewish rabbis and scholars (all male). Grossman proves that medieval Jewish scholars had a variety of views about the status of women; apparently, not all medieval rabbis were benighted sexists.

The book does contain some very troubling lines about women, penned by leading medieval Jewish thinkers. Don Isaac Abarbanel (1437-1508) wrote that only men, not women, were created in the image of God. The works of Joseph ibn Kaspi (circa 1280-circa 1340) are filled with misogynistic comments. He discouraged all forms of contact between men and women and believed that the sexual act belonged in the same category as urination and defecation – a necessary evil that should fill men with embarrassment. Levi ben Gershon (Gersonides; 1288-1344) wrote explicitly that women were inferior to men and were here on Earth to serve men. Curiously, Gersonides noted that this was not the case in any other species. In other mammals, for example, he saw no intrinsic distinctions between the female and the male. But he argued that humans were different.

As disturbing as these texts are, Grossman notes a pattern: generally the most sexist attitudes were found in the writings of those Jewish thinkers, like the three rabbis mentioned in the previous paragraph, who were most strongly influenced by medieval secular philosophy. Philosophers of all religions in that period who followed in the footsteps of the Greek philosophers taught, like the Greeks, that women were incapable of doing philosophy – allegedly the pinnacle of human intellectual achievement – and hence they were intrinsically inferior to men.

Grossman shows that many of the medieval rabbis who had no contact with philosophy tended to be more woman-friendly. Rashi (1040-1105) showed great sensitivity to the rights of women in his writings (perhaps, in part, because he had only daughters?). He seems to have had a romantic side – he explained that a number of talmudic laws were designed to increase the love between husbands and wives. Grossman carefully analyzes a responsum written by Rashi in which he strongly chastised a man who wanted to divorce his wife because of a physical blemish. Rashi urged the man to invest as much energy into learning to love his wife as he was investing in trying to make the case for divorce.

Views & Reviews

Martin Lockshin

Another great Ashkenazi rabbi, Meir of Rotenberg (1215-1293), wrote passionately against domestic violence, arguing that wife beating was the worst imaginable form of assault: "God forbid that any Jewish man should do this! Anyone who assaults his wife should be excommunicated, beaten and punished any way that he can be punished. If he is a repeat offender, his hand should be chopped off."

According to Grossman, Moses Maimonides (1138-1205) is an exception to the association of misogyny with interest in Greek philosophy. Despite Maimonides' commitment to philosophy, Grossman regards him as relatively compassionate and concerned about the plight of women. He was the strongest spokesman in medieval Jewish legal literature for the opinion that a Jewish woman could demand a divorce if she claimed in a rabbinical court that she found her husband disgusting. Maimonides wrote that in such a case a rabbinical court should compel the husband to give his wife a religious divorce immediately. A wife "is not to be seen as a captive who is forced to have intercourse with someone whom she hates" (Mishneh Torah, Ishshut 14:8). For a while this position was standard Jewish law in Spain (Maimonides' birthplace) and a few other countries.

Sadly, Maimonides' position on this subject was later overturned. Grossman paints an uncomplimentary picture of Rabbenu Asher ben Yehiel (1250-1327) who moved from Germany to Spain and discovered that that community was following Maimonides' ruling.

Rabbenu Asher wrote: "I am thoroughly amazed by what Maimonides wrote that if the wife says she finds her husband disgusting and she is unable to have intercourse with him, we force him to divorce her immediately, as she is not a captive who has to have intercourse with someone whom she hates. What kind of reason is that for forcing a man to grant a divorce...? Let her not have intercourse with her husband and let her stay a living widow all of her life!... If this woman is following her whims and has her eye on some other man whom she prefers to the husband of her youth, should we help her fulfil her desires and force the man who loves her to divorce her? God forbid that any rabbinic judge should rule this way! (Teshuvot ha-Rosh, 43:8)

In another part of that same ruling, Rabbenu Asher wrote that 14th century women are too arrogant. If these women learn that they have the power to free themselves from marriage, "no Jewish woman would remain with her husband; she would find a more attractive man and rebel against her husband (by demanding a divorce)." (To the best of my knowledge, Rabbenu Asher never addressed the fact that the law provided the opportunity for men to divorce their wives and abandon the "wives of their youth," when they were more attracted to another woman.)

While the pro-women views of rabbis like Rashi in this book will please many modern Jews, any Jew loyal to Halachah will be troubled by Grossman's implicit claim that the misogynistic views of some of these rabbis led to the establishment of a legal system that continues to disadvantage women in our day. A lesson that we can all learn is that it is crucial to train a new generation of rabbis who respect women's rights, desires and aspirations, and who do not dismiss contemporary women as "arrogant."

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Israeli doctor talks about mission in Japan

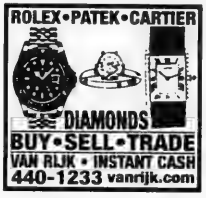
Laura Fixman
Special to The CJN

The speakers at the second annual DARA (Doctors Against Racism and Anti-Semitism) medical conference gathered in Toronto on Sunday to share their experiences helping people in war-torn and environmental disaster zones.

The medical conference, held at the University of Toronto titled "Disaster Medicine and Humanitarian Missions: Lessons Learned from International Experience," included addresses from Dr. Bernie Goldman, chair of Save a Child's Heart Canada; Major Vivian McAlister, a professor in the department of surgery in the Canadian Forces; and Dr. Ofer Merin, Shaare Zedek Medical Center's deputy director-general.

Merin, who is currently in the northern Japanese town of Kurihara with a medical team that includes 19 physicians and nurses from the Israel Defence Forces, joined the conference via video.

DARA, a Toronto-based grassroots non-profit organization that aims to bring objectivity to medical journalism and academia, invited Merin to share his experience in aiding the victims of the March 8 earthquake and tsunami.



Operating out of a makeshift clinic in the village of Minamisanriku – which was completely destroyed by the tsunami and killed about half of the 17,000 residents – Merin has been posting messages on his blog, which he created to give people frequent updates about the mission.

DARA conference held in Toronto

"The people who survived are the refugees you read about on the news – completely homeless. These are the ones we came to assist," Merin wrote in his first blog entry on March 29.

The Israeli clinic, led by the only foreign team on the ground, provides wards for pediatrics, surgery, maternity and gynecology, ophthalmology and intensive care, as well as a lab and pharmacy.

"Physicians from all around are coming with their patients for consults with our specialists, for blood tests and x-rays. Pregnant women are coming for ultrasounds as well, as this is a service they don't have," wrote Merin, who also updates his blog with videos and pictures.

One of the challenges facing the Israeli medical team is breaking through the cultural barriers and gaining the trust of the Japanese people.

At first, Merin said during the conference, the Japanese were hesitant to have foreigners treat them, but the Israeli team became increasingly popular after they treated the mayor of Minamisanriku.

"To be a foreigner and to work with Japan, this is the first time this has been done," Merin said.

Despite their efforts, he said, the 30-person team can only treat about up to 30 patients a day. "It's a drop in the ocean, what they did," McAlister said.

But Merin chose to focus on the positive.

"This is what we can do, and we concentrate on that," he said.

Radiation exposure is another obstacle the Israeli team has to overcome, and all patients and staff are tested daily. But Merin isn't concerned about that.

"The amount of radiation here is way below the amount we know to be safe," Merin said.

The clinic is located about 150 kilometres north of the Fukushima Daiichi power plant, which he attributes to the low levels of radiation.

Merin is no stranger when it comes to working under pressure in the midst of catastrophe.

Following the Jan. 12 earthquake that struck Haiti last year, Merin and his 230-member crew were one of the first to arrive in Haiti's capital, working for 10 days straight to see more than 1,000 patients.

But the work he's doing in Japan is "very different than the mission last year," he said.

Last year in Haiti, Merin found it extremely difficult to choose which patients to treat and which to turn away. He said that they couldn't always treat the most severely injured, and he always had to think of the best way to use their limited resources.

In Japan, he sends small teams everyday to go from house to house to treat people who can't travel.

"You have to pick ones that have a good chance of survival," Merin said.

Merin wrote on his blog that in addition to the humanitarian aid his team offers the Japanese victims, the team is also showing the rest of the world what Israel has to offer.

"We are getting excellent coverage from the media here, so the feeling is that we are on a humanitarian mission while also providing good [public relations] for Israel."

To read more about Dr. Merin and his medical team's ongoing work in Japan, follow his blog at http://szinjapan.tumblr.com/.

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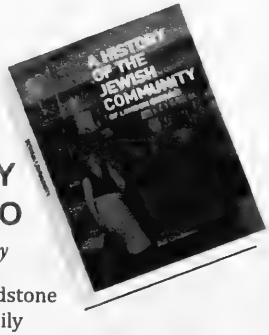

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Itanu Toronto shines spotlight on physical, social inclusion

Vital UJA Federation initiative now in its ninth year

By Daniel Horowitz

It began in July, 2002, when, at the "Opening the Doors" Conference, held at Camp Ramah in Canada, Jewish community members came together to discuss the inclusion of children and adults with disabilities. As a result of that conference, Itanu Toronto - UJA Federation's inclusion initiative, was born.

This year, the ninth annual Inclusion Action Week will kick-off with Shabbat Itanu at synagogues across the Greater Toronto Area on April 8th and 9th, before drawing to a close on Thursday, April 14 with a ceremony at the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB). This vital program, as it has year after year, will bring the importance of physical and social inclusion to the attention of the community.

The event's keynote speaker is Toni Silberman, a renowned educator and psychotherapist, and a former member of senior management at the Ontario Human Rights Commission for 16 years.

Stan Kugelmass, the chair of Itanu Toronto since its inception, and the father of a child with special needs, is clear when asked what Itanu's ultimate goal is.

"To make our committee completely unnecessary," he says without hesitation. "But for now, we must continue to develop and enhance a welcoming attitude which reaches out to people who've felt excluded in the past. I always feel as if I'm speaking in my child's name when talking about these issues. My daughter's interaction with the world is innocent, sweet and generous. She's taught me a lot about what values are important and I am always conscious of what it would take to make her world a better place. What better thing for a father to be able to do for his daughter than to try to influence her community to be more open and accepting of her."

Participants on Taglit Birthright Israel's No Limits Trip embark on a sailing adventure on the Mediterranean Sea last June. The remarkable trip, featuring handicap accessible accommodations, site visits and activities, was designed for participants with reduced mobility, and funded by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

As part of Inclusion Action Week, Itanu Toronto will honour its 2011 recipients of the Community Inclusion Awards of Excellence, presented to individuals and organizations that have embraced inclusion as a key principle and a core value, and have impacted communal change as a result.

This year's recipients are The Bagel Club, a weekly support group organized and supported by Jewish Family & Child (JF&CS), and Yaffi Ulman, a young woman who has devoted her life to helping children with disabilities.

"With this award the community takes a positive step in battling stigma and encouraging a much needed conversation about mental health," said Richard Cummings, Executive Director, Jewish Family & Child.

"It's been said that a community will ultimately be judged by how open and accessible it is to engaging all its members," said Ted Sokolsky, President & CEO, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto. "We are proud to support Inclusion Action Week, an initiative vital to making our incredible Jewish community truly inclusive and welcoming to all. By giving all citizens access to the finest in the arts, culture, education and recreation, we not only strengthen and improve their lives, but we are all the better for it."

IsraAid, UJA Federation mobilize to support victims of Japanese disasters

By Melanie Simons

When Shachar Zahavi, founder of the humanitarian organization IsraAid, first heard about the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, he knew that IsraAid could help. "We immediately called our contacts in the UN, Israeli government and international aid agencies and began evaluating what the needs on the ground were."

While IsraAid mobilized a volunteer team consisting of emergency medicine, search and rescue and water purification experts, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, the world's largest financial supporter of IsraAid, created the Japan Earthquake Relief Fund to ensure a successful IsraAid mission. To date, over $140,000 has been raised.

"The Toronto Jewish community responded immediately to the enormous needs of Japan," says Zahavi. "As a result of the community's generosity, we dispatched our team to Japan and were one of the first emergency response units on the ground."

The team began working with local organizations, distributing relief items and planning a large scale aid operation for the affected communities. But the mission was temporarily interrupted when the government of Israel ordered all Israelis to leave the country because of high radiation levels.

However, within hours of being back in Israel, the team reconvened and established a 14-member delegation lead by Dr. Gady Sadovsky, a Reserve Colonel of the Home Front Command and current Head of Emergency Preparedness at Assaf Harofeh Hospital in Ashdod.

Dozens of shelters like Budokan Hall in Tokyo (pictured above), now house thousands fleeing from the earthquake region and radiation. Photo credit: Mickey Alon

Sadovsky and his team arrived in Tokyo soon after receiving safety clearance from the Israeli government.

"The scale of this disaster is still incomprehensible," said Sadovsky after visiting displacement centres in Tokyo. "We are continuously humbled by the Japanese medical professionals, logisticians, relief workers and ordinary citizens who have demonstrated such bravery in the face of tragedy. We are here to lend a hand, share our experience and learn from theirs."

"Thousands of households have been living without fuel and electricity since March 14, and about 500,000 people are living in shelters," added Zahavi. "The shortage of fuel presents us with unique logistical issues, making it very challenging to reach the affected areas. The situation for these people is very urgent."

Israel's Ambassador to Japan, Nisim Ben Shitrit, says IsraAid's Japan mission demonstrates the commitment of Israeli society to nations in need. "It is truly appreciated in Japan, both by the local community and the government."

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Israeli kids strive to maintain unique identity

Yosef Tastassa
Special to The CJN

Sara Dobner, chair of the Israeli Identity Program of the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, emigrated to Canada from Israel almost 24 years ago.

Over that time, Dobner realized that maintaining Israeli identity is important in the relationship between Israeli parents and their children who are born here, and that it also paves the road to building a Jewish identity.

"My two daughters are my personal example," Dobner said in a recent interview with *The CJN*.

"They were born in Canada, grew up in a Jewish environment and went to Jewish schools. However, if you ask them for their identity, they will answer 'Israeli,'" Dobner said.

And she is a proud Israeli, with Hebrew being the language that is spoken in her home.

"I am a secular Jew. And like most secular Jews in Israel, going to synagogue was never a priority as a part of our identity. In Canada, we sent our daughters to Jewish schools, but during our first years here I found it hard to define myself as Jewish, as my Israeli identity was so much more dominant and relevant," Dobner said.

"I think that Israel is a miracle. It was built from scrap by idealist Jews, refugees and Holocaust survivors. After almost 2,000 years of life in the Diaspora, the Jews finally have an independent state in their ancestral homeland. The pride in our country's achievements is an asset that is crucial for [us] to pass on to our daughters," she added.

Dobner said that the Israeli identity of her daughters is an important family bond. "Without the Israeli identity, my daughters would be strangers to us in their values, interests and outlook on life."

While instilling an Israeli identity in Israeli-Canadian kids will ensure their connection with their Israeli parents, supporting the development of their Jewish identity will help them in their integration into the greater Jewish community abroad, she said.

Sara Dobner [*Yosef Tastassa photo*]

"Connecting our children to our Israeli heritage and developing their Israeli identity does not need to come at the expense of their ability to immerse in the local community," Dobner said.

"On the contrary, children that have the ability to absorb and identify with more than one culture will only enrich their lives and will be more worldly, sophisticated and have an open-minded perspective."

Children from Israeli families can help bring Israel to the non-Israeli children in the Diaspora Jewish communities. They can bring their Hebrew language and knowledge and love of Israel to the community, and can be the best ambassadors for Israel, Dobner said.

Two years ago, she said she decided to turn her personal experience as an Israeli with children who are Canadian-born into a message to the Israeli community here. That led to the founding of the Israeli Identity Program. As chair of the program, she works closely with Galya Sarner, the director of Israeli affairs at UJA Federation.

The program aims to assist Israelis to preserve their Israeli identity and maintain pride in that identity; to strengthen the integration of Israelis in the Canadian Jewish community, and to find ways that Israelis can play key roles in the Jewish community here. So far, the Israeli Identity Program has held two events. The first event was called "To Be an Israeli Parent in the Diaspora," and the second focused on preserving the Hebrew language among the young generation. A third event, now being planned, will include a discussion about the integration of newcomer Israelis and the local Jewish community.

"I see it as a win-win situation", Dobner said. "Both Israelis and local Jews need each other to maintain a strong Jewish community and for the future of the next generation. Israelis in the Greater Toronto Area are very lucky to live in a very strong, committed and warm Jewish community. A full integration between the Israelis and the Jewish community is a high priority goal we should all strive for."

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LANGUAGE ARTS: Grade 2 students from the Toronto Heschel School are working with Grade 12 students from Ulpanat Orot, the Bnei Akiva Schools of Toronto's girls high school, on a collaborative language arts project. The students are creating story books written by the Grade 12 students and illustrated by the Grade 2 students. Here, from left, Ulpana student Racheli Samuel works with Heschel students Emily Rose and Etai Sharet-Babitsky, as they prepare some of their illustrations.

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Palestinians pursue unilateral declaration of statehood

The heavy focus on the war for control of Libya and upheavals in several other Arab countries overshadowed reports that the Palestinians' pursuit of a unilateral declaration of statehood appears to be gaining momentum. It could culminate in a resolution being introduced in September at the UN General Assembly to recognize the "State of Palestine."

Israel is doing what it can diplomatically behind the scenes to try to thwart this outcome, but not because it doesn't believe that the Palestinians should have a state. Rather, it's because of the way the Palestinians have chosen to go about realizing that goal – by avoiding negotiations with Israel that require them to recognize the Jewish state and compromise on the key issues.

In the meantime, with the Arab world in turmoil, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon was busy criticizing Israel last week during a two-day UN "Latin American and Caribbean Meeting in Support of Israeli-Palestinian Peace" in Uruguay. While pro-forma calling for the parties to return to the negotiating table to conclude final-status talks, Ban singled out Israel, declaring: "The occupation that started in 1967 is morally and politically unsustainable, and must end. The Palestinians have a legitimate right to the establishment of an independent and viable state of their own."

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

Ban's remarks were widely interpreted in Israel as supporting the Palestinians' unilateral move.

While this meeting was taking place, Avi Issacharoff reported (*Ha'aretz*, March 31) that Palestinian Authority president Mahmoud Abbas announced in Ramallah that the PA would turn to the UN General Assembly only if all other options are exhausted.

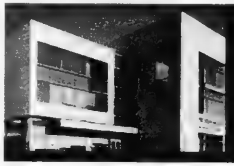
That statement struck Israelis as utterly disingenuous, since Abbas has persistently rejected Israel's requests to return to negotiations without preconditions. Abbas also recently met with Hamas officials in Ramallah in order to strike a unity agreement. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been blunt about this effort: either Abbas wants a deal with Israel or with Hamas, but he can't have it both ways.

As if more proof were needed of Abbas' refusal to talk with Israeli leaders, Saeb Erekat, his former chief negotiator and current member of the Palestine Liberation Organization's executive committee, told the attendees in Uruguay (to whom he delivered the keynote address): "I believe negotiations are over between the Palestinians and Israel." According to the official report of the meeting, Erekat (who, along with Abbas, walked away from former Israeli prime minister Ehud Olmert's offer of a Palestinian state during the Annapolis talks in 2008), said that final status issues such as borders, refugees, settlements, etc., "had been dealt with [sic] and now was the time for decisions." In short, it was now time for the international community to recognize "Palestine" based on the "1967 borders, which was required under international law."

The claim is nonsense. The "1967 borders" were never formal, internationally recognized borders. They only marked the armistice lines where fighting stopped between Israel and Jordan in 1949. UN Security Council Resolution 242, which has been the internationally accepted basis for all peace-making since the 1967 war, recognizes that border modifications would have to be made in a peace agreement, so that Israel could have the "defensible borders" it currently lacks. Ironically, Ban (drawing on the language of 242) noted that "Israel has the right to live in peace and security within internationally recognized and secure borders." Yet all his other statements criticizing Israel and supporting the Palestinians serve to render this recognition meaningless.

It's critical to understand that a UN acceptance of a unilateral Palestinian declaration of statehood, especially one that insists upon a "return to the 1967 borders," would violate a key requirement for peace that the UN itself prescribed and has stood by for more than 43 years.

Facts still matter, no matter what we hear about the increasing role of emotion and passion in determining the course of international affairs. And this fact, along with many others, such as the requirement for direct negotiations to reach peace, cannot be ignored.



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The dragons are coming...to Israel

Diane Koven
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — Plans are underway to launch the first-ever Dragon boat festival in Israel next year thanks to a group of local Jewish women.

Some have taken part in the Ottawa Dragon Boat Race Festival with a team called the Sea Lions for the past three years to raise funds for charities supported by the Ottawa Dragon Boat Foundation.

Dragon boats are long, narrow, canoe-styled boats, adorned with carved ornamental heads, tails and dragons, each holding 20 paddlers, a drummer and a steerperson.

The sport originated in China, but in recent years, its popularity has spread around the world, and festivals are now held in over 70 countries. They are usually fundraising events, with the teams supporting various charities.

The Sea Lions, with 24 to 26 members, are the third-highest fundraisers out of 190 teams in the Ottawa festival.

The other Jewish women planning the Israel event have been paddling with the Dragon Docs (physicians) and are equally enthusiastic about the sport.

Thus, an idea was born. Why not combine forces, recruit others across Canada and around the world, and introduce the sport to Israel?

After a great deal of behind-the-scenes planning, Dragon Boat Israel (DBI) was launched at an information session at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre on March 30.

Banners, signs and decorative dragon centrepieces set the scene, as interested prospective paddlers gathered to hear the details. An advertisement in the local newspaper brought a number of dragon boat veterans with no previous connection to the Jewish community or to Israel, who were intrigued by the opportunity to pursue the sport and visit Israel at the same time.

The DBI festival is an initiative of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, but it is hoped that federations across the country will soon be on board as well.

Teams and team members from coast to coast are welcome to join, and recruitment will also take place in Israel.

Debbie Halton-Weiss, incoming chair of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa and chair of the DBI committee, said, "We in Ottawa are making it happen, with the assistance of the Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival... We will create the first-ever Dragon Boat Israel Festival."

DBI will raise funds for charities in Israel. In addition to the races, the festivals feature entertainment, camaraderie and and friendly competition.

No previous experience or training is necessary to participate in DBI. Dragon boating is easy to learn, safe and fun for men and women of all ages.

For further information on the DBI festival to be held at the Sea of Galilee May 17 and 18, 2012, and the tours being planned in conjunction with the festival, check out the website at www.dragonboatisrael.com or e-mail dragonboatisrael@jewishottawa.com.

Omission

A photo caption was inadvertently omitted in the Live & Learn supplement (*CJN*, March 17). The cover photo on the supplement featured two youngsters, Samuel and Elie, building a pink tower at the Montessori Jewish Day School. We regret the omission.

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Jewish Genealogy
יידישע געשעאַלאָגיע
פֿון עלי קונעיגס- מוידעל

דעם פֿאַרגאַנגענע זומער, יולי 2010, זײַנען זיך צונויפֿגעקומען 1060 יידן אין לאָס אַנזשעלעס פֿון איבער דער גאַנצער וועלט. פֿאַרוואָס? אַנטײַל נעמען אין דעם דרײַסיקסטן קאָנפֿערענץ פֿאַר יידישער געשעאַלאָגיע.

דער אינטערעס אין דער דאָזיקער טעמע האָלט אין איין וואָקסן. מיר, אַלס יידן פֿון אומעטום, בפֿרט מזרח אייראָפּע, זיינען וויסן פֿון וואַנען מיר שטאַמען. דעם פֿאַרנעמען זיך מיט אַז דעם פּראָיעקט וועט סײַ גרינגער און סײַ שווערער. גרינגער אַ דאַנק דעם קאָמפּיוטער וואָס איז אַ וווּנדערבאַרער הילף. שווערער וויַיל אַלץ מער וואָס מען געפֿינט אויס אַלץ טיפֿער דאַרף מען זוכן.

מזרח אייראָפּעישע יידן האָבן אַזוי פֿיל פֿאַרלוירן אין דעם חורבן. מיר זײַנען ניַיגעריק אויסצוגעפֿינען ניט נאָר די נעמען פֿון די שטעט אַן שטעטלעך פֿון אונדזערע באָבעס/זיידעס, אָבער אויך די גובערניעס (counties) אָן וויַ וואָס דאָס לאָזנ געהיסן אין אַ געוויסער צײַט. איז אונדזער משפּחה געהערט צו טייל פֿון רוסלאַנד, פּוילן, ליטע, אָדער אוקראַינע?

מענטשן פֿון אַלערלײ מדריגות האָבן זיך געטראָפֿן: אַנהיבער און די וועלכע אַרבעטן שוין אויף זייער משפּחה בוים יאָרן לאַנג. מיט דער צײַט איז די אָרגענעזאַטציע פֿון יידישער געלאָגיע געוואָרן גאַנץ אָרגענעזיוט. מיר צעטיילן זיך אין אונדזערע אייגענע גרופּעס. יידן פֿון פּוילן טרעפֿן זיך מיט אַנדערע יידן פֿון פּוילן און דאָס רופֿט מען Jewish Record Indexing . און פֿון ליטע איז עס LitvakSIG.

אויסצוגעפֿינען וווּ עס געפֿינט זיך אינפֿאָרמאַציע פֿון אַ געוויסן אָרט, גייט מען צו אויף דעם קאָמפּיוטער צו jewishgen.org דער קאָמפּערענץ הייבט זיך אָן מרציא שבת אין דויערט כמעט אַ וואָנצע וואָך ביז פֿרײַטיק נאָך מיטאָג. לעקציעס, פֿילמען, רעדנער, אַרכיוואָרן, מבינים מיט קאָמפּיוטערס זיַינען בלויז אַ משל פֿון דעם וואָס קומט פֿאָר אין משך פֿון דער וואָך.

אין די לעצטיע פֿאָר יאָר קען מען מיטברענגען מיט זיך בילדער אין בריוו פֿון צענדליקער יאָרן צוריק וווּ ס'איז אָנגעגעשריבן גרוסן און פֿאַרשידינע אָנזאָגן, אויף יידיש, העברעיש, רוסיש, פּוליש, דײַטש א.א.וו.

צום באַדויערן די מענטשן וועלכע באַזוכן דעם קאָמפּערענץ קענען ניט, אין מערסטן טייל, ליינען די בריוו, בילדער, צײַטונגען און נאָטיצן. דערביבער "וואַקסט" דער צימער וווּ מען גייט זיך טרעפֿן מיט איבערזעצערס וועלכע, וווּ מעגלעך, באַמיען זיך צו העלפֿן די אָנטײַלנעמער מיט זייערע פּאָפּיריז. אַ טרער, אַ שמייכל, אַן ערנסטן פּנים טרעפֿט מען וען די איבערזעצער דערמאָנען אַ נאָמען וואָס איז באַקאַנט. און אָפֿטמאָל הערט זיך צו דער אייגענטימער פֿון די בילדער און בריוו און זיצט געפֿלעפֿט. זי/ער דערקענט ניט די נעמען אָדער די מעשיות אין די בריוו און זיי וויסן אַז ס'איז שוין שפּעט. ניטאָ וועמען צו פֿרעגן.

איבער 900 מענטשן זיַינען אַנקומען צום שלאָס באַקנטע. יידישע געגענאָלאָגיע נעהערט צו אַלע יידן וואָס וווילן נישט פֿאַרלירן זייער געשיכטע. קומענדיקן יולי 2011 וועט דער קאָנפֿערענץ פֿאַרקומען אין וואַשינגטאָן און אין 2012 אין פּאַריז.

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IDF VISITORS: Middle school students at Robbins Hebrew Academy met recently with three members of the Israel Defence Forces, who taught the kids about IDF training, selection and operations. Pictured , back row from left, are Eitan (Air Force), Jacqueline Viner, Guy (Army - Armoured corps), and Iyftach (Air Force); and front row from left, Sophie Sklar, Rachel Goldszmidt, Hannah Wohl, Aaron Safer-Rosenthal, Jordan Hochman, Even Hochman, Jedediah Kliger and Sheridan Anisman.

MATH WHIZ: The Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board held the annual Toronto Educators Association for Mathematics competition, the Toronto Math Olympics, on March 26. Two students from each school – one from Grade 7 and one from Grade 8 – are nominated to represent their school, and the Toronto students compete against each other in challenging math activities. Iris Redinger of Forest Hill Public School represented Grade 7 for her school. Redinger not only won gold in the girls Grade 7 category, she also won the Leadership Award. She will go on to the provincial competition on June 3.

CREATIVE GIVING: At Leo Baeck Day School's Holy Blossom campus, students took part in an extracurricular Beading Club to help raise funds for the Weitzman School in Jaffa. Through the support of Beit Daniel and the Reform movement, the Weitzman School has become a centre for the study of tolerance and peaceful coexistence by mixing Arab and Jewish kindergarten children in Tel Aviv's poorest neighbourhood. Picture, clockwise from left, are Lesley Shiner, Jayden Walters, Jordana Lyons, Sonya Ben-Ishai, Carly-Rose Horowitz, Yael Solish and Jenna Pasternak.

FAMILY MOMENTS

Mazel Tov

The Canadian Jewish news

Mazel tov to Levana Dahan and Grade 6 girls of Hebrew Academy of Montreal on their bat mitzvah, March 7. Love from parents Caroline & Daniel and two sisters.

Happy 96th birthday, Buschie Kamin, on April 9. Love, Bobby, Ruthie & Loren.

Josh, we can't believe you're turning 16 on April 23. Happy birthday! Love, Mom & Dad.

Levi Yitzchok, son of Sarah & Yossi of Israel, will be celebrating his bar mitzvah with eight siblings. Bubbie Mickey and Uncle Menachem.

Mazel tov on the bar mitzvah of Max Rother, April 9.

Happy fifth birthday, Dylan Scher, March 21. Daughter of Lauren & Adam, sister to Sutten and Jaxson. Love always, Bubbie Edie & Zaide Jackie.

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Thursday, April 7

CANADA CELEBRATES ISRAEL

Beth Tzedec and the Israeli Knesset Christian Allies Caucus Delegation host an evening to show support for Israel and Canada's stand. Hosted by **Rabbi Harvey Meirovich,** special musical presentation by **Cantor Simon Spiro**. 7:30 p.m. No charge. **Marlene Laba,** 416-781-3514, ext. 234, or mlaba@beth-tzedek.org.

RESPONSA

Final session of **Rabbi Cory Weiss'** series on modern responsa – the role of the non-Jew in the synagogue. Temple Har Zion, 7:30 p.m. Guests $5. Call 905-889-2252.

Friday, April 8

EREV SHABBAT SERVICES

Rabbi Gilad Kariv, executive director, Israel Reform Movement, speaks at Temple Emanu-El on "The New Narrative in Israel." 8 p.m. 416-449-3880.

Saturday, April 9

B'NAI SHALOM HALTON-PEEL

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Sunday, April 10

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PESACH CAR WASH

Yeshivat Or Chaim partners with Chai Lifeline for its annual Pesách carwash. 9:30a.m.-5p.m. South location Or Chaim, 159 Almore; north location Netivot HaTorah, 18 Atkinson Ave. Onsite BBQ at both. For information, 647-654-7752, or yocsc2010@gmail.com.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT DRIVE

Beth Tzedec teens 3rd annual sports equipment collection drive. 10 a.m.-3p.m. Volunteers needed to publicize, carry, sort and box donations. btteens.ca.

BEACH SYNAGOGUE CONCERT

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PASSOVER FOOD DRIVE

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto section, needs volunteers to help deliver more than 3,000 Passover food boxes in the GTA. **Debbie Wasserman,** 416-633-5100 or pfd@ncjwc-ts.org.

THE NEW JEWISH MUSIC

Aaron Lightstone presents a multimedia show exploring the world of contemporary Jewish music. Darchei Noam synagogue, 7 p.m.

Monday, April 11

OUR CLASS

Studio 180 and the Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation present the provocative play, *Our Class*. Meet writer **Tadeusz Slobodzianek** and director **Joel Greenberg**. 8 p.m., Berkeley St. Theatre Downtown. Call 416-368-3110 to reserve.

Tuesday, April 12

MAKE YOUR SEDER ALIVE

Presentation by **Rabbi Moshe Meirovich** at Lodzer Centre Congregation. 7:30 p.m. Bring a kosher for Passover, non-perishable food item. No charge. 416-636-6665.

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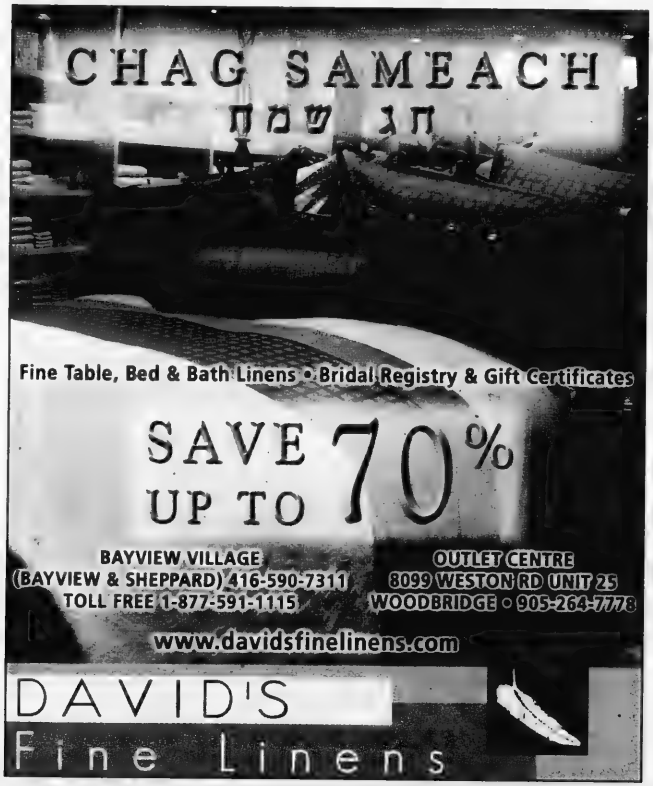

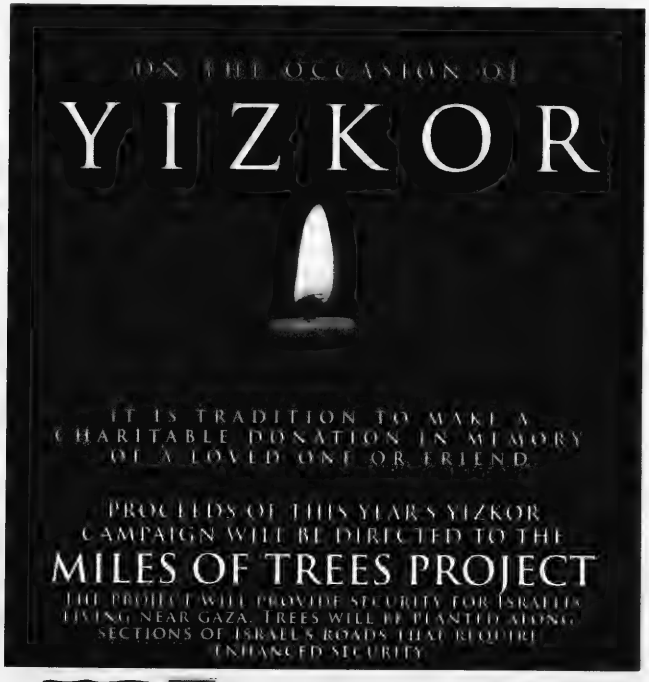
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Other News

WARSAW GHETTO MEMORIAL

The Workmen's Circle Centre, 471 Lawrence Ave. W., marks the 68th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. April 17, 11 a.m. Speaker **Raizel Candib**. Program will focus on the life of women in the ghettos and their role in the resistance to German oppression.

PASSOVER CAMP

Beth Tzedek inaugurates a Passover camp, April 21 and 22, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., grades 1-5. $40/day, including a kosher for Passover lunch. Stay until 5 p.m. at extra cost. Contact **Jennifer Turack,** 416-781-3514, ext. 231, or jturack@bethtzedek.org.

WRITING GROUP

Work on personal experience stories, poetry and fiction at a 50-plus writing group. 10 classes, starting April 8, Bernard Betel Centre. 9:15-11:15 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Instructor **Sylvia Warsh.** Members $66, non-members $132. Call **Ruth Cohen**, 416-225-2112, ext. 105.

TORONTO JEWISH FOLK CHOIR

Choir's 85th annual spring concert, May 15, 3 p.m. Posluns Auditorium, Baycrest. Conductor **Alexander Veprinsky.** Tickets $25, seniors and students $20, children 12 and under free. 416-789-5502 or tjfolkchoir@sympatico.ca.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Baycrest welcomes youths age 13 to 25 to join the Summer Youth Volunteer Programs, to provide companionship and assist staff in creative arts, fitness, outings, research and therapeutic recreational programs. For info and to register for an orientation, 416-785-2500, ext. 2572, or rheayn@baycrest.org.

INTERGENERATIONAL JAZZ

Baycrest presents an intergenerational community event: Jazz for Juniors & Spirited Seniors. A concert for Baycrest clients, community members, kids 3-13 years. Baycrest Winter Garden Court, April 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m. **Laura Hogan**, 416-785-2500, ext. 2209, or lhogan@baycrest.org.

FOR SENIORS

Beth Tzedec Seniors. New Horizons for Havurah, with **Rabbi Miriam Margles.** April 11, 1:30-3 p.m. Share experiences and ideas, joys, challenges and curiosities. No charge.

Bernard Betel Centre. 416-225-2112.

April 12, **Rabbi Michal Shekel,** executive director, Toronto Board of Rabbis speaks on "Jewish Perspectives on Organ Donation." 10-11:30 a.m. Members $3, non-members $6.

April 13, concert 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free.

April 14. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Wellness lecture – "Healthy Eating for the Prevention of Falls." Toronto Public Health - Falls Prevention Program. Free.

Bridge for Beginners, April 17 for 10 weeks, 1-3 p.m.

Computer classes – 10 weeks. Beginners: Mondays 2-3 p.m. or Tuesdays, 9 a.m. Intermediate: Wednesdays, 2 p.m. Advanced: Mondays 9 a.m. or Wednesdays 9 a.m. Digital Photography: 6 weeks, Sundays, 10 a.m., starts May 15. For information, call **Dianne**, ext. 128.

Miles Nadal JCC Active Seniors. 416-924-6211 ext. 155, **Phyllis**. April 7, 1:30 p.m., share ideas for future programs, free, refreshments. Choir, 55+, Tuesdays, 1-2:30 p.m., $3 drop-in, **Harriet**, ext. 133 or music@mnjcc.org. Active 55 Plus Speakers Series: Friday, April 8, 1 p.m., "Living with Parkinsons," discussion for people with Parkinson's, their friends and families. Also a demo of danceABILITIES, a dance-based fitness class for people with mobility issues. Free. Contact ext. 526, or colinb@mnjcc.org.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell. 416-630-9444.

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday afternoon socials, bridge, mah-jong, Rummikub. Refreshments $2. Call **Pearl**, 416-638-6317, or **Marcia**, 416-932-1229.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. 55+. **Valerie,** 416-395-7881. Casino Rama, Wednesday, May 18. Sunday dance, May 15. Tuesdays, ongoing acrylic art classes, 10 a.m.-noon. Thursdays, line dancing, 10 a.m. Social bridge, 12:30 p.m. Seniors woodworking, skilled craftsmen, repairs – call 416-630-6487.

PROSSERMAN JCC

Sherman Campus, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-638-1881, www.prossermanjcc.com.

April 10, noon-3 p.m. Young adults who have been on the Taglit Birthright Israel trip, their grandparents and honorary grandparents get together for lunch, a slide show and discussion about the trip. The Lounge. No charge. RSVP **Melissa Zeller,** 416-398-6931, ext. 5362, or mzeller@ujafed.org.

Register for the Ryerson Chang lecture series: Forbidden Desire: the films of Hitchcock and De Palma, with **Kevin Courrier.** Wednesdays, April 27-May 25, 1-3 p.m.

Thursdays, current events with **Peter Diamant**, 12:45-2:15 p.m.

International and Israeli folkdance with **Teme** and **Sandy**, Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.

Senior Social Art with **Lil Goldman**, Mondays 1-3 p.m.

Feminist seder, Sunday, April 10, 7-10 p.m. Jointly with Miles Nadal JCC, $50 + HST.

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Beginners Reading Hebrew starts May 3; Taste of the Prayerbook, May 4; Beginners Conversational Hebrew, May 5.

Taste of Judaism: 3-week course exploring the 3 pillars of Jewish belief – God, Torah and Israel. May 2-16, 7:30-9:30.

Karen Goldstein, ext. 4255, for information or to register.

MILES NADAL JCC

750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211, mnjcc.org.

Friday Got Shabbat programs on now – Shabbat party for children ages 0-4, with adults, 10-10:45 a.m., no charge. Shabbat Club, ages 3-6 years, adult attendance optional. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Please send children with nut-free lunch. Register, ext. 0.

Controversial Directors, final program, with **Adam Nayman.** April 11, **Catherine Breillat.** Mondays 7-9 p.m. Drop-in $12, $6 for students with valid ID. Information, ext. 606.

Harold Green Jewish Theatre presents *Zero Hour* ongoing until April 16. 2 p.m. and/or 8 p.m. Al Green Theatre. $40-$65. Tickets 416-366-7723 or www.stic.com.

Register for 2 new Jewish Life programs: Spring Ulpan for Beginners with **Rachel Stark**, and The Life and Times of Yiddish, with **Prof. Kalman Weiser.** Information, cost and times, ext. 154

Book Launch and Reading: *Yuki's Candy Tree* with author **Lesley Simpson.** For ages 3-10 and the whole family. Friday, April 22, 10-11:30 a.m. Free. Includes crafts and a visual presentation. ext. 277.

What's New is now online. You can find it at cjnews.com

MEHTA IN TORONTO: Zubin Mehta, music director of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, was the special guest at a recent fundraising dinner and concert reception for the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University (TAU) and the new Canadian Friends of the Israel Philharmonic. Seen with Mehta are members of the TAU music school's Gertler Quartet, Shira Navoni, left, and Danbi Um. The quartet performed at the event.

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Frania Leitenberg	Mar 15/11	1121 Steeles Ave W
Howie Berlin	Mar 17/11	500 Osgood Drive
Kathryn Solmon	Mar 19/11	355 St. Clair Ave
Harry Chaim Farber	Mar 20/11	333 Clark Ave W
Faye Sossin	Mar 20/11	55 Ameer Ave
Celia Silverman	Mar 22/11	76 Crescent Rd
Julius Rotin	Mar 22/11	1 Northwestern Ave
Meyer Jacobson	Mar 23/11	25 Brunswick Ave
Monta Mandelman	Mar 23/11	541 Finch Ave W
Esther Charney	Mar 26/11	28 Wells Hill Ave
Jean Fishman	Mar 26/11	211 Jennings Cres
Harvey Junkin	Mar 26/11	4 Donway E
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Shmorgun, Michael	March 16/11	5 Tangreen Crt
Steinberg, Jeanette	March 15/11	
Baker, Rachel	March 18/11	3560 Bathurst
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Zweig, Julius	March 19/11	6091 Bathurst
Eidelson, Darin Albert	March 20/11	1500 Tansley
Venetskaia, Bazia	March 18/11	Private
Edelstein, Harry	March 20/11	
Grajner, Michael	March 21/11	25 Allingham Gardens
Fisher, Gustav	March 18/11	550 Cummer
Hendriks-Lee, Veta	March 21/11	541 Finch Ave
Zylberat, Irwin	March 22/11	232 Carmichael
Sanik, Fajga	March 23/11	
Simkin, Olga	March 23/11	16 Zola Gate
Szentpeteri, Marta	March 22/11	
Taylor, Janet Slone	March 23/11	236 Shirley Dr
Weiner, Ruth	March 24/11	5 Fisherville Rd
Schvarcz, Julia	March 17/11	
Zlot, Reva	March 24/11	5 Fernwood Rd

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HEBREW BASIC BURIAL

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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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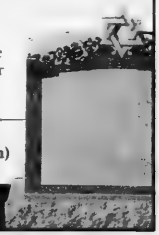

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An open letter to the community

Mark Waldman and Joel Reitman

Guest Voice

As Canadians, it is not only our right but also our responsibility to participate in the democratic process and have our voices heard. Since its inception five years ago, the Canadian Jewish Political Affairs Committee (CJPAC) has helped the Jewish community to have a political impact that is beyond its numbers. Through the engagement of our thousands of community members across Canada within the multi-partisan political process, CJPAC has advanced prospects for a safe and secure environment for Israel and the Canadian Jewish community.

The Jewish community's voting influence is restricted to 13 ridings across the country – yet there are 308 ridings at stake. Dozens of ridings are decided by the smallest margins. In the 2008 election, one candidate won by only two votes in a riding with a population more than 49,000. Therefore, we must engage strategically, and most importantly, we must vote.

At stake in the 2011 spring federal election are issues of concern to all Canadians, in addition to issues of special concern to the Canadian Jewish and pro-Israel community, including the Canada-Israel relationship. In order to have your say on these issues, it is up to you to get involved.

1. It's up to you to get informed.

Learn more about where the candidates and parties stand on these issues. Visit www.itsup2you.ca to learn about your local candidates, the positions of their parties and to read the candidate's responses to our questionnaire.

2. It's up to you to get involved.

Volunteering for an election campaign is a great way to build relationships with members of Parliament and other decision-makers. These relationships are essential to ensuring our collective voice is heard. It's also an opportunity for networking, professional development and community involvement. Those who have volunteered in the past know how important and fun it can be. Fill out our volunteer form at www.itsup2you.ca, and CJPAC will pair you with the campaign of your choice.

3. It's up to you to support candidates.

With election fundraising and spending limits, it is easy to support friendly candidates in a significant way. Every dollar counts, and there are generous tax credits for political donations. Through CJPAC, you can target your support to our community's friends who need it the most. We are also able to ensure that every dollar donated is sent with the message, "Thank you on behalf of the Jewish community for your support of our issues." Call Jonathan Ain at 1-866-929-9552, ext. 238, for more information on how to make your political dollars count for the Jewish community.

4. Most of all, it's up to you to vote.

By exercising your right to vote, you have a say in charting Canada's course on issues of importance to you and the community. Find out more about voting options at www.itsup2you.ca.

We can all help to strengthen our community's voice by being an integral part of the political process and working to elect candidates who support our community. We must also build relationships with leaders and decision-makers who will have an impact on our issues.

Elections are won and lost on the basis of citizen participation. We are turning to you to make a difference for our community!

Joel Reitman is chair of CJPAC and Mark Waldman is executive director.

Bennett looking to hold St. Paul's for Liberals

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Voters in the federal electoral district of St. Paul's in Toronto will go to the polls to determine whether Liberal incumbent Carolyn Bennett keeps her seat in parliament on May 2.

According to the 2006 census, St. Paul's is home to approximately 111,000 people. Estimates peg the riding's Jewish population at around 15,500.

This year, Bennett faces off against Conservative candidate Maureen Harquail and the Green party's James McGarva. At deadline, the New Democratic Party had still not elected a candidate in the riding.

Bennett, who has held the riding for the Liberals since 1997, was re-elected in the 2008 election after defeating Conservative candidate Heather Jewell by more than 13,000 votes.

Harquail is a lawyer who currently works as general counsel with the Ontario Racing Commission, while Garva is a PhD student in mathematics at the University of Toronto. *The CJN* was unable to speak to Harquail and McGarva before deadline, though both released campaign statements last week. Nor was a photo of McGarva made available to The CJN.

In an interview last week, Bennett said she hoped the Jewish community understood the Liberal party's position on Israel.

"The [Canadian] relationship with Israel has to be about areas in which they lead... science and technology. When I was minister [of state for Public Health], I took a delegation over to learn from Israel about emergency preparedness" in the wake of Ontario's SARS battle, she said.

Bennett was also chair of the Canada-Israel Parliamentary Friendship Group for five years, from 1999 to 2003.

With regard to antisemitism and hate crimes in the country, Bennett said a Liberal government would "look into" more funding to expand federal community security programs.

The Conservative government currently funds its $3 million Security Infrastructure Program to help communities at risk of hate crimes cover the costs of upgrading or installing security measures at places of worship or communal centres.

Carolyn Bennett, Maureen Harquail

Asked about the recent passing of the National Holocaust Monument Act, Bennett noted that if elected to power, a Liberal government will "be very generous" in funding the monument's creation.

In his statement, McGarva said his priority issues include "sustainable economic development, a clean, efficient public transit system and a strong participatory democratic base.

"Clean air, clean water, clean food – these are the reasons I am running as the federal Green party candidate."

On her campaign website, Harquail says she was a member of the Canadian Forces Naval Reserve and as such has "a deep understanding" of the issues being faced by Canada's Armed Forces.

"I look forward to combining my personal understanding of key issues, such as the economy and the environment, with the views of the people of St. Paul's," she said.

St. Paul's electoral district is bounded on the north primarily by Eglinton Avenue; on the east by Bayview Avenue, Moore Avenue and the Don River tributary; on its south by the Canadian Pacific Railway south of Davenport Road, and on the west by parts of Ossington Avenue, Winona Drive and Dufferin Street.

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In related news, *The CJN* has learned that a candidates debate for the riding will not include Green party candidate James McGarva.

A letter sent to the paper at deadline on Monday morning from the St. Paul's Federal Green Party Association stated that a debate later this month at Beth Tzedec Congregation will exclude McGarva.

An e-mail sent to the association from the shul's men's club stated that "our men's club has decided that only the three major parties will take part in our upcoming debate. The Green and other parties are free to attend and distribute their literature."

In a postscript, the e-mail added: "Should the Canadian Broadcasting Consortium reconsider and include the Green party [in the televised leadership debate], we will add the Green party to our lineup."

The e-mail was signed by Larry Rachlin, chairman of the Beth Tzedec Men's Club. The synagogue has scheduled its St. Paul's candidates debate for April 21 at 7 p.m. and will be moderated by the CBC's Ira Basen.

The paper was unable to contact Rachlin for comment prior to deadline.

Advance polling dates

Monday, May 2, is voting day for the federal election.

For those unable to get to a polling centre on that day, Elections Canada has set up three advance voting days for Canadians: Friday, April 22; Saturday, April 23; and Monday, April 25.

As a result, observant Jews wishing to exercise the advance voting option will have only Friday, April 22, before sundown, to vote. Monday, April 25, is a yom tov.

Advance polls will be open from noon to 8 p.m. local time. Elections Canada will publish the addresses of advance polling stations on April 18.

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Montreal's Mount Royal a race to watch

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The Conservatives have targeted perennial Liberal stronghold Mount Royal as a riding they think they can capture, but the party's campaign got off to a slow start.

There were rumours that former Côte St. Luc Mayor Robert Libman or riding association president and B'nai Brith leader Moïse Moghrabi, might get the nomination. However, on the day the election was called, the Tories announced that ex-Montreal city councillor and Lubavitch community member Saulie Zajdel would be their candidate.

His name was a surprise. He had been a contender for the Mount Royal nomination – as a Liberal – in the 1999 byelection. Zajdel stepped aside when Irwin Cotler unexpectedly entered politics.

By last week's end, no Conservative posters were up in the riding yet, and no campaign office open. The Liberals had their signs up from the election's start, and the New Democratic Party (NDP), which is fielding Bialik High School teacher Jeff Itcush, days before.

Even the Bloc Québécois had posters up by late in the week, when Gabriel Dumais' candidacy was announced.

Zajdel, 55, who served 23 years on council and was an executive committee member, has been director of the Jewish Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation in Laval for the past two years.

He was reluctant to get back into public life, but the party hierarchy up to the Prime Minister's Office, urged him to do so. "I felt I had a duty to serve," he said, "There's no ego involved."

He traced his disaffection with the Liberals back to Michael Ignatieff's 2006 comment that Israel's military had committed war crimes in Lebanon, an opinion the party leader has since retracted.

Zajdel has been swayed by Stephen Harper's unequivocal support for Israel and the Jewish community.

"I'm not running against Cotler, I'm running against the Liberal Party," Zajdel said. "Certainly, he is well respected…He's just not running for the right party."

From left, Irwin Cotler, Jeff Itcush and Saulie Zajdel

Zajdel is confident that his track record as a municipal politician who was close to the people he represented, a large proportion of them Orthodox Jews, will serve him well. He also believes many Mount Royal electors, traditionally Liberal, want to vote Conservative.

He has momentum on his side. Cotler received 58 per cent of the vote in the 2008 election, running against the unknown Conservative Rafael Tzoubari. The former justice minister has seen a steady erosion of support since the 92 per cent he garnered in 1999.

But the riding's turnout was historically low at 52 per cent, and Ignatieff's war-crimes comment was still a fresh memory among Jewish electors who represent 36 per cent, according to the 2001 census.

Conservative support went up from about 18 per cent in 2006 to 27 per cent in 2008.

Cotler, who'll be 71 in May and is in his sixth campaign, said, "I don't think there is any other MP who has been stronger on Israel and issues such as Iran and global antisemitism…And mine is a 50-year record, not five years," referring to Harper's time as prime minister.

"These are not Jewish issues, they are just issues, and it's important to have a voice in Parliament who can work with all parties, including the government," he said, adding that Ignatieff and the party backs him.

But Cotler stressed that the Mount Royal contest should not be about who supports Israel or the Jewish community more, and objected to the Conservatives' characterization of the riding as "very ethnic."

"We need a bi-partisan approach on these issues. I'm glad that Harper is so supportive of Israel and the Jewish concerns, but he should acknowledge that the Liberals are, too. Instead, the party is claiming it's the only one.

"The Conservatives are misrepresenting our views, and then taking credit for positions which were actually ours."

Cotler said Jewish voters are equally concerned with social issues, such as health care, support for seniors, and women's rights. The legislation and motions he has tabled reflect those priorities, he said.

The Mount Royal Liberals hold a rally April 10 at 3 p.m. at Federation CJA's Gelber Centre, where Justin Trudeau, the incumbent in Papineau, will be among the speakers.

Itcush, 48, a Quebec Jewish Congress executive member, is running his first serious campaign after being on the ticket twice before for the NDP in other ridings.

The Regina, Sask., native is getting support from the party this time. Leader Jack Layton spoke at his nomination in August and deputy leader Thomas Mulcair, the sole Quebec NDP MP, at the opening of Itcush's campaign office at the election's start.

"Mount Royal deserves an MP who is present in the riding, not abroad pursuing his interests," Itcush said.

He wants to see "Canada's image as a peace-builder restored," and suggested Harper government policies cost Canada a seat on the United Nations Security Council.

Itcush has a number of current and formgr Bialik students on this team, including Adam Shapiro and Jamie Gewurz.

"My Jewish background has given me my sense of ethics," Itcush said. "Tikkun olam is what social democracy is all about."

In Outremont riding, the Chassidim were noticeably absent at Liberal Martin Cauchon's campaign launch. The former cabinet minister is trying to take back the seat he held for 11 years from Mulcair.

Chassidic community members did attend Harper's speech to 750 across town in Dollard des Ormeaux March 30, his first campaign stop in the Montreal area.

Harper said there: "Our party has and always will stand beside our Jewish friends."

Outremont was the first stop on Ignatieff's campaign, a visit which included a photo-op at a bagel bakery.

Elsewhere, the only other Jewish MP from Quebec, Liberal Raymonde Folco, 71,who has represented Laval-Les Iles since 1997, announced that she will not run again.

In solidly Liberal Westmount-Ville Marie, Neil Drabkin, chief of staff to outgoing Treasury Board president Stockwell Day, is the Tory hopeful against Liberal incumbent Marc Garneau. Drabkin ran in Mount Royal in 2006 and for the now-defunct Canadian Alliance in Pierrefonds-Dollard in 2000.

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Food memories of Passovers past

Norene Gilletz
Special to The CJN

This will be my first Passover without my mother. Mom died two days after Chanukah, just two weeks short of her 97th birthday.

Belle Rykiss was an outstanding cook and baker. She would make the most delicious *meichels* for her family and rarely needed to refer to a written recipe. Weeks before Pesach, we would have discussions on the best way to make the lightest, best-tasting Passover sponge cake, debating on how many eggs we needed to ensure that the cake would reach the very top of the tube pan. She would use a combination of potato starch and cake meal – she hated the taste of cakes made with just potato starch. I loved when she added grated bittersweet chocolate to her cake batter.

She also made scrumptious Passover *kigelach* that would expand and puff up in her *bekelach* (muffin pans). I can still taste those plump, portable puddings in my mind's eye, savouring food memories of Passovers past. I will be making *kigelach* for Passover once again this year, knowing that my mom will be watching over me from up above, making sure that I'm doing it just right.

My mother made the lightest matzah balls. During the year, she would add baking powder to the batter to make them as light as a cloud. Either omit it during Passover, or use Passover baking powder. My mom could always tell the difference between matzah balls made from a mix and those that were homemade. You could rarely fool my mother!

When my Auntie Clara Tobin was alive, she would make huge white "sinkers" each Passover. There were usually 25 or 30 hungry guests at her long series of tables which stretched from one end of her dining room to the far end of her living room. She would prepare the mixture earlier in the day. As soon as the seder began, she would shape the kneidlach and drop them into a huge pot of boiling water to simmer away. Her giant matzah balls were served "hot from the pot" as soon as the first part of the seder finished. My cousin Myrna Golden and I always managed to eat at least two or three. Unfortunately, my Auntie Clara's recipe has been lost over the years, much to our dismay, so my cousin Myrna usually uses a mix. However, the memory of Auntie Clara's marvellous matzah balls and her special smile will always live on in my memory.

Besides texture, quantity is another big question. At the Passover seder, I think that perhaps the fifth question should be, "How many matzah balls would you like – one or two?"

The polite son replies "Two please, if you have enough!"

But the hungry son replies, "I'll have at least four!"

MOM'S MATZAH BALLS

Source: The NEW Food Processor Bible: 30th Anniversary Edition

4 eggs
1/2 cup oil
1 cup matzah meal
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. Passover baking powder

Process all ingredients in a food processor fitted with the steel blade just until smooth, about 10 seconds. Place in the refrigerator for 1 hour or in the freezer for 20 minutes, until thickened.

Shape into small balls. Drop into boiling salted water in a large pot and cook, partially covered, for about 40 minutes. Yield: 14 to 16. May be frozen in soup.

Chef's Tip: Freeze uncooked matzah ball mixture in ice cube trays. When needed, drop frozen matzah balls in boiling water and cook partly covered for 35 to 40 minutes. Kids love them in different shapes!

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Healthy holiday food – an oxymoron?

Jennifer Libman
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One difference between a Passover seder and other Jewish holiday meals is that during a seder, before the meal is even served, people have already consumed – among others foods – an egg (about 65 calories in a medium), charoset (which is usually made with calorie-dense nuts and has about 150 calories per quarter cup), as well as two glasses of wine (about 100 calories per glass) and a piece of matzah (about 100 calories per board). These traditional foods on their own add up to about 500 calories, which is approximately the number of calories in a small meal.

In addition to the foods on the seder plate, Passover feasts typically include gefilte fish, chicken soup, vegetables, roasted potatoes, roast turkey or chicken, brisket and a variety of desserts. With all this food on the menu, it can be difficult not to overindulge.

For starters, don't come to a seder on an empty stomach. If you're hungry before the Haggadah is read, you'll be starving by the time the meal is served. This can result in overeating and it will be difficult to make good choices. Instead, have a snack in the late afternoon before the seder begins. As well, fill your plate with the foods you love. If brisket isn't your favourite, then why waste the calories on it? If you feel that your host expects you to try everything, just put a small amount on your plate.

Fresh Kale

Perhaps more important than what you eat during the seder meals is what you eat during the rest of the holiday. Try not to dwell on the large meal you consumed, and instead focus on the healthy choices you can make the rest of the week.

STEAMED KALE WITH GARLIC

Add some green to your seder table with this delicious and simple recipe for kale.

1 bunch of kale, coarsely chopped, with stems removed
2-3 cloves of garlic, chopped
salt to taste
1 tsp. olive oil
1/2 cup water or vegetable stock

In a large, non-stick skillet, heat olive oil and add garlic; stir for 30 seconds and don't allow it to burn. Add water or vegetable stock, kale and salt, toss and cover with a lid. Reduce the heat to medium-low. Cook for 2-3 minutes, until kale turns bright green.

HEALTHY MATZAH BALL SOUP

You won't even notice that these delicious, tender matzah balls are lower in fat than the traditional recipe.

4 egg whites
1 tbsp. olive oil
1/3 cup matzah meal
3 carrots, sliced
6 cups defatted chicken broth
2 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
ground black pepper

In a large clean bowl, using an electric mixer, beat the egg whites until foamy. Stir in the oil. Add the matzah meal and blend well. Cover and refrigerate for 20 minutes. Shape the mixture into 6 balls and set aside. Bring a large pot of water to a boil over high heat. Carefully drop the matzah balls into the water. Add the carrots. Reduce the heat to medium-low, cover and simmer for 30 minutes. Drain the mixture, returning the carrots and matzah balls to the pot. Add the broth and cook over medium heat until heated through. Divide the soup among 6 soup bowls. Garnish each serving with equal amounts of the parsley and pepper.

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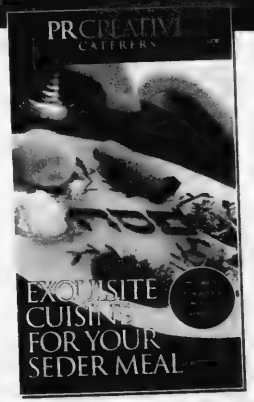

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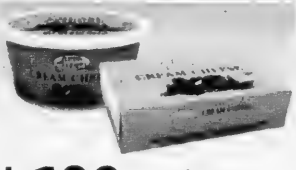

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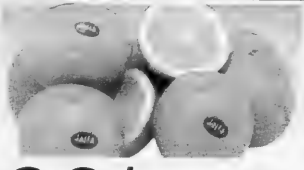

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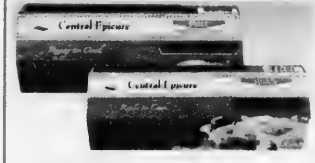

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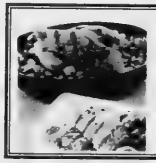

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A different twist on matzah balls

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Looking for a different twist on matzah balls this Passover? The following recipe for fusion-style matzah balls is excerpted from *The Perfect Passover Cookbook* by Judy Bart Kancigor.

SHIITAKE MUSHROOM MATZAH BALLS

From Judy Bart Kancigor

Neither of my daughters-in-law ever liked matzah balls until I came up with this recipe. I doctored up plain old matzah ball mix – and a fine product it is! – with shiitake mushrooms and scallions for a shtetl favorite with an Asian twist. (Not surprising. Jews have had a long love affair with Chinese food!) Go ahead and double or even triple the recipe (and you may have to!), but be careful not to crowd the pot when you are cooking them. Makes 24 to 30 golf-ball-size balls.

1/4 cup melted chicken fat or vegetable oil
4 scallions, white and half the green part, thinly sliced
3 oz. shiitake mushrooms, stems discarded, finely chopped (1 to 1 1/2 cups)
1 envelope matzah ball mix, such as Manischewitz
1/2 cup matzah meal
4 large eggs, lightly beaten
2 tbsp. finely chopped flat-leaf parsley
1 tsp. kosher (coarse) salt
1/8 tsp. white pepper
1 tsp. baking powder (see Notes)
2 tbsp. club soda, chicken broth, or water

Heat the chicken fat in a medium-size saucepan over medium heat. Add the scallions and mushrooms and cook, stirring often, until the mushrooms are soft, about 5 minutes. Set aside.

Combine the matzah ball mix with the matzah meal in a medium-size bowl. Add the eggs and mix well. Stir in the mushroom mixture (with the oil), parsley, salt, white pepper and baking powder. Add the club soda and mix thoroughly. Cover and refrigerate until firm, at least 1 hour.

Bring a large pot of water to a boil and lightly salt it.Form the mixture into balls that are a little larger than a marble, wetting your hands if necessary to keep them from sticking. Drop the balls into the boiling water and cook, covered, at a slow, steady boil (not a hard boil) until tender, about 30 minutes (depending on the size of the balls).

Carefully remove the matzah balls with a slotted spoon, and serve in soup.

Notes:

For Passover, use kosher for Passover baking powder, or if it's unavailable, it may be omitted.

MY MOM'S PASSOVER KIGELACH

Source: Second Helpings Please!

2 1/2 cups matzah farfel
2 cups boiling water
3 eggs, beaten
1 1/2 tsp salt
2 tbsp. oil or chicken fat

Pour boiling water over farfel. Let stand for 10 minutes. Pour off excess water.

Combine farfel, eggs, salt and oil and mix well. Place a little oil in the bottom of muffin tins, and heat in oven. Divide mixture evenly into 12 compartments.

Bake at 350 for 30 minutes, until nicely browned. These are delicious in chicken soup or as a side dish with meat. The texture is like that of noodle kugel. Yield: 6 to 12 servings.

MY MOTHER'S PASSOVER CAKE

Source: The NEW Food Processor Bible: 30th Anniversary Edition

You need an electric mixer to make this cake, but use your processor to grate the chocolate. You will also need two large mixing bowls for this recipe. So good, that you won't believe it's a Passover cake!

3 oz. chilled bittersweet chocolate bar
1/2 cup almonds (optional)
9 eggs, separated
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup cold water
1/2 cup potato starch
1/2 cup cake meal
1/2 tsp salt

Preheat oven to 350.

Steel blade: Break chocolate into 1-in. chunks. Process until fine, about 30 seconds. Add almonds (if using). Process until almonds are finely chopped, 12 to 15 seconds longer.

In a large mixing bowl, beat egg yolks with an electric mixer until light, 3 to 4 minutes. Add sugar and water and beat on high speed for 8 to 10 minutes. Combine potato starch and cake meal. Sprinkle over yolk mixture a little at a time (a sifter or strainer will help) and fold in carefully. Then fold in grated chocolate and nuts. Wash beaters thoroughly and dry well.

In another large mixing bowl, beat egg whites with salt until stiff but not dry. Carefully fold into batter. Pour gently into an ungreased 10-inch tube pan. Batter should come to within 1-1/2 inches of top of pan. If necessary, make a 2-inch collar with foil around top of pan.

Bake for 1 hour, then reduce heat to 300 for 15 minutes. Invert immediately and cool completely. Yield: 15 servings. Freezes well.

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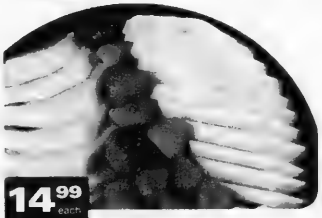

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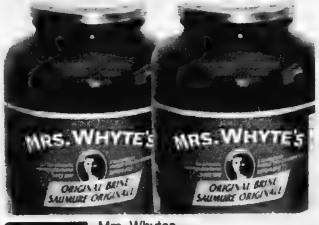

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Desserts to complement the main course

Daphna Rabinovitch
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For me, deciding what dessert to make is a wonderful process. I don't always start with deciding what will end the meal, but I do tend to spend a lot of time on it, thinking through the texture, the flavour and how it complements the main course and the side dishes. Of course at Passover, the list is not endless, but the possibilities are just as vast. Since the main meal often has many courses, I tend to focus on fruit with a lovely, rich accompaniment or fruit desserts with a decadent twist. I hope that the fruit desserts that follow delight your sense of sweet and become a part of your holiday repertoire.

LEMON MOUSSE WITH MIXED BERRIES AND MIXED BERRY SAUCE

This refreshing and colourful dessert is the perfect foil for the rich and savoury dishes that make up the seder meal. The benefit is that you can make it the day before and let it set overnight. Be sure to bring the sauce to room temperature before you use it. Dollop some over the mousse and serve the extra in a glass creamer.

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1 1/4 cups granulated sugar
2 tbsp. grated fresh lemon rind
3/4 cup fresh lemon juice
6 egg yolks
2 eggs
1 1/2 cups whipping cream or 3 cups non-dairy whipped topping
2 cups fresh sliced strawberries
2 cups fresh raspberries
2 cups fresh blueberries
1 1/2 cups fresh blackberries
1 tbsp. potato starch
2 tbsp. each fresh lemon and orange juice

In large metal bowl, stir together 1 cup of the sugar, lemon rind and juice, egg yolks and eggs. Set bowl over saucepan of simmering, not boiling, water. Whisk until mixture thickens and thermometer registers 160, 10 to 15 minutes. Transfer mixture to another bowl. Place plastic wrap directly on surface and chill for at least three hours or up to 24 hours.

Meanwhile, combine 1 cup of the strawberries, raspberries and blueberries and 1/2 cup of the blackberries in separate saucepan with remaining 1/4 cup of the sugar, 1/3 cup water, potato starch, lemon and orange juice. Bring to boil over medium-high heat, stirring gently. Cook for about 1 minute or until thickened. Pour into a separate bowl. Cover surface directly with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least three hours or up to 48 hours.

Whip cream. Fold 1/3 into cooled lemon mixture. Then fold remaining whipped cream into lemon mixture. Divide remaining fruit among 8 dessert glass bowls or parfait or wine glasses. Spoon mousse evenly, smoothing top. Refrigerate until serving. Serve with room temperature fruit sauce. Makes 8 servings.

HOMEMADE CINNAMON ICE CREAM WITH RHUBARB AND CHERRY COMPOTE

Although this is a dairy dessert, it's worth waiting for. The ice cream is simplicity itself and at other times of year, it is perfect to add things into, such as chopped chocolate, fruit or candies. The sauce is also extremely versatile – it's excellent over sorbet, matzah brei and just by itself with a spoon!

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Fruit with a sweet twist

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Ice cream:
1 can (300g) sweetened condensed milk
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
2 cups whipping cream
Rhubarb and cherry compote:
1 1/2 cup fresh or frozen chopped rhubarb
1 1/2 cups frozen or jarred pitted sour cherries, well drained
1/3 cup granulated sugar
2 tbsp. lemon or orange juice
1/2 tsp. potato starch

In a bowl, stir together sweetened condensed milk and cinnamon. Whip cream. Fold into milk mixture. Transfer gently to plastic wrap-lined 8x5-in. loaf pan. Cover with plastic wrap and freeze for at least 8 hours or for up to 72 hours.

Combine rhubarb, cherries, sugar and lemon or orange juice in saucepan set over medium heat. Bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, stirring occasionally for 6 minutes.

Dissolve potato starch in 1 tbsp. water. Uncover saucepan and stir in potato starch mixture. Cook, stirring, for about 3 more minutes until rhubarb breaks down and is stringy and mixture is lightly thickened. Transfer to serving saucer. Cover surface with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or for up to 72 hours.

Unmould ice cream. Slice into loaf-shaped pieces. Spoon compote sauce over to serve. Makes 8 servings.

FLOURLESS CHOCOLATE CRACKLES

These cookies are a fabulous treat any time of year, but especially during Passover with the prohibition against flour. They are extremely easy to make and keep well in an airtight container for up to a week. After a robust meal, they are the perfect antidote to richness, paired simply with a fruit salad and a cup of coffee or tea.

1 cup ground almonds
1/2 cup cocoa powder
1 tsp. kosher for Passover baking powder
pinch salt
1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
2/3 cup packed brown sugar
1 egg
4 oz. semisweet chocolate, melted
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup icing sugar

In bowl, whisk together almonds, cocoa, baking powder and salt; set aside.

In bowl of electric mixer, beat butter with brown sugar until well combined. Beat in egg, scraping bowl twice. Using wooden spoon, stir in melted chocolate. Stir in cocoa-almond mixture. Cover surface with plastic wrap and refrigerate for about 15 minutes or until firm.

Place granulated and icing sugar in separate small bowls. Preheat oven to 350.

Scoop small sections of dough and roll between palms of hands into 1-inch balls. Roll each ball in granulated sugar until completely coated, and then in icing sugar until completely coated. Place 1-inch apart on parchment paper-lined baking sheets.

One sheet at a time, bake in centre of preheated oven for 12 minutes. Let cool in pan on rack for 1 minute. Transfer to wire racks to cool completely. Repeat with second baking sheet. Store in airtight container for up to 7 days. Makes 3 dozen small cookies.

ROASTED CARAMEL PEARS

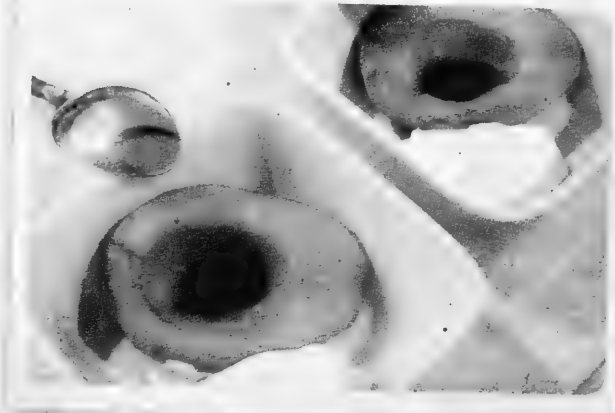
Elegant in its simplicity, this rich and decadent dessert will be the pièce de résistance at your seder. Be sure to choose ripe pears or the cooking time will be much longer. If you make it ahead and the sauce hardens, simply reheat it until smooth and silky and pourable again.

2 cup granulated sugar
3/4 cup butter or margarine, in cubes
6 ripe pears
2/3 cup fresh lemon juice

In heavy saucepan, dissolve sugar in 3/4 cup water. Cook over medium heat until sugar is dissolved. Bring to boil over medium high heat; boil, without stirring, brushing down sides of pan with brush dipped in water, until sugar turns a caramel colour, about 9 to 12 minutes. Remove pan from heat. Whisk in butter until melted and smooth. Pour sauce into 9x13-in. metal cake pan or two 8-in. metal cake pans.

Cut pears in half lengthwise. With melon baller, remove core and cut out vein to top of each pear. Place cut side up in pan. Drizzle lemon juice over top of pears. Cover pan with aluminum foil.

Cook in centre of preheated 400-degree oven for 15 minutes. Baste pears with sauce. Cook for another 20 to 30 minutes, basting often, until pears are tender. Pears can be kept at room temperature for 8 hours. Rewarm to serve. Arrange each pear half on plate; spoon caramel sauce over. Makes 12 servings.



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Cooking for the kids

Judy Bart Kancigor
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When my granddaughter Lauren was a mere toddler and just beginning to absorb the Passover ceremonies, her post-seder comment was a classic: "Well, that was a really sad story. Now I'm not gonna sleep all night!"

Every year, we retell the story of the miracles of Passover, the 3,000-plus-year-old saga of our ancestors' exodus from bondage in Egypt to freedom. It is a story of hope, of redemption. And every year we look for new ways to engage the children. (Hopefully, without those pesky plagues giving them nightmares!)

Passover is also the culinary crescendo of the year for Jewish cooks and for the children – and we are expecting nine this year – I'm whipping up a batch of Honey Pecan Crusted Chicken. (Who am I kidding? I'd better make plenty for the adults as well!) I found the recipe in *Tastes of Jewish Tradition* by Jody Hirsh, Idy Goodman, Aggie Goldenholz and Susan Roth (Wimmer), my all-around go-to book for holiday ideas for kids.

This fun-filled compilation of recipes, activities, commentary and stories for the entire family is the culmination of a community effort by the Milwaukee Jewish Community Center's Parenting and Family Center, with input from rabbis and local artists.

The authors of this valuable resource book take very seriously the injunction: "In every generation, all are obligated to see themselves as though they themselves had gone out of Egypt."

"On Passover we are encouraged to remember the exodus as though we too had been there," Goodman told me. "It involves your whole body. You re-enact the story through all your senses. Suddenly you're all Egyptians or Israelites. Through the activities, you feel what it must have been like to be a slave and work so hard."

Set the mood for the seder by creating a Bedouin tent, donning Middle Eastern head covers called kefiahs, and making plague bags. The book even includes a magic trick to simulate the parting of the Red Sea and suggests musical selections to accompany your virtual crossing.

It doesn't have to be Chanukah (and you don't have to be a kid!) to enjoy latkes, those irresistible crispy fried potato pancakes. I found a health-conscious Passover version in *Passover: A Kosher Collection* by Pam Reiss (www.pamelareiss.com).

"When I was working on this recipe, my cousin showed up at my door with her two-year-old daughter as the latkes were in the frying pan," Reiss e-mailed from her home in Winnipeg. "I offered the little girl a taste, and she promptly ate half a dozen. I knew I had a winner!"

When Reiss was growing up, her family celebrated Passover at her grandmother's house. "She always made our favourite, her blue potato pancakes.

"No, she didn't use blue potatoes – were they even available then? – but she finely grated the potatoes with a box grater, and they would oxidize while she grated the onions. We never thought anything of it. Blue latkes were normal for us!

"Years later, I discovered that if I grated the onions first and tossed the potatoes with the onions and their juices as I grated them, the potatoes stayed nice and white. Now if I want interesting colours in my latkes, I'll make green ones with zucchini or orange ones with sweet potatoes."

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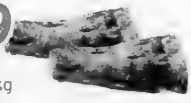

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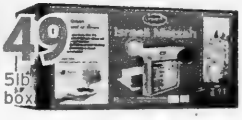

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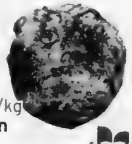

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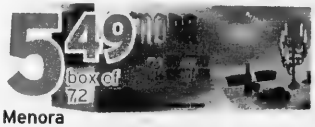

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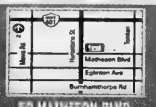

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Chocolate and fruit...what could be bad?

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HONEY PECAN CRUSTED CHICKEN

Source: Tastes of Jewish Tradition *by Jody Hirsh, et al.*

8 skinless chicken breast halves
1/4 cup honey
salt and pepper to taste
2 tbsp. Dijon mustard
1/4 tsp. paprika
1/8 tsp. garlic powder
1 1/2 cups matzah meal (see note)
3/4 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 400. Combine honey, dash of salt, pepper, mustard, paprika and garlic powder in a bowl. Combine matzah meal and pecans in a shallow dish.

Brush chicken pieces with honey mustard combination and then dredge in matzah meal mixture. Lightly spray chicken with vegetable spray and place in a baking pan. Bake for about 40 minutes or until done. Yield: 8 servings.

Note: After Passover, substitute crushed corn flakes for the matzah meal.

ZUCCHINI LEEK LATKES

Source: Passover: A Kosher Collection *by Pam Reiss*

These are a little softer than potato latkes, so be gentle when you flip them over.

1 1/2 lb. zucchini, trimmed and shredded
8 oz. red potatoes, peeled and shredded
8 oz. leeks, washed well and thinly sliced (2 medium)
1 1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. black pepper
1/2 cup matzah cake meal
1 tsp. paprika
3 large eggs
cottonseed or grapeseed oil for frying

Grate the zucchini and potato and squeeze out any excess liquid. Combine with the remaining ingredients in a mixing bowl.

Heat 1/4-in. oil in large frying pan over medium heat. Using two spoons, gently place mixture into oil (use about 2 tbsp. mixture for each latke).

Fry 2 to 3 minutes, or until edges start to brown; then turn over and cook another 2 to 3 minutes, until both sides are golden brown.

Transfer to paper towel to drain and continue with remaining latkes, adding more oil if necessary. Yield: 16 to 18.

CHOCOLATE DRENCHED STUFFED FRUIT

Source: Passover by Design *by Susie Fishbein.*

These may be frozen for a great frozen treat!

12 large raspberries
1 tbsp. sweetened shredded coconut, divided use
12 medium-large strawberries
12 large blueberries
2 medium bananas, peeled and sliced diagonally into 6 pieces
4 bars (3.5 oz. each) good quality pareve bittersweet Swiss chocolate
12 pecan halves

Line a large cookie sheet with parchment paper. Place a small cooling rack on a small cookie sheet.

Stuff raspberries with about 1/4 tsp. coconut, and place them on cooling rack, coconut side up.

Remove greens and dig a hole about the size of a blueberry in tops of strawberries. Gently press a blueberry to fit deep into each prepared strawberry. Place these on one side of the lined cookie sheet.

Place banana slices on lined cookie sheet.

Fill a medium saucepan with 2 to 3 inches water. Over medium-low heat, bring water to just simmering. Using a serrated knife, chop chocolate into 1/2-in. pieces. Reserve about 1/4 of chopped chocolate away from heat. Place remaining 3/4 chocolate into large metal bowl and set bowl over barely simmering water.

Using a wooden spoon, slowly stir chocolate often until melted, scraping down sides of bowl as needed. Do not let water come to a rolling simmer or boil. Excessive heat will damage chocolate. Once all chocolate is melted, immediately remove bowl from heat and add reserved chopped chocolate. Gently stir until all chocolate is melted.

Working quickly, drop banana piece into chocolate. Without stabbing it, lift out of chocolate with a fork. Lightly tap back of fork on edge of bowl, and then slide it over the edge to remove excess chocolate. Place banana back on lined cookie sheet. Top with pecan. Repeat with remaining pieces.

With a firm but gentle grip on point of strawberry, dip it into chocolate about 3/4 of the way up, being careful not to lose blueberry. Place berry back on lined cookie sheet, blueberry side down. Repeat with remaining strawberries.

Using a small spoon, gently drizzle remaining chocolate over prepared raspberries.Place all fruit in refrigerator, serve well chilled within a couple of hours, or store in airtight container refrigerated for one day or in freezer for up to a week.

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After the seder – then what?

Sue Epstein
Special to The CJN

You've spent days preparing for the seder and it was wonderful. But now it's over and there are still many more Passover meals to serve.

In Israel, very few people work on Passover – offices and schools are closed and with the whole family at home, more meal preparation is necessary. Thus it becomes a challenge to come up with breakfast and lunch meals and picnic foods in addition to dinners that won't leave you in the kitchen for hours.

When my children lived at home, they usually didn't want to even look at the seder leftovers, except for the charoset, which they loved in a sandwich served on Passover rolls or pancakes. By the way, Passover pancakes are a great substitute for bread to make your picnic sandwiches. They hold the ingredients much better than matzah and travel more easily.

Here are some recipes everyone in your family should enjoy.

SHEPHERDS PIE

3 tbsp. oil
2 onions, diced
2 cloves garlic, diced
1 green pepper, diced
1 stalk celery, diced
1 lb. ground meat, or any other leftovers in the refrigerator
1/2 cup chicken soup or gravy
4 large potatoes
2 eggs
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
margarine
paprika

Preheat oven to 350. Saute vegetables in oil, then add meat. Add soup or gravy. Boil potatoes, mash with eggs, salt, pepper and onion. In a greased casserole, spread half of potato mixture, then add the meat. Top with remaining half of potatoes, dot with margarine and paprika, and bake for 30 minutes until potatoes are browned on top.

TURKEY TZIMMES

Betty Goodfriend was a Holocaust survivor and well-known Atlanta Jewish cook. She served this at the seder, but I like to serve it in place of cholent for Shabbat on Passover. Like stew, tzimmes tastes better a day or two after it is made, so this is a good dish to prepare ahead of time. It freezes well.

4 medium white potatoes
2 lb. sweet potatoes, about two large
3 lb. baby carrots, peeled
1 lb. large, moist prunes, pitted
1 1/2 lb. turkey thighs, with skin and bone
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 cup honey
1 tbsp. salt, or to taste
1/2 cup dark brown sugar
5 to 6 cups of water

Peel and cut white potatoes into 1/4-inch slices and layer on bottom of large Dutch oven. Peel and cut sweet potatoes into chunks, about 8 pieces per potato.

(Hint: Cut in half, half again, then quarter each half.) Rinse baby carrots and prunes in cold water. In large bowl, combine carrots, sweet potatoes and prunes. Put half of carrot mixture over white potatoes. Add turkey thighs, skin side up. Cover with remaining carrot mixture. Sprinkle cinnamon, then pour honey over top carrot layer. Mix salt and brown sugar in 2 cups of water and pour over vegetables. Add remaining water until liquid is about 2 to 3 inches below top of carrot mixture.

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Preheat oven to 325. On stovetop, bring vegetable and turkey layers to a boil, then simmer, covered, for 20 minutes. Taste for seasonings and add more honey, salt or brown sugar to taste. Place uncovered in oven for 3 to 4 hours, checking every 30 minutes, and add water if needed, making sure meat stays in liquid. If sauce is watery, add a tablespoon of potato starch mixed with 1/2 cup of water in last half-hour. When finished cooking, vegetables should be tender and moist, and turkey cooked in a thick, reduced sauce. Remove bones and skin and cut meat into generous bite-size pieces and mix back into vegetables. Serve warm, or refrigerate and reheat, covered, in 325-degree oven, for about 1 hour or until warm. Serves 12-14.

MATZAH FRITTATA

For breakfast, lunch or to take on a picnic – good any time.

6 regular matzot
12 eggs, lightly beaten
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup seedless raisins
1/4 cup pine nuts, optional
grated zest of a lemon
6 tbsp. olive oil
1/4 cup sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon

Soak the matzot in cold water for a half hour, and then squeeze out most of the water (you don't want it bone dry).

Lightly beat the eggs and combine them with the remaining ingredients except the sugar and the cinnamon.

Heat half the oil in a fairly large skillet, add the batter and cook without stirring until a crust forms underneath and the batter begins to firm up. Turn the frittata onto a plate, heat the remaining oil in the skillet, and slide the frittata back into the pan to cook on the other side.

Transfer it to a serving plate, pat it dry, and dust it with the sugar and cinnamon. Makes 6 servings.

BANANA CHEESE FRITTERS

1 cup matzah meal
1 cup milk
1-2 ripe bananas, mashed
1 cup cottage cheese
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. salt
2 eggs, beaten
butter or margarine for frying

Mix matzah meal and milk in a large bowl and let sit for about 10 minutes. Stir in mashed banana, cottage cheese and remaining ingredients. Mix well.

Melt butter or margarine in a large frying pan over medium heat and drop the batter into the pan by the tablespoon. Fry until fritters are crisp and brown on one side, turn over and cook for another minute or two. Can be served with maple-flavoured syrup or dollops of sour cream. Makes 4 servings.

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End the meal on a sweet note

Sue Epstein
Special to The CJN

Passover's dietary restrictions mean it takes ingenuity to come up with a scene-stealing dessert. I like to serve a spectacular dessert after the seder but also have another choice for those who want something lighter.

After a seder meal, guests tend to be stuffed, so here are some fresh, appealing dessert options.

FRESH FRUIT

Another beautiful and light dessert can be made by peeling and slicing fresh fruits and layering them in a glass bowl, using rows of the fruit to create a pretty pattern. Start layering in rows around bottom of dish and up the sides. As you arrange the outside fruit, fill in centre layer by layer with slices that are not as perfect. Decorate with mint sprigs and add some orange juice, wine or liqueur.

ULTIMATE CHOCOLATE MARQUISE

When you want to serve a wow dessert for Passover, this is it. From *Luscious Chocolate Desserts* by Lori Longbotham, it's easy to make, you can make it ahead, and it freezes beautifully. It can be refrigerated rather than frozen, but will be more difficult to cut.

1 lb. bittersweet or semisweet chocolate, chopped
1 cup unsalted margarine, room temperature
1/4 cup sugar
1 tbsp. brandy or liqueur (optional)
6 large eggs, separated
2 large egg yolks
pinch of salt

Butter an 8x4-in. loaf pan and line with 2 sheets of plastic wrap, one going the long way and one going the short way, leaving an overhang of several inches on all sides.

Melt the chocolate and margarine in a large heatproof bowl set over a saucepan with about 1-1/2 inches of nearly simmering water, whisking until smooth. Whisk in the sugar and liqueur, if using, until well blended.

Remove the bowl from the heat and, with an electric mixer on low speed, beat in the egg yolks one at a time, beating well after each addition and occasionally scraping down the sides of the bowl.

Beat the egg whites and salt with clean beaters on medium-high speed in a large, deep bowl just until the whites form stiff peaks when the beaters are lifted. With a whisk or a rubber spatula, fold one-third of the egg whites into the chocolate mixture. Fold in the remaining egg whites in 2 batches just until well blended.

Transfer the mixture to the prepared pan, pushing it into the corners and smoothing the top with a rubber spatula. Cover with the overhanging plastic wrap and then wrap tightly with aluminum foil. Freeze for at least 6 hours.

To serve, unwrap the pan, fold back the plastic wrap, and run a table knife around the edges of the pan to loosen the marquise. Place a serving platter over the pan, invert the pan onto it, and release the marquise by pulling on the edges of the plastic wrap.

Remove the plastic wrap and smooth the edges of the marquise with a small warm metal spatula if necessary. Cut into 1/2-in.-thick slices with a sharp knife dipped in very warm water and wiped dry between each slice, and place on chilled dessert plates. (You can tightly rewrap and freeze any leftovers.) Serves 10 or more.

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York alumnus files complaint with OHRT

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Former York University student Sammy Katz hopes his complaint with the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal will push York to improve its complaints process and address the fact that pro-Israel students feel "constantly under threat."

Sammy Katz

The complaint – which stems from an event in February 2010 during which Hasbara Fellowships at York ran a campaign to raise awareness about Hamas and Gilad Schalit, a kidnapped Israeli soldier – charges York with legitimizing an anti-Jewish environment on campus.

Katz, who is represented by University of Toronto law professor and barrister Ed Morgan and New York attorney Neal Sher, alleges that York fails to counter activities that create a "poisonous atmosphere for identifiably Jewish students."

The complaint was brought on by a Feb. 1 incident during which Katz and student organizers were confronted about the legitimacy of their tabling event, called Hamas: the Obstacle to Peace. A heated exchange ensued, and Katz claims he was slapped by an anti-Israel student.

Katz said he was encouraged when the university appointed an adjudicator, Janet Morrison, to review the incident following a complaint he filed with York's Student Conduct and Dispute Resolution Office.

But his confidence in the York administration abated when he learned that footage from the security tapes from Vari Hall – where the incident unfolded – was released to the media before he was allowed to view it, Katz said.

Following a viewing of the footage by *The CJN*, other members of the media and Jewish community leaders, Alex Bilyk, York's director of media relations, said in a *CJN* interview that Katz did not get slapped.

"From a physical assault perspective, you definitely see that no such thing was occurring," Bilyk said.

But Katz, who claims he wasn't able to view the video himself until weeks later, said, "the video was so grainy that you can't really see what's going on, and it only shows half of Vari Hall, so you can't see what's going on [off camera]."

In his complaint, Katz charges that York accused him of "construing a lie," and claimed "that nothing happened, there was no incident."

As a result, Katz said that "everyone turned on us," including Jewish community leaders, and he lost his job with Hasbara.

Katz said that about two months after the incident, he along with the students who were involved in the complaint, presented their case and reviewed the video with Morrison.

"I knew where everybody was standing, I knew exactly what was going on and you can see where I get hit. I pointed it out to the adjudicator and she admitted in a confidential written report, that I was in fact hit," Katz said.

He added that while the physical confrontation was minor, "it was a matter of principle.

"I've asked for a retraction, an apology, because this ruined my image, it ruined the image of Jewish students at York University, that they cry wolf. But the university said they are not responsible for what happened," Katz said.

"Until this day, there are people in the Jewish community and others who think that we completely lied."

Morgan said the way York handled the complaint process itself is part of the complaint.

"We'd like better policies with respect to security at York, security videotaping at events... Making sure that people are fairly treated throughout the complaints process," Morgan said.

"He's looking for some financial compensation" because he feels that his reputation had been tarnished.

York spokesperson Wallace Pidgeon said that the university is "going to vigorously defend ourselves against these allegations that we believe to be untrue... We're compelled to set the record straight with respect to incorrect information."

Pidgeon said that Katz's version of the story contained inaccuracies.

"We never said no to anyone who wanted to see it. There were students, members of student groups, members of the media, who had requested to see the video. He eventually came and saw it, as far as I'm concerned," Pidgeon said.

But he said he didn't know whether the tape was only made available to Katz after members of the media saw it.

"I'm not able to speak about that... but as I understand, Mr. Katz and his counsel did come in February and were able to see this."

Pidgeon said that York "is a place that values freedom of expression, open discourse, and values a peaceful, mindful and respectful campus... We take this really, really seriously... We're being as open and transparent... as possible."

Katz wants people to understand that the complaint is not just about him.

"This really is about the bigger picture... My intention is that Jewish students need to feel that they are welcome at York University, that they are not constantly under threat... That no one is going to attack them if they hold rallies or events. Jews don't need to be living in fear on campus if they are supporting Israel," Katz said.

"Life is difficult for pro-Israel activists there and York's policies need continuous rethinking and this is part of this process," Morgan said.

A date for the hearing has not yet been set.

Students' divestment efforts fail

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

As many as 200 unruly students forced cancellation of a meeting of the board of governors of Carleton University last week, but they failed to convince the university to divest from four companies doing business in Israel.

Protesters from Students Against Israeli Apartheid (SAIA) and the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) demonstrated noisily outside the university's administration building and despite a police presence, the board decided to postpone its meeting indefinitely.

"Protesters would not allow some board members to enter the building," said Jason MacDonald, director of communications for Carleton University. "Students have a right to protest but it is the university's expectation that they will respect the university's right to conduct its business and the right of other members of the community to carry on with their work and studies unimpeded."

The incident came a few weeks after the Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA) passed a motion calling on the university's pension fund to engage in socially responsible investment. At the time, CUSA rejected a SAIA motion that would have included a specific reference to Israel in connection to alleged war crimes. Reacting to that vote, SAIA spokesperson Reem Bushaisi claimed partial victory: "Now we will be taking a motion to the board of governors in March with a clear message: we don't want our money supporting military occupation."

Protesters oppose $2.6 million pension fund investments in Motorola, Tesco, Northrop Grumman and BAE Systems.

Hoping to avoid a disruption, the university offered to permit 20 students into the board of governors meeting and to have its vice-president of finance and administration meet with students to outline the policies that govern the pension plan.

However, in advance of the board of governors meetings, the GSA issued a news release saying hundreds of students would be present to express their opposition to being locked out of the board meeting. The GSA also criticized the university for preventing debate on proposed tuition fee hikes and its refusal to consider divesting from "weapons manufacturers."

"By choosing to block debate and lock its doors, a clear message is being sent to students: the university is happy to collect your money but don't expect democratic participation in university governance," said GSA vice-president Kelly Black.

Meanwhile, Emile Scheffel, a member of the Israel Awareness Committee at Carleton, was stuck outside the building unable to get in. "I was one of five pro-Israel students invited to attend the meeting," Scheffel told *The CJN*." We were unable to enter the building, but waited outside until a member of the university administration advised by e-mail that the cancellation had occurred.

"Unfortunately, SAIA have once again made clear they're not interested in a safe, tolerant and respectful campus. We'll continue to engage students in reasonable, constructive dialogue about Middle East issues," Scheffel stated.

MacDonald said the board had received a request from its student representative "for a motion to consider divestment. The board executive determined that this issue had already been satisfactorily addressed by the Pension Committee and as a result the motion would not be considered. Student groups were not happy with this response and indicated that they would then 'disrupt' the board meeting."

The university has set out "broad investment guidelines" in its Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures and managers of the pension fund make their investment decisions accordingly, MacDonald stated.

The pension fund pools the contributions of university staff and faculty. "The fund is for these employees and retirees of the university and the university's obligation is to ensure that the fund is invested in the best interest of the plan's beneficiaries (i.e. staff and faculty). Students have no standing with regard to the pension fund or its administration, unless of course they are also employees of the university and are paying into the fund," he said.

"The pension committee will continue to fulfil its fiduciary obligations according to the law, and that means generating the best possible risk adjusted rate of return for plan members. The university is not considering divestment from Israel," MacDonald stated.

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Israel pressing UN to halt new Gaza aid flotilla

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JERUSALEM — Security officials and the Foreign Ministry have started preparing feverishly for the expected arrival of another Gaza flotilla in late May. More than 1,000 leftists and pro-Palestinian activists are expected to take part in the flotilla, which sources say will include more than 20 vessels of various sizes.

Drawing lessons from the controversy over the raid on the Turkish Mavi Marmara ship last May, and from the recommendations made after the investigation of the incident by the Turkel commission, Israeli officials are preparing in advance for another such protest at sea.

In recent weeks, Jerusalem has engaged in a large-scale diplomatic effort aimed at pressuring heads of states in countries from which ships are expected to sail, to discourage their citizens from taking part. The hope is that such an effort will head off a large-scale "sequel" to last year's flotilla. Furthermore, in the event that another military raid is called for, this time Israel wants to be able to claim that every possible effort was made to stop the ships peaceably.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called on UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon Friday to stop the impending flotilla that is supposed to set sail to the Gaza Strip in May.

The Israeli prime minister told the UN chief that the flotilla is being organized by extreme Islamists that are interested only in provocation.

Jerusalem has engaged in a large-scale diplomatic effort

He added that the ship's key goal is to fuel tensions, particularly in light of the fact that the Gaza Strip is open to all types of goods brought in via land.

The prime minister then reminded the UN chief of the recent incident of the Victoria ship earlier this month, upon which tens of tons of weapons from Iran were found and confiscated by Israel. Netanyahu told Ban that this is proof that Israel must act aggressively against the flotilla.

The Israel Navy intercepted an estimated 50 tons of weapons from Iran earlier this month aboard the Victoria, a cargo ship bound for the Gaza Strip, including sophisticated land-to-sea missiles that could have enabled Palestinian militants to hit ships at Ashdod Port or at sea, or other Israeli targets like a crude oil depot or a gas drilling rig.

Israel began a public campaign this month against the Turkish IHH organization as well as other left-wing European organizations who plan on sending a flotilla to May.

Fifteen ships are expected to head towards the strip.

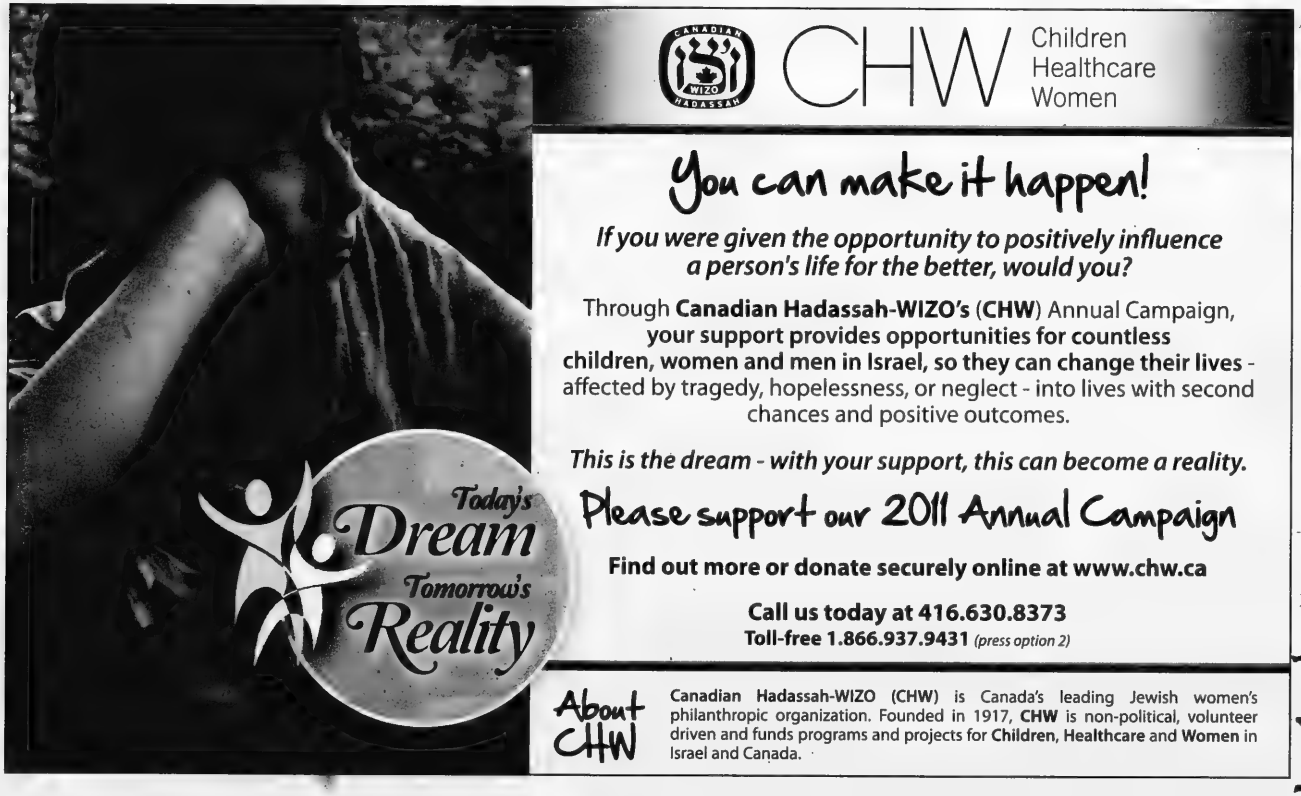
The organizers of the upcoming flotilla have named it the "Freedom Fleet".

Some Israeli security officials are discussing a possible relaxation of the siege on the Gaza Strip. The main advocate of such a move is Maj. Gen. Eitan Dangot, co-ordinator of government activities in the territories. He believes that loosening restrictions on the entry of goods would be an effective response to allegations that Israel is infringing the basic rights of Gaza residents, and would defuse many of the claims made by the flotilla organizers.

Concurrently, the navy is completing preparations for a scenario in which its men would have to use force in another raid on a ship. As happened with the Marmara, responsibility for such a raid would devolve upon the naval commando unit; members of this unit have been training for several different eventualities.

The Turkish organization IHH, which was involved in last year's flotilla, is also taking part in planning the new one. The Marmara has apparently been pressed into service for another trip to the Gaza coast.

The event is planned for May 31, the one-year anniversary of the death of nine Turkish activists during the Israel Defence Forces' raid on the Marmara. The objective of this flotilla would be both to commemorate those killed as well as to demand that the siege on Gaza be lifted.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Retraction shows West's changed attitude toward Israel

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Israel achieved a major public relations coup this weekend, comparable to the United Nations rescission of its notorious resolution equating Zionism with racism.

South African Judge Richard Goldstone, who came to symbolize more than anyone else the efforts to delegitimize Israel as a civilized and law-abiding country, has now retracted his allegations that Israel had committed war crimes and crimes against humanity during Operation Cast Lead.

Opinion

In his opinion piece published in Friday's *Washington Post*, Goldstone underlined Israel's clear moral superiority over Hamas, saying the Israel Defence Forces did not intentionally hit civilians in its operation in the Gaza Strip, while Gazans by contrast did in fact deliberately hit Israeli civilians.

Goldstone also acknowledged being naive in thinking Hamas would conduct itself as a law-abiding government and investigate allegations of its own war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by those firing rockets and mortar shells from the Strip into Israel. He has come to the understanding, however belatedly, that Hamas is not interested in humanitarian laws or human rights, but rather only in waging war against Israel.

Now Goldstone is calling for the international community to enforce the laws of war that apply to states as well as to entities such as the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip.

Goldstone's change in position followed hundreds of IDF investigations into exceptional events during Cast Lead. Doubtless, these investigations would not have come about had it not been for the Goldstone report and concern over a future international investigation. In this way, the former jurist performed a service in support of the IDF's enforcement of the laws of war and in deterring Israel from entanglement in a new operation in Gaza.

It is once again clear that Israel erred in boycotting the Goldstone commission and in refusing to co-operate with it. Former cabinet minister Isaac Herzog was correct in advocating dialogue with Goldstone, but stood against 11 cabinet colleagues.

The lesson to be drawn here is that we must not cut ourselves off and assume that judges and investigators are biased against us. Even if that is the case, it's better to fight Israel's cause during the investigation rather than counter subsequent conclusions by the UN that have already been officially adopted.

Goldstone's op-ed provides Turkey and Israel the opportunity to rehabilitate their relations, which soured over Cast Lead. If Israel's explanations are worthy of consideration, it may mean its explanations about the flotilla are, too.

Secondly and more importantly, the new Goldstone captures the change in how the West relates to Israel against the backdrop of the turmoil in the Arab world. Israel may be aggressive sometimes, but there is no other country in the Middle East whose stability is assured and which isn't threatened by a popular uprising. Israel isn't perfect, but it's much closer to Western standards than its enemies.

Laws of war apply to Hamas

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"Something that has not been recognized often enough is the fact that our report marked the first time illegal acts of terrorism from Hamas were being investigated and condemned by the United Nations," Goldstone wrote.

His report "found evidence of potential war crimes and 'possibly crimes against humanity' by both Israel and Hamas. That the crimes allegedly committed by Hamas were intentional goes without saying – its rockets were purposefully and indiscriminately aimed at civilian targets.

"That comparatively few Israelis have been killed by the unlawful rocket and mortar attacks from Gaza in no way minimizes the criminality. The UN Human Rights Council should condemn these heinous acts in the strongest terms," Goldstone wrote.

Goldstone also urged the UN's rights body to condemn a recent stabbing attack in the West Bank settlement of Itamar, saying that "the Human Rights Council should condemn the inexcusable and cold-blooded recent slaughter of a young Israeli couple and three of their small children in their beds.

"Simply put, the laws of armed conflict apply no less to non-state actors such as Hamas than they do to national armies," Goldstone concluded. "Ensuring that non-state actors respect these principles, and are investigated when they fail to do so, is one of the most significant challenges facing the law of armed conflict.

"Only if all parties to armed conflicts are held to these standards will we be able to protect civilians who, through no choice of their own, are caught up in war."

On Saturday, Hamas dismissed Goldstone's remarks.

"His retreat does not change the fact war crimes had been committed against 1.5 million people in Gaza," Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said, adding that the group had co-operated fully with Goldstone's mission.

Palestinian Foreign Minister Riyad al-Malki said Goldstone's comments did not change anything. "The report was as clear as the crimes that Israel committed during the war," he said.

Earlier on Saturday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called on the United Nations to retract the Goldstone report in light of last week's column.

"The fact that Goldstone changed his mind must lead to the shelving of the report once and for all," Netanyahu said.

Canada was the sole UNHRC member to vote against the commissioning of the Goldstone Mission in January 2009. The country also opposed the UNHRC endorsement of the report on Oct. 16, 2009.

In a statement on Sunday, the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) and the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA) called Goldstone's recantation a vindication for Israel and praised the Canadian government for its "principled" support of Israel throughout the Goldstone investigation.

Moshe Ronen, national chair of CIC, also noted "the early and unequivocal rejection" of the report from Liberal MPs Irwin Cotler and Bob Rae.

Steven Cummings, CIJA's national chair, said the Goldstone report's "slanderous allegations against Israel are now completely discredited, and our government's position in this regard is vindicated."

He added: "We are hopeful that this key development will prompt Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch to review their own reports, which will no doubt reveal a bias similar to that found in the Goldstone report."

In the United States, the American Jewish Committee also called on Goldstone to ask UNHRC to update the 2009 report in a way that aligns its conclusions with his new thinking on what transpired.

"The *Washington Post* is not the place for Judge Goldstone to recant the biased and damaging UN report he wrote on the Gaza conflict," AJC executive director David Harris said. "Judge Goldstone should apologize to the State of Israel for the accusations of intentionally targeting civilians, which he now admits were unfounded. He should present his updated conclusions to the UN Human Rights Council, as well as to the General Assembly, which endorsed the skewed report, and press for its rejection."

Israeli Foreign Ministry sources said Sunday that Israel will probably be unable to bring about the cancellation of the damning Goldstone report on its conduct during the war in Gaza.

Netanyahu has assigned national security adviser Ya'akov Amidror to set up a joint team of staff from the foreign, defence and justice ministries with the task of formulating political and legal recommendations following Goldstone's article.

Foreign Ministry sources, however, said that in the best of circumstances, it might be possible for the UN General Assembly to adopt a new resolution concluding that an earlier resolution, passed a year ago, which fully adopted the Goldstone report, is no longer valid.

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Manitoba representative meets with Israeli companies

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TEL AVIV — Mel Lazareck, Manitoba's special representative to Israel for economic and community relations, recently met with staff from various Israeli water, medical and technology organizations.

Over the past two weeks, Lazareck has had discussions with representatives of private companies, university departments and quasi-governmental organizations.

"My ultimate goal is to develop relationships with a variety of Manitoba and Israeli organizations to their mutual benefit," says Lazareck, a retired businessman who was appointed special representative by Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger in October 2010.

Manitoba is on a population growth spurt, Lazareck said, and the province is committed to improving and widening the economy.

"We're looking at other parts of the world where they may know what they're doing, and that's Israel," he said. "Israel punches far above its weight."

Initially, the government of Manitoba came to Israel on a quest for water expertise. Despite that Lake Winnipeg is bigger than Israel, and unlike Israel, the province is replete with natural resources, the two places have some water issues in common. Israel, having coped with decades of water shortage, has engineered unparallelled solutions for dealing with water issues.

The relationship between Manitoba and Israel began when the former president of Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael – Jewish National Fund (KKL-JNF) for the Prairie region of Canada, the late Graham Dixon, suggested Manitoba Minister of Water Stewardship Christine Melnick look to Israel for answers to some of the province's water problems, particularly those related to the rehabilitation of Lakes Winnipeg and Manitoba's Netley/Libau wetlands.

Since then, there have been two major joint Manitoba-Israel water symposia, one in August 2008 and one in January 2010. Selinger came to visit Israel in October 2010, and memorandums of understanding (MOU) have been signed regarding co-operative research between Israeli and Manitoba scientists on a number of issues, including wastewater recycling, nutrient management, and wetland preservation. An MOU has also been signed between the province of Manitoba and the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI) on birding research and ecotourism.

Melnick has been at the forefront of these initiatives, said Lazareck.

"I do not believe any other government has taken such a public stand on their ongoing relationship with Israel.

Mel Lazareck, Manitoba's special representative to Israel for economic and community relations. ***[Photo courtesy of Winnipeg Jewish Review]***

In general, Canada is very supportive of Israel, but Manitoba is just exceptional. We're hoping this sort of initiative will spread to other provincial governments," he said.

This year, Melnick will be awarded Manitoba's KKL-JNF's Negev Award, which she will receive in a ceremony in Winnipeg on May 31. "We anticipate that Minister Melnick will continue to set a strong example that will influence others to see Israel in a positive light," Lazareck said.

Over the past two weeks, Lazareck, who took over Dixon's role in September 2007, has met with representatives from the Mekorot, Israel's national water company; with Global Water Technologies in Herzliya, which developed a way to monitor city water systems; and with water experts at Ben-Gurion University, who are working on grey water recycling.

"We've had some great meetings, and we expect they will lead to collaborations on various water programs," Lazareck said. "Manitoba may have eight per cent of the fresh water in the world. But we're not taking it for granted."

Lazareck would also like to take the Manitoba-Israel relationship beyond water and establish co-operative ties between the two places in the fields of medicine and technology. This trip, he met with researchers at the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, who are developing various robotic-based medical technologies.

"Israel is second in the world after the U.S. in the development of new technology, and we would like to bring some of these technologies back to Manitoba," he said.

Lazareck said he hoped that the JNF World Leadership Conference, that took place in Eilat from March 27 to April 1, would result in further avenues of co-operation. "The relationship between Manitoba and Israel is getting stronger and that's wonderful," he said.

Israel Briefs

Hezbollah bunkers in Lebanon

Israel declassified a map of what it says are 950 underground Hezbollah bunkers and weapons storage sites in south Lebanon. The map, appearing last week in the *Washington Post*, underpins Israeli frustration with the failure of the United Nations-mandated force in southern Lebanon to stop weapons smuggling since the end of the 2006 war. Instead, Israeli leaders have said, Hezbollah's missile strength is far greater than what it was before the war. Israeli leaders fear what they believe is the recent consolidation of Hezbollah's dominance of Lebanon's government, as well as the likelihood that the group will strike against Israel should a UN tribunal recommend the prosecution of the group's leadership for the 2005 assassination of moderate political leader Rafik Hariri.

Rockets among civilians

A Palestinian human rights group in the Gaza Strip condemned the storage of rockets used against Israel in civilian populated areas. The Palestinian Center for Human Rights in a statement posted on its website last week called on the Hamas-controlled government in Gaza to investigate three incidents of homemade rockets exploding in densely populated civilian neighbourhoods, causing heavy property damage and injuring six Palestinians, including a baby. The centre also noted that "members of the Palestinian resistance continue to store explosives or to treat such explosives in locations close to populated areas. This poses a major threat to the lives of the Palestinian civilians and constitutes a violation of both international human rights law and the international humanitarian law." The statement did not condemn the firing of the rockets on Israeli citizens, however.

Tunisia criticizes Israel

Tunisia's government condemned an Israeli government decision to offer extra financial assistance to Tunisian Jews wishing to immigrate to Israel. The approval of the new program amounts to interference in Tunisia's domestic affairs and is "an attempt by Israel to tarnish the post-revolutionary image of Tunisia," Tunisia's Foreign Ministry said in a statement last week. Under the plan approved by Israel, Tunisian immigrants will receive special financial assistance of more than $9,000 in addition to the usual aid provided to new immigrants. "We know that there is real distress among the Jews of Tunisia, many of whom would like to immigrate to Israel," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said. "Israel is the state of the Jews. It worries about Jews wherever they are – those who are here and those who would like to come here." Minister Sofa Landver said, About 1,500 Jews are living in Tunisia. Some 1,100 live in Djerba, with the rest in the capital city of Tunis. Ten Tunisian Jews made aliyah to Israel with the help of the Jewish Agency in late January amid political upheaval and violence that led to the overthrow of Tunisian President Zein el-Abbadin Bin Ali.

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U of T joins excavation project in Israel

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

University of Toronto archaeologists have joined a project to unearth the remains of a synagogue found close to an ancient village Jesus once called home.

In June, U of T will be one of five universities that will participate in the Huqoq Excavation Project (HEP), directed by Jodi Magness, religious studies professor at the University of North Carolina, and David Amit, an archaeologist with the Israel Antiquities Authority.

The goal of the project is to excavate the late Roman and Byzantine site of Huqoq in Israel near the Sea of Galilee to uncover the remains of a synagogue and understand its setting in the village.

Huqoq, which was abandoned in the Middle Ages and later reinhabited by Arabs until the State of Israel was established in 1948, lies about five kilometres west of Capernaum – which is where Jesus is believed to have lived as an adult – and about five kilometres north of Migdal, the birthplace of Mary Magdalene.

"We, at U of T, have been looking for a site that we could contribute to," said Michael Chazan, U of T's director of the Archaeology Centre.

He said he was turned on to the project by Hindy Najman, U of T's Centre for Jewish Studies director and Tim Harrison, a professor in the department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations.

"We don't have anyone here who specializes in archaeology of these time periods, but we have quite a number of people who work on the history and religion of the Galilee during the classical periods – early Christianity, early Judaism, post-Second Temple Judaism," Chazan said.

Once the decision was made to join the project, Chazan contacted Alex Gropper, president of U of T's Canadian Institute for Mediterranean Studies (CIMS) who has led past archaeological digs to Israel, in the hope that he could raise some awareness and funds.

Gropper, who agreed to have CIMS sign on as a co-sponsor for the project, said the dig may provide more clues about the birth of Christianity and rabbinic Judaism.

"It's a really germane period. And this is the area where much of it happened, the Galilee," Gropper said.

"The site is off the beaten track and it could give us an idea of what ordinary life was like. It… shows you how people lived on an everyday basis."

Chazan said the project, which will continue over the course of seven years, is open to U of T students who are looking for excavation experience.

He said he expects that up to five students who are interested in biblical studies, will join the dig in June.

"There is a lot to learn about the economy in the Galilee, how societies developed, how synagogues fit into village life and these are things that we want our students to learn to be really good archaeologists," Chazan said.

He added that with this upcoming dig, there is potential to gather much more information about the Roman and Byzantine period than archaeologists have in the past because of the advancement in recovery methods.

"Things like recovering the plant foods that they ate, what animal bones are found on the site… I'm hoping to be over there for at least a short time to help develop the techniques," Chazan said.

Gropper, who had a hand in bringing the Dead Sea Scrolls to the Royal Ontario Museum in 2009, felt the Huqoq dig would be a perfect fit for another project he's working on called the Jewish-Italian Friendship initiative.

Gropper said he committed to the initiative – which involves other organizations including the Italian and Israeli consul generals in Toronto, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and the Canadian Jewish Congress – after he met Gianni Bardini, Toronto's consul general of Italy, at an academic conference.

"He told me that he was at a lecture about an Italian Holocaust survivor who had been deported to Auschwitz as a young girl and he was so moved. He said it would be great to do something to highlight the relationship between our two communities," Gropper said.

Since then, Gropper had been searching for a project that the Jewish-Italian Friendship initiative could adopt. When Chazan filled him in on the Huqoq dig, he knew he'd found the perfect event.

"Here is a site that is a Roman period dig in Israel from the time of Jesus."

Gropper said he already has a commitment from Phil Sabatino, a prominent Italian businessman and philanthropist, to cover the initial costs of the project, which is $5,000.

Gropper added that he's working on raising an additional $10,000 for each year of the dig.

Chazan said he is excited about the Huqoq dig because there is so much potential to learn more about an area of the world that has already been explored in depth.

He hopes this will give people another way to connect to Israel.

"This is a really good opportunity to involve people in the archaeology of Israel, which is a really important and exciting part for people who are connected to Israel."

Argentina reported ready to quash AMIA investigation

Diego Melamed
JTA

BUENOS AIRES — Argentina Foreign Minister Hector Timerman said he is committed to continuing the investigation of two bombings in 1994 of Jewish targets in his country.

Timerman made the commitment last week during a meeting in Buenos Aires with Natan Sharansky, head of the Jewish Agency, according to reports.

Timerman's promise to continue to seek justice in the attacks comes following a report last weekend in the weekly Argentine newspaper *Perfil* alleging that the South American country told Iran it would stop investigating two bombings of Jewish targets in exchange for better trade relations.

Israel had threatened to cancel Timerman's scheduled visit to the Jewish state set for this week if he did not clarify that Argentina would continue to pursue the investigations. Iran is accused of being behind the attacks.

Timerman, who is Jewish, reportedly made the offer to Iran during a visit to Syria in January. Syrian President Bashar Assad and Foreign Minister Walid Moallem reportedly were the mediators, and brought the offer to Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

According to *Perfil*, Argentina was hoping the deal would lead to more trade with Iran, which is currently estimated at $1.2 billion a year.

Under the reported deal, which is based on a classified Iranian document, Argentina would drop its investigations into the 1992 bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Argentina, which killed 29 and injured 242, and the 1994 bombing of the AMIA Jewish Center in Buenos Aires, in which 85 people were killed and more than 300 injured.

Consternation mounted in Argentina and Israel after the document was leaked.

The *Perfil* broke the story with a report based on what it said was an Iranian document showing that the foreign minister, Hector Timerman, made the offer to Iran via Syrian intermediaries. According to the paper, opponents of the regime in Tehran leaked the documents.

Until now, Argentina has been one of the most vociferous critics of Iran in all of Latin America.

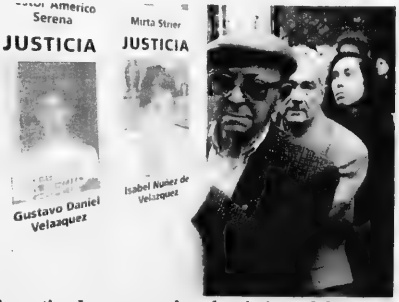
At last year's annual UN General Assembly gathering of heads of state, Argentine President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner called on Iran to surrender the Iranian officials wanted in connection with the 1994 bombing.

The report touched on raw nerves in the Argentine Jewish community regarding the still-unresolved attack, and prompted heated debate over whether or not it is true.

Sergio Widder, the Latin American representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, urged the Argentine government to establish a special investigation unit for the 1992 Israeli Embassy bombing, just as it has done for the AMIA attack.

Alberto Nissman, the chief prosecutor in the AMIA bombing case, expressed incredulity regarding the *Perfil* article.

"I can't trust in this internal document of Iran, and it is incredible that *Perfil* published it," he said. "Even if there is an agreement, nobody will stop me" from bringing the perpetrators to justice. Nissman promised that this year would show more progress in his investigation than the last three years combined, with more evidence of the involvement of Iranian officials in the 1994 attack.



Argentine Jews remember the victims of the AMIA bombing. *[RNS file photo]*

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Technion grads key factor behind 'Start-up Nation'

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Which is it, science or science fiction: microscopic robots that swim in the blood, clean plaque and deliver medicine; devices buried under highways that can turn the vibrations of ground-level traffic into electricity; a battery made from lithium and air that can last up to 100 years.

Pretty "out there" stuff – sort of what you'd expect in the latest *Star Trek* movie. But, unlike the fantasy world of the Hollywood magic factory, these are real world ideas that are the creations of the brainiacs from the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa.

The Technion is a world leader in all kinds of scientific and engineering applications – everything from medicine to robotics, said Peretz Lavie, president of the institution. Lavie was in Toronto last week to address a gathering of the Economic Club of Canada and answer questions from close to 300 young adults who are being recruited as supporters of the institution by Canadian businessman and philanthropist Seymour Schulich.

Lavie's pitch is simple: Start-up Nation, the name given the State of Israel by authors Dan Senor and Saul Singer relies to a great extent on the ingenuity, ideas, skills and risk-taking of Technion grads. The Technion trains Israel's "creme de la creme" in the sciences, medicine and engineering and these people go on to create start-up companies, or work for established firms where they develop technologies and innovations that are marketable and which change people's lives around the world.

The highway vibration technology, for one, is currently being field tested and has great potential, he said.

And take a look at aerospace, Lavie offers. Every other country that launches a rocket does so in an easterly direction. Easterly launches take advantage of the earth's rotation and make liftoffs easier.

To avoid the possibility of a rocket coming down on one of its eastern neighbours, Israel has been forced to launch its rockets to the west. To compensate for the difficulty in doing so, Israel developed micro-payloads, satellites as small as 150 kilograms, in the process becoming a world leader in that area, Lavie said.

Peretz Lavie

And who are the engineers behind that effort? Technion people, of course.

Many technological innovations that are now taken for granted were developed by Technion graduates, Lavie said. Jpegs, the compressed photo format familiar to anyone who uses a computer, are based on an algorithm developed at the Technion in the 1980s; instant messaging, evolved from ICQ, which again can be traced back to former Technion students; computer memory keys (think F1, F2, etc.), also developed by Technion grads; Intel's processing chips were developed in Haifa by Technion graduates; and so on.

"Israel is like another Silicon Valley and what is developed in Israel affects everybody in the world," Lavie said.

The Technion's economic contribution to Israel is immense, he continued. Israel today boasts 4,000 startups, more than the entire European Union, and "75 per cent... were founded by our graduates."

There are 121 Israeli companies listed on the NASDAQ exchange, behind only American companies and far eclipsing Canada's 43. Of the 121, 49 were either founded or run by Technion people, Lavie said.

So what makes the Technion such an effective incubator of marketable technological innovation?

"In order to be innovative, you need to be motivated by a need to change the world," Lavie said. "It's kind of a Jewish tradition that you'd like to do something meaningful.

"In Israel, the chutzpah is working for you in challenging ways of doing things. You do everything to go to the crux of matters. So, Israelis take risks, they dare, they [may] fail, but they go on."

Military service plays an important role, he continued. It "prepares you for a life of risk-taking" and confers significant responsibility of young people.

Other factors contribute to the country's excellence in scientific achievement, Lavie continued. "Israel has been immensely helped by the Russian immigration. Many of them are highly talented and educated. They joined the labour force and now Israel has the highest rate of engineers and technicians in the world."

What's more, Israel proves the old aphorism of necessity being the mother of invention. Lavie said the Technion established its micro-electronic research institute in 1969 only after then French President Charles de Gaulle decided to embargo high-tech Mirage jets and infrared sensors that Israel had purchased. "That became the cornerstone of the entire high-tech industry," he said.

But all is not rosy in the Jewish state when it comes to preparing young people for the brave new world of high-tech and innovation.

"Israel has a crisis in K-12 [education]," Lavie said. "The Technion gets the creme de la creme, seven or eight per cent of high school graduates." But few Israeli students value the sciences and Israeli kids perform poorly internationally in science and math tests.

Lavie raised a lot of eyebrows when he went public with his contention that the situation is a crisis at least as grave as the country's security concerns.

The education system needs to be addressed, he said. Teachers are poorly paid and young people have too many course options – a mind-boggling 115 to choose from.

The result is lack of attention on "core courses."

Lavie believes high schools have to get back to focusing on the sciences, humanities and social studies.

"I believe we have to go back to the basics. People are starting to realize it," he said.

In addition , the "social stigma" against blue collar technical schools has to be addressed.

The Technion is doing its part. "We are now involving Technion grads to be teachers. We're appealing to their Zionistic motives."

On the Canadian front, the Technion is likewise planning for the future. Last week's event, sponsored by Schulich, was aimed at attracting young supporters for the institute. The Technion, like other organizations that rely on contributors from the Jewish community, has depended on the backing of people who witnessed the birth of the State of Israel and experienced the Holocaust.

Younger people, those 22-45, did not share those experiences and don't feel as close to Israel.

The image of Israel as the David fending off Goliath is long gone. "There's a constant barrage of anti-Israel, mixed with antisemitic propaganda. On many U.S. campuses, the pro-Palestinian campaign is so vicious and intense, it affects the young generation," Lavie said.

Where the Technion steps in is to present the institution as "a noble idea" and "to remind them it is an institution worth supporting, not only because it is Israeli, but because it is a world class university that helps people around the world."

Startup negotiating billion-dollar exit

Guy Grimland and Amitai Ziv
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Israeli startup Conduit is on the verge of a huge exit: it is negotiating a sale estimated at over $1 billion (all figures US). Among the potential buyers being mentioned are such giants as Microsoft and Google.

Conduit, considered one of the most promising high-tech companies in Israel, was founded in 2005 and creates platforms for browser toolbars and applications. If the deal comes off, it would be the biggest sale of an Internet firm in Israeli history.

Conduit's products allow anyone, including small firms, to create personalized toolbars. Clients range from small stores to the NBA and singer Rihanna.

The company raised only $9.5 million in 2005 and 2008, and is considered profitable. It had revenues of about $100 million in 2009 and $300 million in 2010. Conduit has 250 employees in its centre in Nes Tziona, 100 of whom were hired in the last year.

Shaul Olmert, the chief marketing officer, refused to comment on a sale. "We have tried to build an Internet company on an international scale in Israel," he said. The company was committed to Israel and would continue to grow here, he added.

In the past, Conduit turned down a buyout offer of $100 million.

The company can boast 230 million users of its products – half the number of Facebook users, but more than LinkedIn and Twitter. Conduit is also more profitable than those firms, said Olmert.

The three founders, CEO and chair Ronen Shilo; chief technology officer Dror Erez; and chief operating officer Gaby Bilczyk, own 48 per cent of the company, and they will take home the biggest share of the money. The Yozma venture capital fund invested $1.5 million in the firm in 2005 and owns a 10 per cent share. Benchmark Capital holds 21 per cent after investing $8.5 million in 2008.

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India-born Ellis Jacob leads Cineplex chain

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Moviegoers from Quebec to British Columbia often watch their favourite films in theatres owned by Cineplex Entertainment, Canada's largest motion-picture exhibition company. With 1,353 screens in 131 theatres, Cineplex controls about 70 per cent of the Canadian box office.

The man who created this empire, Ellis Jacob, is the president and CEO of Cineplex Entertainment. Recently appointed a member of the Order of Canada, Jacob has come a mighty long way since his arrival here in 1969 as a 16-year-old teenager from Calcutta, India.

"There was no grand plan when I came to Canada," said Jacob, who lived here on a student visa after attending his sister's wedding. "I felt there were a lot of opportunities in Canada."

A Sephardi Jew whose Iraqi and Syrian ancestors settled in India in the first years of the 20th century, Jacob adapted quickly to his new surroundings. He studied at Montreal's Dawson College, finished a commerce degree at McGill University and graduated from York University with an MBA.

After vaulting to the vice-presidency at Motorola, a multinational communications firm, Jacob, in 1987, joined Cineplex Odeon Corporation, which at its peak in the 1980s was the biggest movie exhibitor in North America. Cineplex was his introduction to the film industry. On his first day on the job, he discovered he had no office, much less a telephone.

Cineplex, controlled by Garth Drabinsky and Myron Gottlieb until their ouster, was in a state of financial chaos. "We were bleeding badly," said Jacob, who held various positions at Cineplex until he was appointed chief operating officer in 1989. "We were $700 million in debt, and 19 banks were breathing down my back."

Things got so bad at one point that Jacob could barely meet the payroll. Describing this turbulent period as exceedingly difficult, Jacob managed to pick up the pieces.

More storm clouds rolled in about a decade later after Loews, a U.S. conglomerate, took over Cineplex and moved headquarters to New York City. "I was ceremoniously fired," he said ruefully.

Marooned in Toronto, Jacob went to work for Alliance Atlantis Communications Inc. before co-founding Galaxy Entertainment Inc. in 1999.

"When Galaxy was started, everyone thought I'd fail," he recalled in an interview in his boardroom. "We created a niche, despite the naysayers."

Ellis Jacob *[Sheldon Kirshner photo]*

Four years later, Galaxy and Cineplex merged, forming Cineplex Income trust.

In 2005, in what he says was the high point of his career, Cineplex purchased its chief competitor, Famous Players Theatres, in a dramatic corporate coup, and rebranded itself Cineplex Entertainment.

Since then, much to the chagrin of competitors like Empire and AMC, Cineplex, a public company, has prospered. Attendance has grown from 56 million in 2005 to 69.4 million in 2010. Box office revenue during the same period has leaped from $447 million to $601 million.

"Total revenues, for the first time in our history, crossed $1 billion last year," said Pat Marshall, vice-president of communications and investor relations.

As well, Jacob has diversified Cineplex's base, taking it into alternative areas such as live opera, concerts, wrestling and last winter's Olympic Games in British Columbia.

He almost chuckled as he reeled off these accomplishments. "The media has been predicting our demise," he said in reference to the challenges the motion-picture exhibition industry has encountered in the face of innovative, path-breaking technologies.

Far from fazing him, the rapid pace of technology has reinvigorated Jacob. He has phased in a new digital download service that enables consumers to watch films from home and launched Cineplex mobile apps for BlackBerry, iPhone and other smartphones. And he has seen to it that theatre tickets can be bought on mobile devices. "We've been very innovative," he said.

Jacob, too, has revamped theatres, bringing in larger screens, Dolby digital surround sound and extra-wide high-back rocker seats. And he has introduced reserve seating.

Much to the resentment of some movie fans, advertisements preceding trailers have grown incrementally. "Ads allow me to keep ticket prices down," said Jacob, who ordinarily watches two films per month but many more when film festivals roll around.

Although he is pleased by Cineplex's market share, Jacob has been thinking of expanding outside Canada, into countries where English is widely spoken. But he has ruled out the United States. "In the U.S., we'd be a minnow in an ocean."

He ascribes his success to his seasoned management team, his tough but fair approach and an inclination to check his ego at the office door.

His friend and colleague, the producer Robert Lantos, believes he owes his success to acute instincts and a superb knowledge of the film, exhibition and distribution business.

Not surprisingly, Jacob works long hours. "He's always working," said Marshall.

"You have to forget the life-work balance," said Jacob, who has two grown children – Lauren, a film marketing executive, and Resa, a law student – with his wife, Sharyn.

Jacob, the youngest of four siblings and the son of a sales manager, regards India with the warmest of feelings. "It's amazing and different," said Jacob, who has visited India twice since leaving. "That's what is so great about India."

Nonetheless, he is saddened by the fact that Calcutta's Jewish community has so dwindled in the past four decades. "Pretty well everyone is gone," said Jacob, who has distant relatives in Mumbai and whose uncle, Jack, was an Indian army general. "But I had a great life in India. I really enjoyed living there."

He is grateful to his adopted homeland. "As a Canadian, I've been very fortunate," mused Jacob, who sits on the boards of Baycrest and Mount Sinai Hospital. "Canada has been very good to me."

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EYE ON ARTS

By BILL GLADSTONE

WORKMEN'S CIRCLE PRESENTS WARSAW GHETTO COMMEMORATION

The Toronto Workmen's Circle annual commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising focuses this year on the role of women in everyday ghetto life and in the resistance to the oppressive Nazi regime. The commemoration features a presentation by educator **Raizl Candib** of Montreal, as well as candlelighting, songs and readings. The program is in Yiddish and English. 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Sunday, April 17, 11 a.m. Admission free, everyone welcome.

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Friends of Yiddish: Toronto Yiddish scholar and literateur **Prof. Adam Fuerstenberg** gives a talk in Yiddish on "Leonard Cohen: Troubadour Fun Libe un Melankolie." Sunday, April 10, 1 p.m. Prosserman Jewish Community Centre, 4600 Bathurst St. Second floor, Room 211. Members free, guests $5. RSVP to joels@sackepr.com or Sandy, 416-458-1440.

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Aid to Japan: A 12-hour art event spearheaded by a consortium of Toronto illustration studios will raise relief funds for Japan following the recent devastating earthquake and tsunami. The Artists Help Japan Toronto event features live art shows, a silent auction and some 24 artists and illustrators selling commissioned drawings, with all proceeds benefiting the Canadian Red Cross. Revival Bar, 783 College St. Sunday, April 17, noon to midnight. Admission free, all ages welcome. www.revivalbar.com

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Names in the News: Harris Eisenstadt's band **Canada Day II** begins a week-long tour of the American East Coast on April 7, featuring gigs in New York, Washington, Baltimore, Charlotte and Richmond. Eisenstadt, a drummer originally from Toronto, leads the band, which is based in New York and features what one reviewer described as a "bridging of jazz and rock" with "improvisational and experimental prowess."

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Names in the News II: The world première of *Old Enough to Kill*, a sword-and-sorcery stage fantasy by **John Lazarus**, is being performed in Toronto this week. Lazarus is a Jewish professor of drama at Queen's University. Set in medieval Scotland, the play features some of Shakespeare's work and some wonderfully choreographed swordfights. It elaborates on the story of Fleance, a minor character in *Macbeth*, after his father is killed. The cast consists of Queen's students and Kingston natives, and the director is **Liam Karry**. Convocation Hall, April 6 to 10. $15, $20. Presented by Gnu Ground Theatre.

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Arts in Brief

• Film critic **Adam Nayman** concludes his series on controversial directors with a look at the works of **Catherine Breillat** (*Fat Girl, Anatomy of Hell*). Media Mondays, Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, Monday, April 11, 7 to 9 p.m. Drop in $12; students

Lenka Licthenberg, bottom right, and her band performs at Lula Lounge.

$6. 416-924-6211, ext. 606.

• *Zero Hour*, the "fantastically funny" play that features **Jim Brochu**'s captivating impersonation of the late great comic **Zero Mostel**, continues at the Al Green Theatre, Miles Nadal JCC, through April 16. $40 to $65. 416-366-7723, wwwhgjewishtheatre.com

• **Lenka Lichtenberg** and **Rousa Said** perform *Bridges*, featuring original and traditional Yiddish and Arabic music. Lula Lounge, 1585 Dundas St. W., Thursday, April 7. $15 in advance. Doors open 7 p.m, show at 9 p.m. Dinner reservations, 416-588-0307. www.smallworldmusic.com

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At the Galleries

• *Debris*, an exhibit of works by **Lanny Shereck**, is on view at Fran Hill Gallery, 285 Rushton Rd., through April 24. Opening reception, Thursday, April 7, 6 to 8 p.m. 416-363-1333.

• *The Artist Backstage: Drawings and Paintings by Zero Mostel* remains on view at the Gallery in the Miles Nadal JCC through April 16. Presented in conjunction with the Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company's current imported offering, *Zero Hour*.

Book chronicles history of London, Ont. Jews

Marni Shankman
Co-op Student

A book on the London's Jewish community has just been published and will be launched in Toronto in May.

A History of the Jewish Community of London Ontario by Bill Gladstone (Now and Then Press) chronicles the history of the Jews in the southwestern Ontario city, from the 1850s to the present.

Based on interviews, birth, marriage, naturalization papers, and death and census records, the book traces the lives of prominent Jewish figures who emerged from London and left their mark on the world. It outlines the rise of the community, its organizations and its leaders over the decades.

One chapter is devoted to the wave of immigrants that arrived in London from Europe between 1900 and the early 1920s.

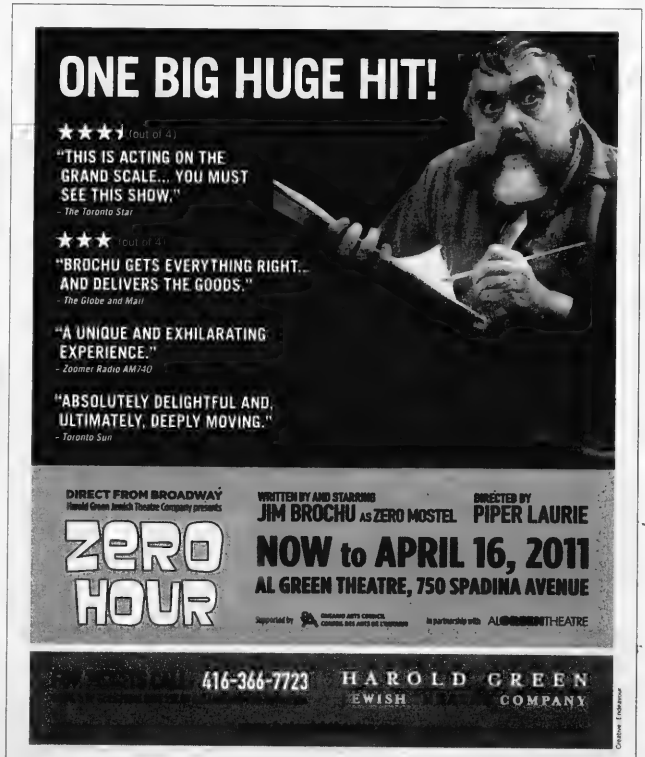
Subsequent chapters chronicle 50 Holocaust survivors' families and the wave of assimilation that hit the city in the late 1960s, when previously "restricted" areas opened their doors to Jews for the first time.

Gladstone, a *CJN* columnist and a contributor to the *Globe and Mail*, has written several other books, including *Roots and Remembrance*, a book on Jewish genealogy, and a commissioned history of Toronto's Beth Tzedec Congregation, due for publication in 2011.

A History of the Jewish Community of London Ontario was launched in London on April 3, with all book-sale proceeds donated to the London Jewish Federation.

In Toronto, the Ontario Jewish Archives is holding a second book launch at the Lipa Green Centre on May 4 at 7:30 p.m., with a portion of sales going to the OJA.

To attend the OJA launch, RSVP by phone by calling 416-635-2883, ext. 5170, or e-mail oja1@ujafed.org.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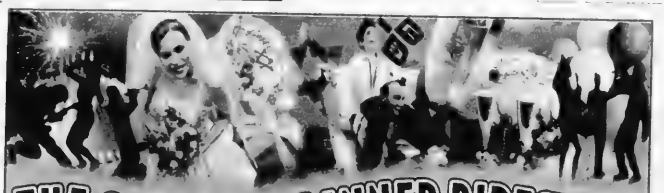

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Ghost Stories will take audiences on a thrill ride

Kathryn Kates
Special to the CJN

Direct from London's West End where it left audiences shaking in their seats, *Ghost Stories* is now scaring Torontonians at the Panasonic Theatre.

According to the producers, who are keeping details of the show under wraps so as not spoil the theatrical experience, *Ghost Stories* takes the audience on a thrill ride, delivering some indescribable and unforgettable moments.

Nominated for two of London's prestigious Olivier Awards, this 80-minute thrilling production is not for the faint-hearted, but great for those who love the macabre.

"*Ghost Stories* is an examination of paranormal activities," actor Darrin Baker, who plays real estate agent Mike Priddle, says. "It confronts our belief or disbelief in the spirit world in a highly theatrical and visceral way by relaying the stories of several people who experience paranormal phenomena.

"Their stories are startling and cannot be explained using language. They need to be experienced to even begin to understand them."

Baker says *Ghost Stories* offers a mysterious appeal that has made it a huge success in London.

"I think the elements that make it such a thrill ride are its use of comedy, suspense, eerie silence and brilliant stage effects," he says. "As far as I know, it is really the first time anyone has attempted to put a modern-day ghost-story thriller on stage like this. The production tackles it in a very cinematic-like way."

In London, the reviews did not give away details about the play.

"My personal belief is that everything is so given away in trailers for films and even plays these days, and that the element of true surprise is often gone. This show promises a thrill ride and an unexpected journey that will have you thinking seriously about how you feel about ghosts," says Baker, who admits he believes in ghosts.

Darrin Baker

He says he's excited to be working with such a fantastic and first-rate all-Canadian cast in this production directed by Jeremy Dyson, Sean Holmes and Andy Nyman. The cast includes Jason Blicker, Jack Langedijk, David Reale, Greg Gale and Jonathan Purdon.

Baker just returned to Toronto from New York City, where he has been living for the past 21 years. During that time he had several leading roles on Broadway, including in *Sunset Boulevard* with Glenn Close; in *The Scarlet Pimpernel*; *Footloose*; *Laughing Room Only!*, opposite Jackie Mason; in *Wonderful Town* with Brooke Shields and in *Tarzan*.

Toronto audiences may remember Baker in *Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh!* and from the original Canadian cast of *Les Miz*.

"Often actors hit their peak in Toronto and then go south of the border to Broadway or Los Angeles. I did it the opposite way. I was blessed to do seven Broadway shows, but it is such a thrill to come back to the country I was born in and to know that there is top-notch theatre and a public that wants to see theatre," he says.

"There is a celebration in coming back. I'm going to park myself here for a while. I really believe that you can have a really successful career here."

Ghost Stories is playing at the Panasonic Theatre, 651 Yonge St.For tickets, visit www.mirvish.com or call Ticketking at 416-872-1212 or 1-800-461-3333. For more information, visit www.ghoststoriestoronto.com.

The Jump Artist *author wins Sami Rohr prize*

JTA

Austin Ratner was awarded the 2011 Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature for his debut novel.

Ratner will receive the Jewish Book Council's first prize award of $100,000 for *The Jump Artist*. The book is based on the true story of Phillipe Halsman, a man who Adolf Hitler knew by name, who Sigmund Freud wrote about in 1930, and who put Marilyn Monroe on the cover of *Life* magazine.

Joseph Skibell, author of *A Curable Romantic*, is the runner-up and recipient of the $25,000 prize.

Other finalists were Allison Amend, author of *Stations West*; Nadia Kalman, author of *The Cosmopolitans*; and Julie Orringer, author of *The Invisible Bridge*.

Established in 2006, the Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature honours the contribution of contemporary writers in exploring and transmitting Jewish values. The prize is intended to encourage and promote the writing of Jewish interest. Fiction and nonfiction books are considered in alternate years.

The award ceremony will be held May 31 in New York.

Kaeja d'Dance celebrates its 20th anniversary

Barbara Silverstein
Special to The CJN

On a brisk afternoon, Karen and Allen Kaeja, co-founders of Kaeja d'Dance, are consulting with their costume designer in a large Toronto dance studio.

The vintage second-floor space was once the social hall of the Bais Yehuda Synagogue, when it was on Dovercourt Road.

Karen Kaeja and a few dancers try on some of the costumes piled in the centre of the well-worn wooden floor. Once the selections are made, rehearsal for *The Visitor*, a sultry solo choreographed by Karen, begins. About five minutes into the piece she stops the performance. The dress isn't right, she tells the dancer. "It doesn't fit my vision."

The soloist changes into sweats and resumes dancing. Later, performer, choreographer and designer confer on a new costume. With this problem resolved, the Kaejas move on to a meeting with their lighting designer.

The fine-tuning at this rehearsal is a snapshot of the many details that must be finalized as momentum builds for *20/20 Vision*, the upcoming multimedia show marking the 20th anniversary of Kaeja d'Dance.

Under the artistic direction of the husband and wife team, this internationally acclaimed contemporary dance company has become well-known for its inventive, physically demanding dance choreography and its innovative dance films.

The Kaejas call *20/20 Vision* a "future-spective" showcasing three new dance works – one a North American première and two world premières. The show opens with a gala performance at the Harbourfront Centre on April 12.

Allen and Karen Kaeja have each created two works for *20/20 Vision*. Karen describes *The Visitor* and her duet, *Quenched*, as "more subtle" than her husband's pieces.

"That's an understatement," he says, laughing heartily, and noting that the contrast in choreography styles is especially evident in his piece, *Jericho*. "It's an explosive work that challenges the traditional male and female roles. The women throw, toss and hurl the men as easily as they get tossed themselves."

Armour/Amour, his second work, fuses dance with live media, and live and prerecorded cinematography. Allen attributes this work's success to the strength of the two performers. Karen is one of them. "They are extremely versatile and powerful dancers," he says.

Karen and Allen Kaeja *[Edwin Luk photos]*

A scene from *Jericho* which challenges traditional male and female roles.

Jericho, originally commissioned for the Norwegian dance ensemble Ut i Scenekunsten, makes its North American debut at *20/20 Vision*. It premièred in Oslo on Feb. 17 and was "very well received," Allen says. "We got a resounding standing ovation. It was elating.

"I had four weeks in the theatre with dancers and designers at my disposal. What a luxury!"

He can hardly contain his excitement about the success of *Jericho* as he clicks on a YouTube clip [tinyurl.com/48xhbum] of an excerpt from the Oslo recital.

The Norwegian hall is just one of the many international venues that have featured Kaeja d'Dance. The couple has performed across North America, Europe and Asia.

Their dance films have also been screened in many countries. In 2006, they gave presentations of dance on film at the Tel Aviv Film Festival and at Yad Vashem, Israel's official memorial to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust.

"We were told that we were the first choreographers to create the first dance films loosely based on the Holocaust," says Allen. These films, he continues, were inspired by the experiences of his late father, Morten Norris, a Holocaust survivor who spent two years in Auschwitz.

The Toronto-born Karen Resnick, a self-described late bloomer, took her first dance class the summer before she auditioned for the dance program at York University.

Initially, her main interest was in dance therapy. She founded the dance therapy program at Baycrest in 1981, as an undergraduate.

Her professors, however, steered her toward the stage, she recalls. "They kept giving me scholarships for performance study."

Allen's foray into dance was serendipitous. The native of Kitchener-Waterloo was training for the varsity wrestling team at the University of Waterloo. "I was actually invited by the Ontario Olympic Federation to compete internationally."

He took a dance class at the age of 20 to improve his balance. But he was wowed by the possibilities of choreography, he recounts. "Once I started dance class, I realized that was it."

The couple met as performers, and while Allen says he was instantly smitten, their romance took time to gel.

"He chased me for four years," Karen jokes. "When I met him, I fell in love with partnering and the potential of what we could ignite through partnering."

They were married in 1989 and have two daughters, Aniya, 17, and Mika, 12.

They established Kaeja d'Dance in 1991, "as an umbrella " for their innovative contemporary dance style, says Karen.

The name Kaeja is an amalgam of letters from the couple's given and last names. "I had no deep attachment to Norris," says Allen. "It was the surname my father took on in Canada when he immigrated. It was randomly chosen."

20/20 Vision runs at the Enwave Theatre at Harbourfront Centre from April 12 to 16. For tickets to the show or gala, call the Harbourfront box office at 416-973-4000.

Deep Jewish roots exist in Quebec City

Lauren Kramer
Special to The CJN

Rabbi Dovid Lewin will never forget his first Shabbat in Quebec City, at the synagogue over which he presides.

He arrived at Congregation Beth Israel Ohev Shalom and found it completely empty. As he began davening, there was a knock at the door.

"I opened it to find a Jewish tourist standing there," the 31-year-old rabbi from Nice, France recalls. "He said he wanted to find out about the Jews of Quebec City, and I invited him to join me, since I wanted to do that too. That's when it became clear to me that my job here was to rebuild the community, not just for its Jewish residents, but also for Jewish tourists."

Today there are 140 Jewish families living in Quebec City. Their synagogue is an unassuming house on De Merici Street that has been converted to make room for a shul, a hall, a kosher kitchen and an office.

Since Rabbi Lewin's arrival four years ago, services on Friday nights and Saturday mornings have been reinstated and children attend weekly classes. The community gathers en masse to celebrate Jewish festivals, with kosher food trucked in from Montreal.

The number of Jews is relatively small today, and the synagogue inconspicuous. But it wasn't always that way in this 400-year-old city. A travelling exhibition titled *Shalom Quebec* chronicles the growth of the province's oldest Jewish community from 1608. There was a time when there were two synagogues in Quebec City, one of which was later reincarnated into a theatre.

The historic Jewish presence is easily felt in the city, Rabbi Lewin says. "One Hungarian Jew named Pollack came here with nothing and built a department store that was known throughout the city," he says.

"Even today, I get stopped on the street by people who remember Pollack and tell me of his generosity. When the store closed at the end of the day, those who could not afford new clothes were welcomed at the back door and given apparel for free. It's an amazing feeling to be told such stories," he reflects.

Today, there's talk of building a mikvah in the synagogue's basement, but its future location is still under discussion. Some believe it should be moved into the Old City, where tourists tend to congregate and where it will be more easily found by Jewish visitors. Until that's resolved, the mikvah question is mute.

The Chalouperie Godbout (longboat) houses a collection of tools from the golden age of boatbuilding.

Indeed, the Old City is a hive of activity, its massive stone walls attracting tourists and locals even when the temperature drops well below freezing. History is tangible here in immense fortifications erected by the French and English as each fought for control of the land they called New France. The city was their battleground, and their legacy was high walls that testify to the war, bloodshed and fear.

Fortunately, those walls are merely a picturesque background in the Old City today. On a summer's evening there's energy in the air as thousands congregate to watch free *Cirque du Soleil* performances, laugh at the antics of street artists, browse through craft markets and dine on restaurant patios and sidewalks. The melodic sounds of French punctuate the air and you have to rub your eyes to convince yourself you're in Canada, not France.

There are dozens of museums and tourist attractions in the Old City, but my favourite destination lies across the St. Lawrence River on an island called Ile d'Orleans. This rural, 34-kilometer stretch of land with 7,000 residents boasts six parishes, each with its own mayor. It's a 20-minute drive from the Old City, but it feels much further away.

That's because it's dotted with sugar houses for the maple syrup season, fruit farms, small stores selling preserves and ciders and quaint restaurants tucked into houses that date back centuries. Flowers cascade from the window sills of picturesque homes and the river is never far from sight.

Ile d'Orleans is a place of gastronomic tourism, known as the 'garden of Quebec' for its bounty of fruit, vegetables and maple products. Some 600,000 visitors cross onto the island every year, charmed by the pastoral ambience and the preservation of a simpler way of life. The islanders resisted the onslaught of visitors at first. They were used to being isolated, since it wasn't until 1935 that the Taschereau Bridge connected Orleans to the mainland. Ultimately, however, they could not deny the economic advantages that accompanied tourism, and eventually they welcomed it.

Today, there's Internet access on the island and yesteryear manors retain their gracious facades with modern interiors. But the island is full of history. We visit La Maison Drouin in the parish of Sainte-Famille, a home that dates back to the French regime in the 1700s, and one whose sole inhabitant lived quite happily within its stone walls – without electricity or plumbing – until 1984.

As we drive back towards the bridge and the bustling, traffic-filled city that awaits us on the other side, I can't help but fantasize about a home in the Quebec countryside, where peace, quiet and rural charm are so pervasive. A practical idea? Not at all. But Ile d'Orleans is the kind of place where dreams like this are oh-so-tempting.

Rabbi Dovid Lewin ***[Lauren Kramer photos]***

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Being Indian, Being Israeli *breaks new ground*

Sheldon Kirshner
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Maina Chawla Singh spent three years in Israel from 2005 onward when her husband, a diplomat, was posted to India's embassy in Tel Aviv. While he tended to India's increasingly substantive bilateral relationship with Israel, she conducted research, gathering material about Israel's low-profile Indian Jewish community.

The fruits of her labours are found in *Being Indian, Being Israeli: Migration, Ethnicity and Gender in the Jewish Homeland* (Manohar). It's an important book, the first in English to explore that topic in detail.

And because the author is such a methodical and meticulous researcher, *Being Indian, Being Israeli* may well be recognized as the standard work on this subject. Though it is somewhat disjointed and sometimes reads like a prosaic university term paper, it also sparkles with trenchant observations.

Before writing it, Singh immersed herself in the world of Indian Jews, reading the literature and interviewing 150 Israelis of Indian descent.

To the best of her knowledge, Israel is home to more than 70,000 Indian Jews, the first wave of which arrived in 1949, within a year of Israel's declaration of statehood. The majority of Indian olim immigrated to Israel in the 1960s and '70s, leaving only a remnant of 5,000 Jews in India today.

As Singh points out, the mass migration drew on three distinct communities.

The Bene Israel (Sons of Israel), the largest group, were generally from the Bombay region and New Delhi and spoke English, Marathi, Hindi and Gujarati. The Cochin Jews, from Kerala in southern India, spoke English and Malayalam. The Baghdadi Jews, mostly of Iraqi origin and from Calcutta, conversed in English and were fluent in what she describes as "street versions" of Hindi or Hindustani.

More latterly, the Bnei Menashe, who claim descent from the Lost Tribes and hail from the states of Manipur and Mizoram in northeastern India, have settled in Israel.

In her book, Singh focus on the first three groups.

The Bene Israel – who trace their origins to a shipwrecked vessel that washed off the Konkan Coast of western India before the destruction of the Second Temple in ancient Israel – were largely urban dwellers when Zion called.

Of all the Jewish communities in India, the Bene Israel were most acculturated to their surroundings, often carried surnames that ended with the suffix "kar" or "ker" and worked in the civil service and in institutions such as the army and the railways.

The Baghdadis, many of whose breadwinners were businessmen with international connections, were identified with British rule in India and were perceived as anglicized in terms of education, clothing and attitudes.

The Cochin Jews, she notes, were mostly small merchants and remained isolated from other Indian communities.

In general, aliyah appealed not to upper-middle-class Jews reluctant to uproot themselves from homes, jobs and social networks, but to religious and poorer Jews, who tended to be Zionists.

Baghdadi emigration was in a class by itself,

Indian Jews in Calcutta *[Sheldon Kirshner photo]*

the anti-colonial climate of the 1940s having spurred Baghdadi Jews to emigrate. For the most part, they settled in Canada, Britain and the United States.

In many cases, she adds, children convinced their parents to move to Israel. In still other instances, parents encouraged their children to leave, being concerned they might marry non-Jews if they remained in India.

Unlike olim from oppressive countries, Indian Jews were not pushed to Israel by the forces of xenophobia or antisemitism. As Singh puts it, "Jews in India did not experience religious persecution... and therefore were not refugees. They came of their own free will... Pogroms, for the Indian Jews, were what they had read in textbooks."

Once in Israel, Indian Jewish immigrants usually had to endure hardships. Jews from frenetic cities sent to somnolent remote development towns experienced displacement. Still others, especially those with dark complexions, encountered racism and marginalization.

The Bene Israel, in particular, were shocked when the rabbinate rejected them as Jews. Singh elaborates: "To migrate on the basis of a shared Jewish identity and then feel relegated to the fringes of social acceptability was distressing."

The Bene Israel were eventually accepted as Jews, but only after a struggle that left deep scars.

Today, Indian Jews and their descendants are dispersed all over the country, in development towns like Dimona, in cities like Ashdod (which has the biggest concentration of Indian olim) and on rural moshavim like Nevatim.

They come from all walks of life, Singh says. There are professionals with white-collar jobs, entrepreneurs running companies and workers employed in factories.

Due to their English-language skills, many Indian immigrants work in the travel and tourist industry. El Al, the national carrier, has a considerable number of Indian employees, some of whom have been pilots. Indian Jews have also gravitated to jobs in hotels and resorts in Eilat.

To this day, they cling to Indian traditions and customs, lapsing into Indian regional languages and eating delicacies such as samosas and bhaji.

In short, as she observes, "South Asia remains with Indian Jews in Israel."

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WINNIPEG — Besides sharing a Jewish heritage, what did Texas Rangers' second baseman Ian Kinsler and pitcher Scott Feldman, Boston Red Sox first baseman Kevin Youkilis, Washington Nationals starter Jason Marquis, and Chicago Cubs' relief hurler John Grabow have in common during the 2010 baseball season?

Well, anyone of them could have auditioned to appear in the celebrated TV series *MASH* – if it was still running – due to medical problems that caused them to go under the knife.

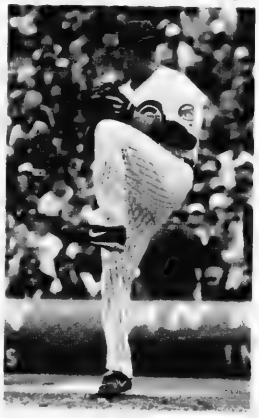
In case you didn't know, many characters in the seventh season of the show's 11-year run were named after players on the 1978 Los Angeles Dodgers.

For example, the injury-prone Kinsler, 28, didn't make the season-opener in 2010 due to a severe ankle sprain suffered in spring training. In August, he developed a slow-healing groin injury that led to his missing a total of 59 games during the regular season.

The six-foot, 200-pound infielder who can hit for average and also drive the long ball had only 391 at bats. His final numbers were .286 with nine taters and 45 RBI to go along with 15 stolen bases. Not up to par for the intense, athletic two-time all-star who hit 31 home runs and added 32 doubles in 2009.

His teammate Scott Feldman, 28, a versatile right-hander who can both start and relieve, did not deliver the goods after signing a two-year contract extension with the Rangers. In 2009 he put up a 17-8 won-lost record with an ERA of 4.08 and he won 12 consecutive games on the road. He was voted team pitcher of the year. In 2010, however, a badly bruised knee limited him to only 22 starts that saw him finish at 7-11 with a bloated ERA of 5.48 in 140 innings. The end result is that the six-foot-six, 230-pound Hawaii-born right-hander has been relegated this season from the number two starter to fifth in the rotation.

Last year Kevin Youkilis, 32, was on his way to his usually stellar season when he was derailed by a serious thumb injury that required surgery, along with a groin problem that saw him make only 362 plate appearances. Despite missing the final 56 games of the regular campaign, Youkilis boasted a BA of .307 and added 19 homers and 62 RBI. The Red Sox, with a wealth of riches in the roster department, acquired San Diego Padres star Adrian Gonzalez in the off-season, resulting in Youkilis being shifted from first to third base. It's ironic because the slick-fielding Jewish infielder holds the Major League record of 238 straight games at first without an error. At the plate he is extremely patient and draws a lot of walks to go along with his power and an impressive career batting average of .294 in close to 3,000 at bats.


Jason Marquis

Right-hander Jason Marquis, 32, not unlike Feldman, failed to perform for the Nationals after being rewarded by Washington with a fat-cat contract. That came after an outstanding 2009 season with the Colorado Rockies, in which he posted a 15-13 record and an ERA of 4.04 in 216 innings. The former Atlanta Braves 1996 first-round pick missed 97 games last year and ended up with a 2-9 record and 6.60 ERA in only 13 starts due to a right-elbow injury. When healthy, he is known as an innings-eater, but at the same time he is always having to pitch out of jams, causing no end of stress for his manager. Marquis is listed as a third starter with a weak ball club, and 2011 will be a crossroads year for him since he is in the final year of a two-year contract.

The injury bug also took a big-time bite out of the Cubs' left-handed reliever John Grabow in 2010 after he was acquired from Pittsburgh at the July 31 trading deadline in 2009. The six-foot-two, 250-pound veteran was grossly underpaid by the Pirates and finally hit the jackpot in Chicago. Much to the dismay of his new club, the 32-year-old missed his team's last 86 games with a sprained left knee and ended up with zero saves, a 1-3 record and an embarrassing ERA of 7.36 in 28 games in which he was mashed for 35 hits in just 25 innings.

On a more positive note, left-handed relief pitcher Craig Breslow is back in Oakland after giving the Athletics good value for their buck. He appeared in 75 games, registering a 4-4 won-lost record and an ERA of 3.01. In 75 innings the 30-year-old stopper fanned 71 and had five saves.

Easily one of the top-10 hitters in the National League, Brewers' left-fielder Ryan Braun, 27, was an all-star last season and won the Silver Slugger award. While his power fell off with only 25 home runs due to nagging injuries to his wrist and elbow, he still managed to hit 45 doubles, score 101 runs, record a BA of .304 and drive in 103 in 619 at bats.

Leave it to the Minnesota Twins with their limited budget to always come up with a gem. In the 19th round of the baseball draft in 2006, they grabbed a Jewish third-sacker from Boca Raton, Fla., named Danny Valencia and brought him up last June 3 for a look-see. He was never returned to the minors as he appeared in 85 games. In 299 at-bats, the six-foot-two, 210-pound infielder hit .311, whacked seven homers, 18 doubles and drove in 40 runs. He played airtight defence and showed he can hit both the fastball and breaking ball, and finished third in the league in American League Rookie of the Year voting.

Also back for his sophomore season in the majors is Ike (Isaac) Benjamin Davis, a first-round Mets draftee in 2008. He is the son of former Major League relief pitcher Ron Davis and a Jewish mother, Millie, from Lithuania. The Edina, Minn., six-foot-four, 215-pound left-handed hitting slugger held down the first-base position for New York as soon as he arrived last May. In 523 at bats in 147 games, he hit .264, had 19 home runs, 33 doubles and drove in 71.

Also watch for veteran outfielder Gabe Kapler, now 35, who has signed a minor league contract and hopes to win a bench job with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Utility outfielder Sam Fuld, 29, with limited major league experience is now in the Tampa Bay Rays chain following several years with Cubs' farm teams. He was an All-American player with Stanford and is the son of Amanda Merrill, a New Hampshire state senator and Ken Fuld, a dean and professor of psychology at the University of New Hampshire.

Former first-round White Sox pick Aaron Poreda, 24, who is six-foot-six and weighs 240 pounds, was obtained in the summer of 2009 by San Diego from Chicago and is hoping to catch on as a reliever or mid-rotation starter with the Padres this season.

Larry Rothschild is a pitching coach with the Yankees, following several years with the Cubs. Scott Radinsky holds a similar position with the Indians in Cleveland.

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Student wins grant to help Kenyans affected with HIV, AIDS

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Humber College student Samantha Banks said she can't wait to use the $10,000 grant she won from Ford Motor Company to help Kenyan women and children affected by HIV and AIDS.

In December, Banks, a 22-year-old student in Humber's fundraising and volunteer management program, and her classmate, Malinda DenBok, entered the Ford Focus Global Test Drive contest, which called on participants to submit a video to Ford's Facebook fan page that detailed what they would do with the $10,000.

"My partner, Malinda DenBok, got a message over Twitter asking her to participate in this Ford Focus Global Test Drive challenge," Banks said.

Samantha Banks

She explained that DenBok was recruited when the Ford challenge organizers came across her Twitter page where she promoted a fund-raising initiative she was involved with.

"They asked her to come up with a video in support of a charity and use social media networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter to promote it," Banks said.

The students chose to focus their energy on the Living Positive Program, a community-based organization that helps women and children in Kenya infected by HIV and AIDS.

The organization provides the Kenyans with health care, education and rehabilitation to help them become healthier and more independent.

"When Melinda approached me to work on this particular project, I was intrigued because I'm very interested in international development," said Banks, who has been active in social action projects including Students Take Action Now: Darfur (STAND) Canada and Doctors Without Borders.

She is also the past president of the Canadian Federation of Jewish Students.

"Once we decided to choose the Living Positive Program for the contest, we contacted them, we did interviews with them, we researched them... and we became emotionally invested in this organization."

From the thousands who applied, only 40 people were awarded the grant. The contest winners also won a trip to Madrid, where they met with other finalists, and they were given a Ford Focus to drive for six weeks – with Ford footing the gas bill.

In addition to the $10,000, Banks and DenBok were given thousands more to organize a fundraising event in Toronto on April 1.

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Debut author writes about sex, drugs and surviving trauma

Danila Botha

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It's not uncommon for authors to draw on their own experiences when they write fiction, but Danila Botha didn't hold anything back when she recounted the most traumatic event of her life in a short story.

"The story My So-Called Date was pretty much autobiographical," said South African-born Botha. It's one of 12 stories in her first book, *Got No Secrets*, published last year by Tightrope Books in Canada and Modjaji Books in South Africa.

Set in Toronto, South Africa and the United States, the stories are dark and disturbing, dealing with mostly female characters who struggle with drug addiction, trauma, dysfunctional relationships and promiscuous sex.

"My So-Called Date is probably the darkest story in the book, and it was really cathartic for me to write. I don't like to talk about it, but it is something that happened to me," Botha said.

The story is about a girl who was raped by her ex-boyfriend and is desperate to move on from the traumatic event by dating another man.

"I was trying very hard to be honest and authentic and to write about certain things that I've experienced that I didn't feel comfortable addressing in any other areas of my life," said Botha, who moved to Toronto 13 years ago when she was 15.

But this traumatic event, which led Botha to experiment with drugs in her early 20s, was not the impetus to writing the book. It was her volunteer work with the Mobile Jewish Response to the Homeless, a program run by Ve'ahavta, the Canadian Jewish Humanitarian and Relief Committee, that inspired her.

When Botha was a York University undergrad in the creative writing program, she volunteered to help distribute meals to the homeless. She said she was intrigued by the stories she heard from homeless teens.

"I got to hear a lot of stories about drugs and addiction, and I was just really surprised by how non-discriminating addiction is," Botha said.

> *'It was her volunteer work with the Mobile Jewish Response to the Homeless that inspired her'*

"I've met homeless teenagers who were Jewish kids from Thornhill. There was a boy who grew up near Chabad Gate, and it was a shock to me that someone from such a similar background could end up on the streets selling crack."

Two of the stories in *Got No Secrets* reflect the fact that some of the troubled and homeless people she met on her Ve'ahavta missions came from Jewish homes.

Jesus Was a Punk Rocker is about a 28-year-old pierced and tattooed nurse who drinks to excess and cuts herself because "it helps [her] feel real, brings [her] anxieties and fears down to earth." She comes from an Orthodox Jewish family, but she hates being Jewish herself.

Don't Talk Junk is about a heroin-addicted teenager who moves in with her boyfriend to get away from her mother, "who had been making [her] life a living hell for years" and "killed herself to send [her] to a private Jewish high school" that she hated.

Botha, who herself is a graduate of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, said she wanted readers to understand that "it could be any person. Anyone's mom, sister, it could be someone's daughter, best friend, or a girl you sat next to in class.

"The more research I did into addiction – and I interviewed addicts and dealers... because I wanted to try to tell their stories authentically – I remember just being shocked at how incorrect my assumptions were."

Botha, who said she was "very, very stupid" in her early 20s when she experimented with drugs, is grateful that it didn't lead to an addiction.

"But it always seems strange to me that it did for people whose circumstances had been similar or better or worse [than mine]. So I really wanted to understand addiction, and understand why things happen to certain people and why certain people go all the way and others don't," she explained.

Botha hopes her stories will add to the voices that say "terrible things happen sometimes, but you can keep going."

"It's possible to survive them and to get through them. It's possible for it just to be a small anecdote in the story of your life... It's possible to go through something really difficult and for it to almost feel a few years later like it happened to someone else," she said.

Botha, who is currently completing her bachelor's in education at Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax, said that as a teacher, she hopes to be able to speak candidly to her students about her past.

"We talk very openly about certain things, and it's actually very useful to them to have someone who speaks openly about that stuff," she said.

Earning her teaching degree is not going to stop Botha, a graduate of the Humber College writing program, from publishing. She is almost finished a novel titled *Too Much on the Inside*, which will be published next year.

It's a story about four immigrants in their 20s who move to Toronto. One character hails from South Africa, one comes from Brazil, another is from Annapolis Valley in Nova Scotia and the fourth character is Israeli.

Choosing the nationalities of each character was not random, Botha said.

For example, Botha wanted to write an Israeli character because of her connection to the Jewish state.

Her mother is an Israeli, and growing up, Botha spent each summer there with her family.

"When I graduated from York, I did a teach-English-as-a-second-language course and I went to live there to teach ESL for a couple years," she said.

"After living there for what I felt was a significant amount of time, I had a different view on the country, on the army, on the politics, on all these things I had felt differently about as someone who used to only live there in the summer."

Botha also has plans to write a graphic novel about the Israeli-Palestinian situation called *The World Is Dead and I'm Full of Joy*.

It's about two women in their early 20s – one Israeli and the other Palestinian – who meet at a language school in Jerusalem where they develop a relationship.

"I'm moving away from some of the confessional stuff I did when I was younger," Botha said.

But, she added, she's grateful for the catharsis she experienced when writing *Got No Secrets*.

"I've learned a lot since then, and I have a much healthier outlook now."

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"איזו תקופה מדהימה את עוברת עכשיו, מה?" מביטה בי שירה בעיניים מצומצמות. אני מחייכת בצינעה. "כן," מצטרפת גלית, "כל ההצלחה של ההצגה, והתוכניות הגרנדיוזיות, שיחקת אותה!" ושוב המבט הסוקר אותי באופן מצומצם. "את גם נראית ממש טוב." מסכמת מירב. "יפה לך המראה הנשי השופע." אנחנו עומדות במרכז הסלון רחב הידים של אחד מידידינו בתירנהיל. כולם עטים על הבופה המפואר, ואחד על השני. הסיבה הרישמית לחגיגה - לפרגן לי. הסיבה הפחות פורמלית - להבין למה לעזאזל, ואיך, נהיה לי טוב כל כך...

"שמעתי שקיבלת הצעות לכתוב תסריט!" מושיט לי כוס שמפניה נוספת עודד. דורית, אישתו, קרבה אלינו במהירות ומסבירה לו. "זה לא סגור עד שהגברת השמנה שרה." עודד מחייך, "אה, אז את גם הולכת לשיר!" הוא מברר בטקט, ואני בורחת לצד השני של החדר. דורית דולקת אחרי. "הוא לא התכוון. גברים הם מטומטמים, זה חדש לך? חוץ מזה, מי אמר שצריך לרזות כדי להצליח? את תצליחי, כולנו כאן סגורים על זה."

במכונית, אני שותקת ומאיר מלהג. "כמה פירגון. היית מאמינה שהחבריה שלנו כאלה בסדר? מי אמר שהישראלים קנאים?" אני שותקת. "מה?" הוא שואל, "לא ככה? כולם רק רצו שיהיה לך טוב." אני עדיין מהורהרת. קשות. "אל תגידי לי שעשו לך עין הרע. אני מת ממך." הוא מגיע לעיקר. אני צוחקת, אני הרי לא מאמינה בעין הרע. מה, אני איזו פרימיטיבית? הגרון שלי מתחיל לגלות סימני אי שקט בשעות הבוקר המוקדמות. בשעה שמונה, השקדים כבר נפוחים, והחום נסק ל-39 מעלות. כואב לי הצוואר, והזרועות בקושי זזות. אנחנו רצים לרופאה, שרושמת אנטיביוטיקה בידּ רחבה ובזרוע נטויה. אנו חוזרים הביתה, אני נכנסת למיטה, מתכסה בשמיכת פוך כבדה ולא יוצאת ממנה שבוע שלם. אני שותה תה עם לימון שישים פעם ביום, נאנחת כמו זקן בא בימים, מתעטשת, משתעלת, מקללת, מאמללת, מקטרת, מטרטרת, ומסבירה למאיר שבחיים אני לא אצא מזה. אבל אז, מאיר מבטיח לי שיש לו הפתעה בשבילי. אתמול הוא הלך לסוכן נסיעות, ואירגן לנו קרוז מטורף הכל-כלול להבראתי הפיזית והנפשית. "כך נחגוג רק אנחנו את השמחות שלנו, בפרטיות." הוא מסכם, בעודי חובקת אותו באושר, ומייד מחלימה. שלל טלפונים תוקף את מעונינו כבר למחרת. "שמענו מעוזי הסוכן, שאתם לוקחים קרוז יוקרתי. יש כסף, מה?" זו דורית. "איזה יופי! אתם נוסעים לעשות קצת דולציה ויטה, האי?" טלפון שני, זו שירה. "תעשו חיים!" מצווה מירב. ועוד ועוד, שלל שיחות מפרגנות, המאחלות כל טוב. אומרים שעין הרע לא עובר דרך הטלפון.

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Adult bullying is a problem, too

Substantive work is being done in many parts of the world relating to the bullying of children and teens in schools.

To appreciate some of the successes in the area of fighting bullying, see the website www.leaveoutviolence.org and read about LOVE, a Canadian organizations whose mission statement is to "create a youth-led movement against violence by teaching credible youth how to use their voices and become champions against violence."

Children who bully often do so because of what they have learned at home. When children are physically or emotionally pushed around by their parents and/or siblings, they recognize aggression as a way to further their needs. Studies have linked violent behaviour and harsh discipline by parents with bullying.

Based on these findings, it is imperative that we adults/parents look at our own behaviour toward family, employees and colleagues, to determine where our children's aggressive behaviour started.

I believe our Jewish community has an adult bullying problem – generally called "abuse" – that is evident in how some Jewish families treat their nannies or domestic help.

I am regularly privy to stories from community members – and sometimes nannies – about families and individuals who bully their help. I know of

Urban Writer

Avrum Rosensweig

a nanny employed by a Jewish family who says she is constantly yelled at by the father and mother. While she was invited to sit at the meal table, she wasn't offered food, and instead ate a can of tuna afterward. Eventually, she stopped sitting at the family table, feeling unwelcome. She often holds back tears, feeling small and insignificant. She also says the parents would vacation for a week at a time, leave the children with her and not reward her for the work she did 24/7. The problem is, she's being sponsored by this family to work in Canada and cannot leave, although she badly wants to. She is terrified of her employers. It's akin to slavery.

This is happening now, in the Toronto Jewish community, and other communities, as you read this. Do you know about such situations?

This, and other instances, reflect the fact the Toronto Jewish community would benefit from making anti-bullying classes available to adults. Such a class could deal with the effects of the Holocaust on our collective emotional equilibrium, the Torah perspective on how we must treat our family, friends, associates and employees, and tools for minimizing our aggression toward others.

I have been bullied – sometimes by individuals close to me – and have noticed, over time, aspects of "the bully" within myself. I was horrified to discover this, but now fight against it, and can identify those character traits in others. I have seen bullying behaviour in communal workers in Jewish organizations, shuls, schools (among staff), Jewish-owned businesses and private homes.

Teaching students about the terrible ramifications of bullying is crucial, both for the bully and the victim. But our efforts cannot stop there.

To be Jewish is to strive for generosity of spirit and to create a balance between all peoples. If you employ a nanny, are a parent or run an organization or business, ask yourself this question: "Am I treating my staff, family, friends, the way I want to be treated?" If the answer is "not enough," seek help. The damage you're causing could be making a nanny, employee or child cry – right now. Remember how that felt.

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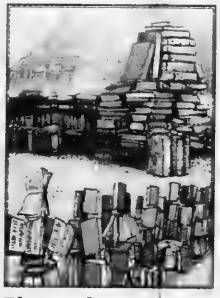

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The cry of the human heart

Editorial

The light shines on the name and the address so carefully written on the aerogram like a giant Hubble mirror reflecting back to us specks of starlit truth from the faraway heavens.

The letter-writer seeks God.

Who among us has not?

In dark moments when our hearts were broken or breaking, have we not called out to Him from the depths of our despair? Or in bright moments when our hearts overflowed with waves of gratitude, have we not thanked Him from the high point of our happiness?

To be human means, at some point in life, we will seek God. For some of us it means seeking to understand the mystery of our existence, if not also its purpose. But whoever has looked up at a starry night and marvelled at the sparkle, or watched an infant take her first steps has wondered. And whoever has thus wondered has, in some way, sought God.

But it is where the letter-writer seeks God that catches our attention: the Wailing Wall, Jerusalem, Israel.

The massive, roughly hewn stones in the background of the photo are probably the most famous and most recognized stones on earth. They form the western retaining wall of the ancient Jewish Temple in Jerusalem. Indeed, the stone at the top left bears the distinctive handiwork of Herod's skilled masons, who dressed it with their signature, carved-out perimeter framing the four sides of the rectangular rock.

Tiny notes of prayers and pleas can be seen squeezed into the space between that stone and the adjacent one on the right. Perhaps the letter that arrived in the aerogram was one of those notes tucked by a helpful hand into the Wall?

That the address refers to the Wailing Wall suggests that the letter-writer may not be Jewish. For, after the divided city was reunified in 1967, most Jews have preferred to call those stones the Western Wall. The Wailing Wall was the name given to the stones precisely because for nearly two millennia Jews cried there, lamenting that the Wall, the city, the land was no longer theirs.

And that is the next detail that catches our attention. The cry that is mailed in the aerogram comes from India. It is to Jerusalem that the letter-writer in India sends her plea!

We are not surprised.

For seeking God in Jerusalem – and especially at the Western Wall – is, after all, inherent in the possibilities dreamed of by so much of humanity for thousands of years.

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Multifaith Event

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress hosted dozens of Toronto-area leaders from the Muslim, Buddhist and Tamil-Sinhalese communities at Holy Blossom Temple April 5. The dignitaries heard from Holy Blossom spiritual leader Rabbi John Moscowitz, who discussed the fundamentals of Judaism and answered the audience's questions. After a dinner, the guests toured the sanctuary and learned more about Judaism's core principles. The program ended with participants resolving to work together on matters of common concern, including fighting antisemitism and racism.

Blacks Slam IAW

NEW YORK — An African-American student group took out full-page ads in college newspapers blasting "Israeli Apartheid Week" (IAW) organizers for abusing the term. In an ad titled "Words matter" that appeared April 7, Vanguard Leadership Group accuses Students for Justice in Palestine of a "false and deeply offensive" characterization of Israel. "SJP has chosen to manipulate rather than inform with this illegitimate analogy," said Vanguard, a leadership development group of students at historically black colleges. The ad appeared in papers on campuses that saw IAW activity in February, including Brown University, the University of California-Los Angeles, Columbia and the University of Maryland. Vanguard has in recent years forged ties with the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, and its members have visited Israel.

S.D. Abattoir?

DES MOINES — A large kosher slaughterhouse and processing plant is being planned for South Dakota. A spokesperson for First American Farms told the *Sioux City Journal* the company is eyeing a 300- to 400-acre location in rural Union County for a $300-million kosher beef facility. Linda King, First American's registered agent in South Dakota, told county commissioners that the plant would employ up to 1,500 people, 90 per cent of them local residents. The venture is another attempt to fill the gap in America's kosher meat supply since the close of the Agriprocessors kosher slaughterhouse and plant in Postville, Iowa, after a May 2008 federal immigration raid. The facility has reopened under new ownership, but it's not producing as much kosher meat as before.

Quebec's Ballet Jazz To Tour Israel

MONTREAL — Les Ballets Jazz de Montréal will tour Israel in early June.

The contemporary dance troupe's opening performance is at the Jerusalem International Convention Centre June 1. The troupe then goes to the Be'er Sheva Theatre in the Negev June 3, the Haifa Auditorium in the north June 4, and finishes with a three-night run at the Tel Aviv Opera House June 5 to 7.

Three works from its repertory are on the bill: *Locked Up Laura*, a short duet of a male and female dancer, *Zip Zap Zoom*, inspired by the virtual world of Internet games, both by choreographer Annabelle Lopez Ochoa of Amsterdam, and *Les Chambres des Jacques* by Aszure Barton of New York. The latter, which is described as "oscillating between daily life and the grotesque," garnered good reviews from both the critics and public in Montreal and on tour internationally.

Les Ballets Jazz was founded in 1972 by Eddy Toussaint, Eva Von Genscy and Geneviève Salbaing, who was its artistic director for many years.

Current artistic director Louis Robitaille said: "Faced with the tensions and uncertainties arising all over the world, I have aspired to performances that can refresh the soul and give hope."

Shul Rededicated

WARSAW — The historic synagogue in Zamosc was rededicated April 5 after a $2.4-million restoration, although the southeastern Polish town's Jewish community was destroyed in the Shoah. Dignitaries and Jewish leaders attended the ceremony at the fortress-like edifice, built in the early 17th century. It will become a cultural centre.

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Pride Toronto policy changes a sham: activist

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Pride Toronto is making changes to the way it polices controversial applicants to its annual parade, but one outspoken gay Jewish Torontonian says the new process is a sham because it may still allow a controversial anti-Israel group to participate.

Since 2009, lawyer Martin Gladstone and others have been active in lobbying the Toronto gay and lesbian and Jewish communities to counter the presence of Queers Against Israeli Apartheid (QuAIA) in the parade, saying the group promotes hatred.

Gladstone contends that an advisory panel put in place last year – chaired by Rev. Brent Hawkes, spiritual leader of the Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto – to deal with Pride's governance and mission in the wake of QuAIA's participation has been a waste of time.

"The problem was never about process, it was about content. There were already rules in place at Pride to deal with situations like this," Gladstone said. "There were value statements, mission statements, discrimination codes. They already had the authority to [bar] QuAIA from the parade. Pride went from a [revenue] surplus to an enormous deficit thanks to QuAIA."

Recently, Gladstone and others have been urging supporters of Israel to pressure Pride's main corporate sponsor, TD Bank, to sever its links with Pride over its inclusion of the group. They're asking clients of TD Bank to cut ties with the bank to make the point. In addition, a protest in front of the TD Bank branch at Lawrence Plaza was scheduled for April 10 at noon.

The tactic worries organizers and stakeholders at Pride Toronto, who say they're doing everything they can to address concerns about QuAIA.

Rev. Hawkes also warned that any effort to target TD Bank or Pride's revenue stream at such a sensitive time in the organization's existence could jeopardize the entire parade.

Martin Gladstone

TD Bank did not respond to interview requests by *The CJN*'s deadline.

The community advisory panel assembled by Pride after the 2010 Pride festival comprised nine volunteer members. Part of its mandate was to consider issues such as whether the inclusion of groups like QuAIA harm the parade.

Earlier this year, shortly after Gladstone began targeting TD Bank, Rev. Hawkes contacted *The CJN* and local Jewish groups seeking to clarify his panel's mission.

In an interview at the church with Rev. Hawkes and Douglas Elliott, a legal adviser for the panel, the pastor said its mandate was misunderstood by the Jewish community.

Pride, he said, "did not ask us to ban or not ban [QuAIA], to rule on one group or another. Pride realized it had bad relationships with various communities... with governance issues" and with trying to redefine itself.

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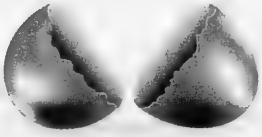
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Israel makes its case

From the editor's desk...

It was a very busy time last week for more than, in most cases, the Jewish women of the world juggling their many personal, family and professional responsibilities with the pressing additional duties of having to prepare the home for Pesach as well.

It was also a busy week for Israeli leaders and diplomats.

They operated at full throttle, meeting with fellow leaders and diplomats in an effort to delay, if not actually prevent, international recognition of a unilateral declaration of independence by the Palestinians rumoured to be heading Israel's way in September, when the General Assembly of the United Nations convenes in New York for its annual congress.

Israel's ministry of foreign affairs instructed its diplomatic corps to present the matter to as many host country governments as possible.

And both the head of Israel's government and its head of state went to two very important capitals to continue the discussion that has already been the subject of considerable diplomatic cable traffic, even post-Wikileaks.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visited with German Chancellor Angela Merkel in Berlin.

The meetings were lengthy, the settings relaxedly informal, but the conversations serious and weighty.

"We have intense and honest discussions, sometimes we also disagree, but I can say that it is never boring in talks with the prime minister," Merkel told the press about her meeting with Netanyahu.

As reported in *Ha'aretz*, Netanyahu was pleased that Merkel had mentioned the importance of recognizing Israel as a Jewish state.

On the crucial subject of the Palestinians' planned September gambit, the Israeli prime minister had extra reason to be grateful.

"We are in favour of two states for two nations," Merkel said. But then she added: "It is not certain that unilateral recognition will contribute to promoting peace, and this will be our position in September."

The German chancellor did not go so far as to make an unequivocal commitment to oppose a unilateral Palestinian declaration of statehood following a similarly intended resolution in the General Assembly. However, she did signal to her fellow European countries and, equally as important, to the Palestinian leaders, that the Palestinian Authority cannot bank on the credit of its entrenched victim status in most parts of the world to avoid direct negotiations with Israel.

Given the pre-eminent industrial and diplomatic roles that Germany plays in the European Union, Merkel's implied promise to Netanyahu was a key achievement. Bear in mind as well that two weeks earlier, Netanyahu was in Moscow to discuss with Russian leaders the very same issues of defence, security, Iran and Palestinian statehood.

While Netanyahu was engaging Angela Merkel in Berlin, Israeli President Shimon Peres was in Washington on a three-day visit with American leaders. He met directly with President Barack Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and congressional leaders.

Not surprisingly, the two presidents reportedly held honest, wide-ranging discussions regarding the unrest in the Arab world, the peace process with the Palestinians and Iran.

"We had an extensive discussion about what's happened in the Middle East," Obama later told the media. "I think he and I both share a belief that... it's more urgent than ever that we try to seize the opportunity to create a peaceful solution between the Palestinians and the Israelis. And he had some very interesting ideas around those issues."

In the double and triple entendre of politicians' and statesmen's language, Obama's summary declaration was crystal clear in its meaning: there is a lot going on behind the scenes.

In Israel as well, the domestic debate has been steering increasingly toward September at the United Nations.

Deputy Prime Minister Dan Meridor, considered to be one of the more moderate members of Netanyahu's government, spoke out last week against the unilateral Palestinian push for statehood.

"Borders need to be agreed on by two parties, not decided unilaterally," he said.

The busy pace of the Jewish state's diplomats during the past few weeks was only the beginning.

After Pesach it will pick up even faster. –*MBD*

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with German Chancellor Angela Merkel last week in Berlin *[Israel Sun photo]*

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REMEMBER SCHALIT AT PESACH

This seder table was set up last year in the tent for Gilad Schalit outside the prime minister's residence in Jerusalem. One year later, Schalit is still a kidnap victim of Hamas in Gaza. May Schalit be remembered at the seder tables around the world this year as well. And may his freedom from bondage be soon. *[Israel Sun photo]*

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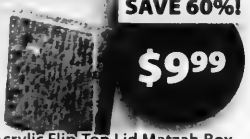

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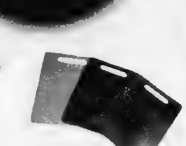

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U.S. Mideast policy called 'a disaster'

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

When Caroline Glick analyzes the U.S. response to the convulsions rocking the Arab world, she's shocked by what she sees.

"You can't be too blunt about it. They've been siding with their worst enemies against their friends... It's absolutely a disaster."

Caroline Glick

Glick, a columnist and deputy managing editor of the *Jerusalem Post*, said Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's reference to Syrian strongman Bashar Assad as "a reformer" – at the same time his forces were attacking rebels – "shows how demented foreign policy has become under [U.S. President Barack] Obama."

On April 5, Glick was the keynote speaker of a lecture dedicated to the late philanthropist and businessman Izzy Kaplan at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Thornhill (BAYT).

Glick said she met Kaplan a few years ago when the two co-operated in trying to prevent the evacuation of Israeli communities from Gaza. "That was a humanitarian disaster and a strategic folly," she said. It permitted Hamas to take power and "it transformed 10,000 of the most productive Israelis into refugees."

Glick's topic for her address at BAYT was the Arab revolt and its implications for Israel. The evening was sponsored by Mizrachi Canada, the Toronto Zionist Council and the Committee for the Security of Sderot, with proceeds from the evening going to the Mishkan Shalom Synagogue in Sderot, which will be renamed for Kaplan.

Sderot is the community near Gaza that has experienced thousands of rocket attacks since Israel's withdrawal. Rocket and mortar attacks have increased in recent months. At the same time, Jerusalem was hit by a bomb attack and five members of a single family were murdered in Itamar.

Glick said the perpetrators "saw the opportunity to kill Jews and they took it. That's what they do."

From a tactical sense, it also permits Iran and Syria, which control Hamas and which intimidates Fatah, the main group behind the Palestinian Authority, to "divert international attention from their countries."

"You can't look at the Palestinians and pretend they're independent," she said. "They're not. Fatah is afraid of Iranian intimidation, which is huge. And Iran trains Fatah units through Hezbollah.

"The West gives a lot of money [to Fatah] for nothing. It's its worst strategic investment," she said.

Looking at the U.S. response to developments in the region, Glick noted that in Egypt, the Americans abandoned their ally of 30 years, Hosni Mubarak, in favour of an opposition that includes the radical Muslim Brotherhood; it bombed Libyan forces to support rebels that have been "penetrated" by Al Qaeda; and it is ignoring the Iranian-led Shiite insurrection in Bahrain, home to the United States' Sixth Fleet.

Glick, who served as co-ordinator of negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization from 1994 to 1996, said U.S. abdication of its longstanding role in the region is because "Obama's worldview is anti-imperialist, which essentially means anti-American. Therefore, he sides with U.S. opponents."

With the neo-conservatives the primary opposition in the U.S., the result "when these two opposing schools fight" is that "U.S. strategic discourse has been completely irrational. If you see the Muslim Brotherhood as Solidarity [the Polish labour movement that helped bring down Communism], it shows you completely misconstrue the politics."

Turning to events in Syria, Glick said Israel should try to support the overthrow of the Assad regime any way it can. The Kurds, who oppose the central authority, are natural allies and Israel should encourage them in their fight for a decentralized government. "The more centralized the government, the worse for Israel," she said. "The more tyrannical, the more apt they are to use hatred of Israel and Jews to galvanize people to their side."

Glick believes "Israel and others are going to step into the breach and start giving rational leadership to the region until a more serious U.S. leadership emerges."

It also means Israel will now have to look at Egypt as a potential military adversary and "expand the size of the Israel Defence Force's manpower and platforms [weapon systems]."

Glick dated the onset of the political instability in the Arab world to the overthrow of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. That was followed by a revolt by Syrian Kurds in 2004, the Cedar Revolution in Lebanon in 2005 and elections in Egypt and the Palestinian territories in 2006.

"Popular movements in the Arab world are largely Islamist and so no one wants to pay attention to it in the West. When the dam breaks, everything changes very quickly," she said.

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Rabbi Irving Greenberg has movingly described that instruction. He points out that the liberation of the Hebrew slaves from their bondage in Egypt is the inspiration for human hope, for the belief that oppressors, tyrants, strongmen, can be defeated.

The Exodus, he writes, sets up an alternative conception of life than one that is ruled by evil. "Were it not for the Exodus, humans would have reconciled themselves to the evils that exist in the world. The Exodus re-establishes the dream of perfection.

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The notes tucked and stuffed into every available space in the Wall are the cries of humanity seeking to be heard from their own personal slaveries and oppressions.

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On the very morrow of the cleaning, even earlier perhaps than the shining of first light over the eastern edge of the Wall, the notes – prayers and cries from human beings all over the world – appear again between the stones.

And what we learn at Passover, because of Passover, is that for all time, they always will.

25 years ago in *The CJN*

Pope John Paul II visited Rome's main synagogue, making him the first sitting pontiff in history to visit a Jewish house of worship. He was warmly welcomed by Italy's chief rabbi, Elio Toaff, and spoke for 20 minutes about Catholic-Jewish relations.

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Pesach greetings from Ont. premier

On behalf of the government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to everyone celebrating Pesach. In Ontario, we celebrate difference and thrive on diversity. Our cultural and religious mosaic gives our province its strength and vitality. As part of that mosaic, the Jewish community has made an invaluable contribution to Ontario's social, cultural and economic life.

Passover is a time for reflection and renewal – a time to celebrate and express gratitude for families and friends. May your Pesach bring you many blessings and great joy, and be filled with the strength that is found in faith.

Please accept my very best wishes for a happy and memorable Passover.

Dalton McGuinty
Premier of Ontario

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Goldstone report

South African Judge Richard Goldstone's report on Operation Cast Lead in Gaza to the UN Human Rights Council resulted in the vilification and international condemnation of Israel and the Israel Defence Forces ("Judge Goldstone recants anti-Israel conclusions in report," April 7). As an experienced jurist, Goldstone should have insisted on submissions from Israel and Hamas. His failure to do so resulted in an error-filled dissertation that Israel has lived with since the report was published. Goldstone's regret for his report is not enough. He must insist before the Human Rights Council that the report be withdrawn so that the stigma against Israel and the Israel Defence Forces is erased. Apart from a revelation of the truth, it would indeed be refreshing to once and for all see the council come out with a pronouncement in favour of Israel.

Bert Raphael
Toronto

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Cartoon on Goldstone unconscionable

The Dry Bones attack on Justice Richard Goldstone is unconscionable (From the editor's desk, April 7). I have enjoyed Dry Bones as a humorous take on Israeli life for more than 40 years. Unfortunately, lately it has become a mouthpiece for the Israeli political party Yisrael Beiteinu and attempts to be Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman with a sense of humour. I ask that if you are going to continue to print this political cartoon you balance it with cartoons from *Ha'aretz* or other centre and left-of-centre cartoonists and definitely not give it such prominence. It is a tragedy that such a wonderful cartoon has become so one-sided.

Eric Mendelsohn
Toronto

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Group to inflict damage

Good Lord, hasn't the New Israel Fund done enough damage? Now they create a "J-Street lite" in Canada – JSpaceCanada – to inflict more ("New community voice joins pro-Israel left," March 31)? I don't even dare to ask where the funds are coming from. Does *The CJN* consider this announcement a good-news one? And while I am at it, do the *CJN* editors know that Israel has more newspapers than *Ha'aretz* and more voices than Aluf Ben, *Ha'aretz* editor-at-large, and his friends?

Michael Salamon
Toronto

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The number of days Hamas has held Gilad Schalit captive

Human rights museum controversy

Contrary to the article "Poll results opposing Shoah gallery questioned" (March 31) the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association (UCCLA) has never asked for the Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR) to include a gallery dedicated to the Holodomor, the genocidal Great Famine of 1932-1933 in Soviet Ukraine. We have always stated that the Shoah must be included in a gallery dedicated to the many genocides that have befouled human history. A Nanos Research survey found that 60.3 per cent of Canadians reject the notion of elevating the suffering of any community above all others in a taxpayer-funded institution such as the CMHR. When the *Winnipeg Free Press* questioned that finding in a daily poll, it discovered that more than 75 per cent of its readers are against giving any group preferential space.

We hope that your reporter's description of James Kafieh as a Palestinian Canadian was not intended to be prejudicial. Perhaps your readers should also be told that he is a Christian. Please note, however, that the UCCLA generally has no interest in the political views, sexual orientation, gender, age, religion or ethnicity of those who share our concerns. We're content knowing that our position on the CMHR is echoed by a majority of Canadians.

R.W. Zakaluzny, Chairman
Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association
Ottawa, Ont.

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The child who keeps us honest

Dan Goldberg
Special to The CJN

Pesach has always been my favourite holiday. Even as a kid, given a choice between Pesach and Chanukah, I would have chosen Pesach. Could that have been an early sign of eccentricity in a child destined to become a Jewish educator? Perhaps. But the fact is I have a lot of company.

Pesach is the favourite holiday of most Jewish adults and many Jewish children. It is the holiday we are most willing to travel for, clean for and cook for. It is also the event on the Jewish calendar most capable of prolonging life. The Jewish death rate drops just before Pesach and then catches up in the days that follow. My grandmother's last conscious moments were spent at a seder that I will always remember with gratitude.

Having established myself as a loyal Pesach fan, may I voice a small complaint? There is a moment in the seder that I have never liked, a line in the Haggadah that has always bothered me. It has to do with the child who for centuries has been slandered with the label of "rebellious" or, even worse, "wicked." The Haggadah instructs us to "hak'heh et shinav"– to knock him in the teeth.

What has this child done to earn this violent response? According to the text, he has taken the stance of an outsider. His question has a tone of detachment (and perhaps disdain) that our ancestors found threatening.

It is my strong belief that the traditional response to the "wicked" son is far worse than his question. In addition to harming the child, such attempts to discourage skepticism and silence doubt put our tradition at risk.

We all know someone who comes to the seder with a negative attitude, someone who continually urges the group to "speed it up," or repeatedly asks, "When do we eat?" or simply sighs loudly at regular intervals. This person can be extremely irritating. In some cases, he or she can diminish or even spoil the experience for everyone else.

A newly arrived family from Ethiopia celebrates their first Passover seder in Israel. ***[Flash90 file photo]***

As exasperating as his or her presence may be, in my experience, the negative participant at a seder is not someone who doesn't care. An individual who is indifferent will either decline to attend the seder or will sit politely and chat pleasantly with others at the table, waiting patiently for the arrival of the meal. The vociferous complainer, on the other hand, is secretly as connected to the seder as anyone else at the table. He or she would not miss a seder for the world.

So who is this complainer, this negative voice at the seder? I believe it is the rebellious child, grown up. Looking back, we see that the child was not indifferent. He or she cared enough to ask a question. Having grown up, the adult is still not indifferent – the adult cares enough to attend a seder. However, the adult is angry. And hurt. The slap (real or symbolic) was painful. Even more painful were the words that accompanied the slap: "This is what God did for me, not for you. Had you been there, you would not have been redeemed." The message, which continues to sting, is: "You are not one of us and you are not worthy of us."

For someone who cares about being Jewish, who feels a connection to the tradition and the community (even if that connection is ambivalent), having his or her Jewishness questioned or judged negatively is a painful blow.

I am convinced that the common denominator that links the estranged members of our community is the experience of being looked down upon as Jews – for not being able to read Hebrew or for not going to shul or because a long time ago, they misbehaved in Hebrew school or asked too many provocative questions.

Even the briefest survey of traditional Jewish texts will show that at the heart of Jewish expression is the need to question and challenge the ideas and assertions of others. For many children, being able to ask questions is a burning need and a sign of profound engagement.

I know a mother who once received a call from the head of her son's yeshiva. The head complained that the boy was always questioning what was being taught. "Tell me when he stops asking questions," the mother responded, "because that's when I'm pulling him out of your school!"

If one reads the traditional Hebrew text of the Four Children carefully, one will make a discovery that is often obscured by translations. The questions that the wise and rebellious children ask are quite similar. Both children word their questions using the second person, asking what God has commanded "you" (wise child) or what this ritual means to "you" (rebellious child). Perhaps what separates the wise child from the rebellious child is less the question that is asked and more the response that is given and the impact of that response.

Included in the book *Goodbye Columbus* by Phillip Roth is a story titled *Conversion of the Jews*. In this story, an inquisitive and absolutely sincere boy named Ozzie gets slapped, first by his mother and then by the rabbi, because he has asked a very provocative and threatening question. At the end of the story, Ozzie, having gained the upper hand through a ludicrous series of events, compels his entire community to promise that they will "never hit anyone about God." With apologies to the Haggadah, a book I deeply cherish, I believe Ozzie's promise is one that every Jewish community and every Jew should make.

Judaism has survived not in spite of, but because of, the testing it has undergone. Questions keep our tradition resilient and relevant. I would like to suggest that this year, at the seder, we rename the "wicked" child and revise our response to him or her and to the others in our lives whose questions keep us alert, honest and responsible.

When we open the door at our seders this year, let it also be to other Jews who have been hurt or who feel discouraged about their Jewishness. Let's welcome them home and hear their stories and help them to heal and rediscover what they once loved and lost.

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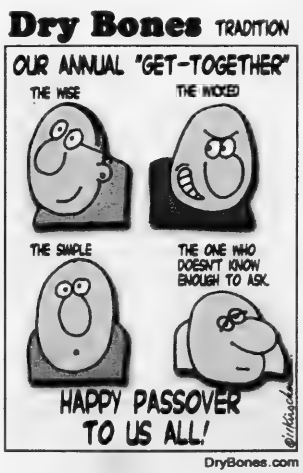


Reading ourselves into the Pesach story

Is there a way of thinking about Passover that's particularly Canadian? Growing up in an American Jewish community, it's perhaps not surprising that my childhood education about the festival was mixed with the narrative of the American revolution and the story of African-American slavery.

The foundational story of the United States is one of escape from political, religious and economic oppression – all themes of the Passover story as well. It wasn't much of a stretch for children and grandchildren of immigrants, largely from eastern and central Europe, to identify ourselves with the Puritans, who landed on the shores of the New World to worship in ways forbidden to them, as a minority, in the Old. Although we vaguely knew they were a type of Christian, we imagined them as sort of like Jews in their quest for freedom of worship. And, impossibly, we imagined ourselves as landing on a new continent full of promise.

In a comparable way, I recollect being actively taught to read the biblical memory of slavery onto the history of the United States. Many Jewish schools actively encouraged students to identify with the African-American experience, whose more recent slave past resonated with our own cultural memory. In addition to seder melodies drawn from the Haggadah, my school taught us black spirituals. Composed by slaves, they expressed the yearning for freedom and a faith in God's redemptive powers, and melded with the themes of our festival.

One year, just before Pesach, we went on a class trip to see an off-Broadway play about the underground railroad. While the plot has faded in my mind, I remember that it centred on Jewish abolitionists who helped slaves escape to freedom and culminated in a scene of Jews and former slaves sitting around a seder table singing Hebrew songs such as *Dayeinu* and spirituals, such as *Go Down, Moses*. The layering of historical memory inherent in the play is a complex one. Just as American Jews saw themselves as having much in common with African-Americans – not only the ancient memory of slavery, but more recent experiences of persecution – so the slaves had seen their own experience in the biblical story of the Exodus.

Over the years, I've come upon Haggadot that make such connections explicit, through illustrations as well as thoughts, prayers or meditations added to the traditional seder liturgy.

My colleague and friend, Jonathan Sarna, the distinguished historian of the Jewish American experience, says such readings into history reflect the "cult of synthesis." It's a way of seeing the Jewish story in the American one, and the American story in the Jewish one, with both reflecting a shared set of cultural values. They are also examples thinking about Judaism and Jewish holidays in ways that – while not incompatible with a religious sensibility – also give them secular meanings.

Sara R. Horowitz in Toronto

There's something quintessentially Jewish about this overlaying of ancient and modern meanings. One could say the practice of giving the Passover story a more contemporary spin is true to the spirit of the festival, taking literally the injunction in the Haggadah to see oneself as personally part of the story of the Exodus. Indeed, thousands of different Haggadot have been published, many in recent years, that refract the holiday and its text through a contemporary lens, making it consonant with cultural memories and values that emerge from other times, places and movements. There are feminist Haggadot, vegan Haggadot, socialist Haggadot, "green" Haggadot, non-ecumenical Haggadot, secular Haggadot and countless others.

Some play with the traditional text, expanding, rewriting or replacing it entirely. Others leave the text intact, but editorialize through illustrations that accompany it. What does the "wicked son" look like, for example? Some Haggadot depict him as robust and muscular (versus the "wise" but scrawny scholar). Others depict him as rotund, a greedy capitalist. Others portray him as slickly urban (as opposed to the "wise" agrarian kibbutznik). In some versions, the wicked son is a daughter – sometimes a rebellious girl, contrasted with her more traditional "wise" sister; and sometimes a retro girl playing with Barbies, contrasted with her "wise" feminist sister.

These many interpretations of the holiday show that we don't treat the ritual as rote, but find in it a living source of meaning. Our seder tables reflect our complicated way of being in the world, our layered sense of identity, our values.

A brilliant, frail and fiery rabbi

"The elderly man was hunched over, walking slowly with the help of a cane toward a small stage where a table, chair and microphone awaited him." I think of that apt description by David Suissa, a California-based journalist and blogger, each time I sit in the lecture hall of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem watching the arrival of its founder, Rabbi David Hartman.

He has recently given another series of public lectures and seminars, this time about the chosen people. Part of his method is to collect relevant source material and help his students to digest it critically. As usual, he touches on many topics outside the subject. They're insightful digressions if you like what he says, rants and ramblings if you don't.

Rabbi Dow Marmur in Toronto

Rabbi Hartman is the author of many books on Jewish thought and has just completed another. His writings have made important contributions to the religious debates of our time within Judaism and beyond.

But arguably even more significant is the institute he has created. He named it after his father who, like his mother, often figures in his lectures. It's now run by his son, Donniel, and housed in a purpose-built impressive complex in the centre of Jerusalem. The donor wall lists many Canadian names.

The institute is a meeting place for Jewish and non-Jewish scholars from Israel and abroad. Its annual theology conferences attract exponents of the three monotheistic religions who engage in penetrating interfaith dialogue. Participants invariably report that they've been greatly enriched by the experience.

A similar annual meeting of philosophers explores the interaction between general and Jewish thought, and has inspired many participants to think along novel lines.

But despite the physical presence of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem and the two high schools connected to it, its founder is better known and appreciated abroad than in Israel, though he has lived there since 1971. He came convinced that the establishment of the Jewish state has radically altered Judaism as it's shaping our future and has helped to alert North American Jewry to this fact.

Born in the United States, Rabbi Hartman served for many years as the charismatic spiritual leader of an Orthodox congregation in Montreal. He made aliyah because he believes that, despite all its current internal and external challenges to which he often alludes, the Jewish state has become the focus of all Jewish life.

Though no less conscious of the tragedy of the Holocaust than thinkers such as the late Prof. Emil Fackenheim of the University of Toronto, instead of delving into this recent past to fathom the present, he lives in the present and plans for the future. He and Fackenheim lived for many years in the same Jerusalem neighbourhood, yet theologically they inhabited different planets.

Commitment to Israel hasn't inhibited Rabbi Hartman from being critical of many of its aspects, including how religion is being abused by the ultra-Orthodox, both in their interpretation of Judaism and in their crass exploitation of politics. Many of his digressions are about that.

Though deeply rooted in Orthodox Judaism, Rabbi Hartman has distanced himself from some of its current manifestations. Nowadays he seems more concerned with what people actually think, and why, than with what the sacred texts tell them that God says.

Bringing together, as he does every year, rabbis and lay leaders from all the streams in Judaism while at the same time often being sharply critical of their institutions and practices, he has become the intellectual trailblazer of post-denominational Judaism as it has emerged and grown in recent years.

He points out how misleading it is nowadays to adequately describe Judaism with conventional adjectives such as Orthodox, Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist or even secular. Rabbi Hartman prefers to speak of the family of Judaism – "the big tent" – rather than of its doctrines and denominations. It matters to him what people do much more than what the organizations they belong to proclaim. His theology is deeply rooted in Jewish tradition and informed by history, anthropology, sociology and psychology. This accounts for his critical openness to the world and its many "isms."

Jews caught up in interdenominational quarrels, as well as adherents of other faiths in their disputes with each other and their internal divisions, have much to learn from this brilliant, by now frail yet still-fiery rabbi.

Palestinians challenge Israel through non-violence

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Palestinian Arabs have been carefully watching the drama of non-violent demonstrations in the Arab world since last December. Palestinians who believe that peaceful protest rather than violence is the better and smarter way to challenge Israel's military occupation and win statehood have been heartened by recent events in countries ranging from Egypt to Yemen. The thinking is that if Egyptians, Tunisians, Yemenites and Syrians can "bend the arc of history," to paraphrase U.S. President Barack Obama, they can, too.

Historically, the Palestinians have not been drawn to non-violence, having regarded violence as a legitimate tool since the 1920s and particularly since the last two Palestinian uprisings in 1987 and 2000. Today, the rejectionist wing of the Palestinian national movement, as embodied by Hamas, rejects the non-violent model as well as the two-state solution.

Even Palestinians who have been inspired by the Arab clamour for democracy, human rights, transparency and accountability may have doubts about the usefulness of non-violence. Eyad Sarraj, a leading psychiatrist and human rights campaigner in the Gaza Strip, put it best: "There is so much hatred, so much thirst for revenge. It would be very difficult to channel this anger into a non-violent path. Arab culture is about an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. Going for non-violent resistance would look like a form of surrender."

Palestinians who frown upon non-violence and justify violence validate their position by referring to history: Egypt's credible performance in the Yom Kippur War prompted Israel to withdraw from the Sinai Peninsula within the framework of a political agreements. The first Palestinian intifadah persuaded Israel to test the Oslo peace process. The second Palestinian uprising legitimized the notion of partition, even in right-wing Israeli circles. Guerrilla warfare by Hezbollah hastened Israel's unilateral withdrawal from southern Lebanon.

By the same token, Palestinian advocates of violence are aware that the 1948 Arab-Israeli war, initiated by the Arab side, destroyed their opportunity for immediate statehood.

Of late, Palestinian skepticism of non-violence has begun to wane, driven by the fall of Arab regimes in Tunisia and Egypt and the growing acceptance of Palestinian statehood in the international community.

This non-violent trend gained traction after the outbreak of the second Palestinian uprising and has been embraced by the top leaders of the Palestinian Authority, President Mahmoud Abbas and Prime Minister Salam Fayyad. With an eye on Israeli and global public opinion, and with the support of nations like the United States, Canada, Britain and Russia, they have embarked on a strategy turning on nation building rather than violence. Predicated on a two-year plan unveiled in August 2009, it is based on the pre-1948 Zionist model of building the infrastructure and institutions of statehood before nationhood is formally declared.

Abbas and Fayyad, who are moderates within the context of Palestinian politics, formulated the strategy in the expectation that peace talks with Israel might fail. Last September, under U.S. auspices, Israel launched negotiations with the Palestinians. The talks soon fell apart over Israel's settlement construction program in the West Bank. The impasse continues.

Nonetheless, the Palestinian Authority has proceeded with its program, opening schools, erecting housing estates, training police and planting trees, among other activities. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu broadly supports the Palestinian plan, even though the Israeli government has yet to submit an official map of the territory it intends to keep in the West Bank once a peace agreement is signed and sealed.

Fayyad, a U.S.-educated economist, claims that a Palestinian state, based on the 1967 border and land swaps with Israel, will be a democratic "peace-loving state that rejects violence and commits to coexistence with its neighbours." Hamas, which has controlled the Gaza Strip since an armed coup in 2007, opposes Fayyad's scheme. But Fayyad and Abbas are pressing ahead with diplomacy. In September, they will take their case to the UN General Assembly, betting that the vast majority of member states will cast their ballots in favour of an independent Palestinian state.

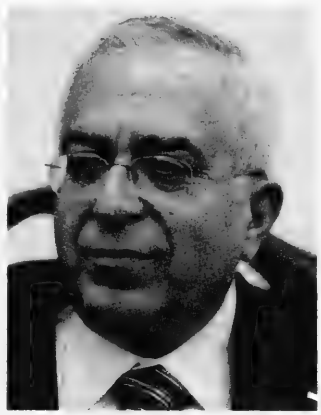
As part of its campaign to build the foundations of a state, the Palestinian Authority passed a law last year banning the sale of products produced in Israeli settlements in the West Bank and the Golan Heights. This economic boycott is designed to empower Palestinian manufacturers and sever commercial relations with Jewish settlers.

In the interval, Abbas and Fayyad have denounced violence. Shortly after terrorists killed a Jewish family in the West Bank settlement of Itamar last month, Abbas described the assault as "abominable, inhuman and immoral," while Fayyad said, "We utterly reject violence and nothing justifies it."

Their denunciation of violence – which is at variance with the Palestinian Authority's policy to name public places after deceased "martyrs" who have murdered Jews in terrorist attacks – is not new. In May 2002, two prominent Palestinian Christians, Jonathan Kuttab and Mubarak Awad, animated by the U.S. civil rights movement and the South African anti-apartheid movement, issued a manifesto rejecting violence. They wrote, "The Palestinian people have a unique chance to achieve their national goals, in spite of the enormous gap between them and their [Israeli] foes, if they pursue a conscious, organized strategy of non-violent resistance to the occupation on a massive scale."

In 2004, the grandson of the late Indian leader Mahatma Gandhi promoted the virtues of non-violence during a visit to the West Bank. He claimed it would increase world sympathy for the Palestinian cause.

Ironically enough, Moammar Gadhafi, the embattled Libyan leader, has also advised the Palestinians to consider non-violence. Two months ago, before rebels rose up in a bid to unseat him, he urged Palestinian refugees to capitalize on the wave of popular rebellion in the Middle East by massing peacefully on Israel's borders until Israel gave in to their demands.



Salam Fayyad

Although a third violent Palestinian uprising cannot be ruled out, the Palestinians, having apparently internalized the lessons of the current unrest in the Arab world, no longer automatically dismiss non-violent tactics. In this spirit, they are talking about peaceful marches by thousands of protesters toward Jerusalem, Israeli army positions and West Bank settlements. In fact, Palestinians were taking to the streets in non-violent protests before the current turmoil in the Arab world, mounting demonstrations to oppose the separation barrier and plans by Israel to raze Arab-owned homes in the eastern Jerusalem neighbourhood of Silwan.

Israel will have to be extremely mindful of international repercussions in confronting non-violent Palestinian protesters.

"The situation is different now," Menchem Klein, a Bar-Ilan University political scientist, has warned. "If Israel uses violence to suppress [non-violent] Palestinian demonstrations, it will be seen as another Moammar Gadhafi or Mahmoud Ahmadinejad."

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IDF does not target civilians, colonel says

'The army uses force only to accomplish a mission. We want to avoid collateral damage.'

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Israel abides by a strict code of conduct in combat, a senior Israeli army officer said last week in an attempt to fend off accusations that Israel deliberately targeted Palestinian civilians during the war in the Gaza Strip some two years ago.

Ben Tzion Gruber made his comments shortly after Judge Richard Goldstone, the head of a United Nations commission investigating possible war crimes in Gaza, retracted a claim that Israel singled out civilians and civilian infrastructure during its invasion in 2009.

Speaking on "Ethics in the Field," Gruber, a colonel in the reserves who commanded a tank division in that three-week war, said that Israel hews to a doctrine of proportionality and takes special precautions not to harm Arab civilians in wartime situations.

"Collateral damage should be in proportion to the threat," he said, addressing a business luncheon in downtown Toronto. "The army uses force only to accomplish a mission. We want to avoid collateral damage. We don't want to hurt civilians."

Gruber, a resident of the West Bank settlement of Efrat, said Israel sent out leaflets and text messages to warn Arab civilians in Gaza of impending operations.

He denied charges that Israel deployed phosphorous bombs in urban areas of Gaza in contravention of international law.

The son of Holocaust survivors, Gruber explained that Israeli army commanders have only seconds to make major decisions in combat.

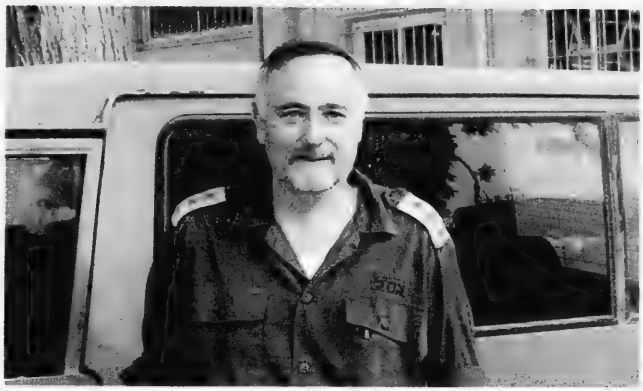
Mistakes can occur because terrorists wear civilian clothing, he added.

Gruber accused them of using "human shields." As he put it, "They are shooting behind kids."

And terrorists have commandeered United Nations ambulances to ferry men and arms, he noted.

Gruber said the Hamas government expropriated the ambulances after seizing control of Gaza from the Fatah faction in June 2007.

According to Gruber, Hamas stored rocket launchers in the yard of a mosque in Gaza during the war.



Ben Tzion Gruber

He said he gave the imam 24 hours to remove religious objects before demolishing the mosque.

By his estimation, 800 smuggling tunnels have been built in Gaza to bring in military equipment from the Sinai Peninsula and move around fighters.

Most of the tunnels are big enough to accommodate jeeps and, in some cases, trucks.

Four Gaza families control the tunnel system, he said, noting that the Hamas government charges $10,000 for a licence to build a tunnel.

Rockets fired from Gaza can now reach Tel Aviv and most places in Israel, he said.

Thousands of such rockets have been fired at Israel in the past nine years. During the peak years in 2007 and 2008, there were more than 5,000 launchings, he said.

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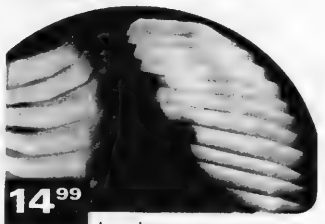

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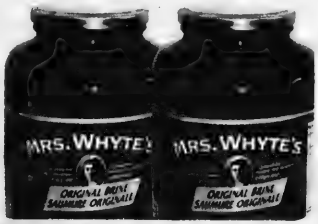

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Clergy to lead faith groups on mission to Israel

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

A group led by Canadian clergy from all three Abrahamic faith communities will travel to Israel later this year.

This is the first trip of its kind from Canada, according to the organizers.

From Sept. 4 to 10, Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl of Beth Tzedec Congregation of Toronto; Father Damian MacPherson, director of ecumenism and interfaith affairs for the Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto; Imam Abdul Hai Patel, Muslim chaplain and president of the Ontario Multifaith Council; and Rev. Karen Hamilton, a minister for the United Church of Canada, will journey in the Holy Land on a mission to bridge differences between the faiths.

At a breakfast meeting in Toronto recently, three of the trip's four faith leaders – Rabbi Frydman-Kohl was on vacation in Israel, replaced for this meeting by Beth Tzedec Rabbi Harvey Meirovich – discussed aspirations and fears heading into the visit, which is being organized by Toronto's Israel Government Tourism Office (IGTO) and the local travel agency, Aufgang Travel.

The trip is the outgrowth of "a dream" by Rabbi Frydman-Kohl, according to the organizers.

"It's not just about being there. It's about bringing the message back," according to Judy Csillag, a consultant with the trip. "This is not a tourism trip… it's about engaging in citizen diplomacy."

All the leaders have travelled to Israel individually in the past, but this will mark their first trip as a group.

Rabbi Meirovich, who maintains residences in both Jerusalem and Toronto, called the trip "complex" and

Leaders of Canadian Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities plan their trip to Israel. From left are Father Damian MacPherson, Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, Rev. Karen Hamilton, Hanan Perahia, sales manager at Aufgang Travel, and Imam Abdul Hai Patel.
[Michael Swan, the* Catholic Register *photo]

said he felt that there were many potential religious and political "minefields" that would need to be defused by the participants.

"Once we add the political layer to the religious dimension [of the trip], it may become even harder to talk with each other," he said. "But hopefully, there is modelling going on here for the lay people who will [see] this trip and then grow closer together through more dialogue."

Father MacPherson said that he and his fellow participants were aware they will be "writing the textbook" for future trips of this kind.

"I look forward to Jews and Muslims being addressed by Christians" in Israel, he said.

He added: "The guiding hand of Abraham is very important to us. I'm not expecting a minefield. This group will come together."

However, Rev. Hamilton said she expects there will be some tension on the trip. While she, Imam Patel, Father MacPherson and Rabbi Frydman-Kohl have all been partners in interfaith community experiences for more than 15 years, she said a trip of this kind will challenge even their camaraderie.

"We've done everything except get blisters on our feet together [over the years]," she quipped, noting that travelling the land and visiting each other's holy places together will force them to truly hear one another's narratives. This will necessarily create the need for expanded dialogue.

"We need to see the Holy Land together, and we need to understand it together better than we already do. We need to understand why it is so special to the other. When we go to Israel and the Palestinian territories, there will be tensions. But we know we can talk about whatever difficulty arises."

Jerry Adler, manager of marketing and public relations for the IGTO, said the trip will be "earth-shattering" for participants and added that this is not a voyage for inexperienced travellers to Israel.

The six-day itinerary, put together by Hanan Perahia, sales manager at Aufgang Travel, will be a gruelling one physically and mentally.

In addition to travelling the country from top to bottom with stops at various Muslim, Christian and Jewish locations of religious significance, the participants will also meet with Arab Israeli and Jewish Israeli bereaved families; hear lectures by faith leaders in Israel; visit Yad

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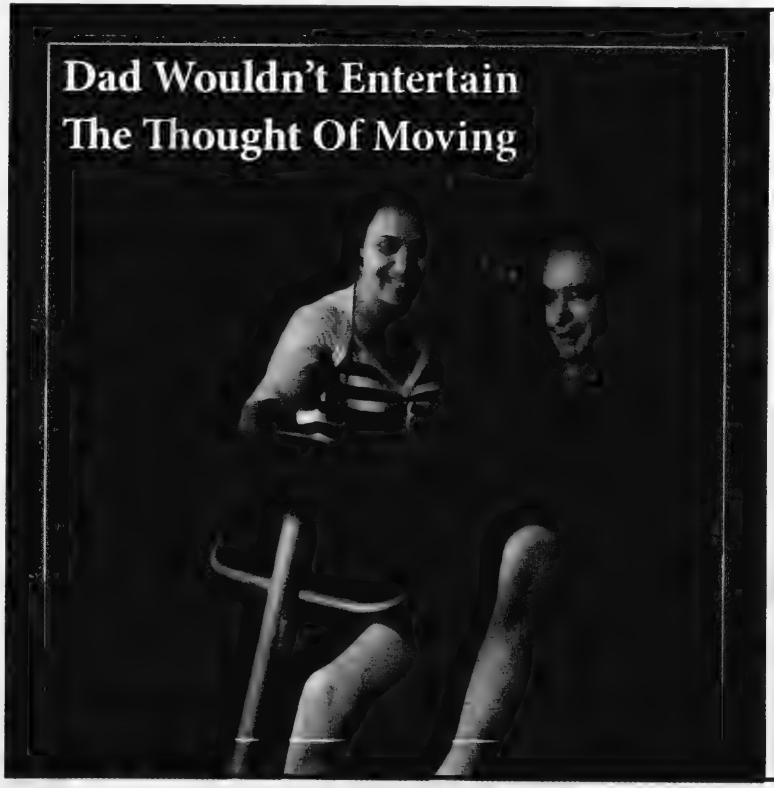

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Passover is around the corner and that means you'll soon be reaching into a familiar drawer and pull out a stack of well-worn and slightly wine-stained Haggadot. Nothing will ever replace those Haggadot and their special memories. But if you spend a few minutes online, you can customize your own Haggadah with commentary and clear instructions that will impress friends and family at the seders.

The Open Source Haggadah allows you to skim through assorted Hebrew and English text, commentary, songs, readings and rituals, and assemble your own Haggadah online. You can filter texts by interest, from "Chabad, Conservative, Feminist, Humorous" to "Shoah, Unafilliated, Zionist." When you're done, add some commentary and a song or two, then print your own Haggadah. And if you have a favourite custom or insight that you'd like to share, you are encouraged to contribute it to the site. **[http://bit.ly/haga18]**

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Jewish & Digital

Mark Mietkiewicz

Now that you have the basics, you can get really creative. There are several sites that offer the Haggadah text in its entirety. Mechon-Mamre.org provides Hebrew and English side-by-side with clear instructions. **[http://bit.ly/haga21]** Several classic Haggadot have been scanned in their entirety and can be downloaded and printed out at the Torah on the Net site. **[http://bit.ly/haga22]**

A bit less traditional but quite wonderful is Uncle Eli's Special-for-Kids Most-Fun-Ever Under-the-Table Passover Haggadah. Written in the style of Dr. Seuss, Uncle Eli retells the Haggadah in a familiar yet unique way **[http://bit.ly/haga27]**.

And if you're planning to lead a seder this year and need a bit of help with your Hebrew pronunciation or want to brush up on a tune, the Virtual Cantor is at your service. (Actually, you're at his service.). The cantor – also known as Josh Sharfman – has recorded the entire traditional Haggadah. Listen online or download them onto your iPod and review them anywhere. **[http://bit.ly/haga34]**

Have a kosher and happy Passover!

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Outsourced, and in-house, education

In past columns I have extolled the virtues of schools, camps, Israel trips and service learning. These cornerstones of Jewish education teach texts and traditions while acculturating youth to the values of our community. While I deeply value their impact, these services must be understood as outsourcing essential services that were once conducted at home and that cannot be successful in isolation from parallel, in-house Jewish living.

Outsourcing has its benefits. We outsource to experts – Jewish educators who are professionally trained. We outsource to seek efficiencies – a classroom is more cost effective than private lessons. We outsource to improve the quality of the experience – learning in a group is more fun. We outsource to seek operational expertise – schools and camps know their business. But these benefits are whittled away when not supported by the home.

Class Act

Daniel Held

When dropping children off at Hebrew school or waving goodbye to the camp bus, we offer ourselves a false sense of accomplishment. In some ways this security is logical. We do the same with judo, dance and piano lessons. We drop our children off at the dance studio and expect the teacher to teach, then shep naches at the recital.

Judaism is not akin to dance. While the dance instructor teaches complex footwork and body movement, Jewish education is an intricate mix of knowledge and skills. The Hebrew school teacher can train his student to decode Hebrew letters or chant a Haftorah, but without strong modelling at home, the affective connection to Judaism will collapse.

We often perceive teenagers as rebellious and contrary. Many of the attitudes expressed by teens don't demonstrate the admiration or gratitude we hope for, causing some parents to conclude that they have lost their influence in shaping their children's lives. Notwithstanding adolescents' characteristically monosyllabic responses, parents continue to have a significant effect on their children's identity.

The American National Study of Youth and Religion shows that parents – more than schools, peers or media – are the strongest influence on adolescent religion. "Simply by living and interacting with their children, most parents establish expectations, define normalcy, model life practice, set boundaries, and make demands – all of which cannot help but influence teenagers, for good or ill." The study reveals that teens mirror their parents' spiritual practices and religious beliefs. In aggregate, adolescent attendance at religious services parallels their parents. Teens believe, or don't believe, in God like their parents. They practise religion, or don't, like their parents.

In interviews I conducted with teens exploring their attachment to Israel, I was surprised by consistent references to parents. Teens reflect that casual conversations around the dinner table, their parents' reactions to news about Israel, donation patterns, and travel to Israel profoundly impact the ways they form their identity. Assuming that teens ignore or rebel against their parents belittles the power of parenting.

Like no other Jewish observance, Passover bridges outsourced and in-house Jewish education, buttressing lessons from school and youth groups with the support, buy-in and inherent power of Jewish parenting.

Cleaning our homes of chametz, eating matzah, and having a seder are examples of parental modelling that reinforce the lessons of educational programs, and our seders are only enhanced by the lessons our children bring home. This partnership consistently makes Passover one of the most celebrated Jewish holidays and should serve as a model for greater symbiosis between outsourced and in-house Jewish education.

Election time is coming

At the beginning of the year, talk of a 2011 election was just that, talk.

It didn't seem likely that we would see Canadians at the polls, but after recent events, this is exactly what we will see. There will be a spring election, as the current prime minister, Stephen Harper, and his Conservative government lost a non-confidence motion in the House of Commons on March 25, 2011.

This situation is similar to the one in 2005, when a Liberal minority was booted from power after only a year and five months. That ended the tenure of Paul Martin as prime minister, and a minority Conservative government, headed by Harper, came into power.

With the promise of an election and the possibility that there may be a new prime minister in May, everyone has agendas to push and campaigns are fully under way. The Conservatives have hit the television hard with numerous spots, some in support of Harper as prime minister and others lambasting Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff.

While many people get their political information from the TV commercials, many students are taking to new social media websites to find out what's going on. Facebook and Twitter allow students to not only express their own opinions but also to learn what other people's views are.

Facebook has become increasingly powerful in the political arena. U.S. President Barack Obama and the Democratic party owe their 2008 election success partially to Facebook. The Obama-Biden duo were the first political tandem to use social media as a campaign tool, and it helped lead to a victory.

Ever since the non-confidence vote in Parliament, Jewish students have been spamming Facebook and Twitter with their political views. In an era when young people are often considered apathetic about politics, it's refreshing to see them take such an interest. Also, Facebook events have been organized to try to get people out to vote.

On Campus

Justin Dahan

Many of the subjects being discussed in the current election campaign are such hot-button issues as taxes and health care. According to social media outlets, these are not the deciding factors that affect choices made by Jewish student voters.

It seems that while the general Canadian population is primarily concerned with issues that affect themselves, Jewish students have a more altruistic view – they are more concerned with how each political candidate may affect their homeland.

Throughout Harper's tenure as prime minister, he has been an avid supporter of Israel. His detractors have even gone so far to suggest that he supports Israel too much. Of course, that sentiment only attracts more Jewish voters to the prime minister.

Ignatieff, the Liberal leader, has quite a different relationship with Israel. While in recent history he has publicly supported Israel, he has in the past criticized Israel. In 2006, Ignatieff, denounced Israel for the conflict with Lebanon, but he did not criticize the terrorist organization Hezbollah for its role in the conflict.

While it's true that there are other candidates for prime minister, the real race is between Harper and Ignatieff. Given Ignatieff's history on Israel, it's no surprise if the majority of Jewish students put their support behind Harper's party, and hope for a majority Conservative government.

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Focus on the children

Modern Jewish educators frequently use drama as an educational tool to bring a biblical or talmudic story to life, as exemplified by the fact that much of the Pesach seder is geared toward children, thus fulfilling the mitzvah of *"v'higadita l'bincha"* ("And you shall tell your children").

In this vein, the Talmud instructs us to distribute parched grain and nuts to children at the seder, so that they may stay awake and ask questions. This is but one technique used to involve children in the Pesach seder.

Sephardi Window

Rabbi Ilan Acoca

There is a widespread custom among Sephardi and Oriental Jews, according to which a seder participant dresses up at some point as if he had just left Egypt. This provokes questions, and "the wandering Jew" explains that he has left bondage for freedom in The Land.

Among Moroccan Jews, the host waves the seder plate in a circle three times above the head of each attendee, while reciting from the Moroccan Haggadah: *Bibhilu yatza'anu miMitzraim halachma anya benai chorin.* ("It is with haste that we came out of Egypt and this is the bread of affliction that we ate.") This custom represents the clouds of glory that protected the Jewish nation as it journeyed from Egypt to the Promised Land.

In our house, we focus the first seder on the children, explaining this priority in advance to our guests. We demonstrate what happened during the Exodus in different ways, according to the predilections and maturity of each child. We seek to stimulate them through questions and discussion.

Why this emphasis on the children? After all, there are other people around the seder table. What about them?

It seems as if the Torah instructs us to tell the story to our children because God knows that to ensure an enduring and vibrant Jewish heritage, we must educate the next generation – our children.

I remember fondly going, as a young boy, often with my siblings and cousins, to visit my paternal grandfather, Rabbi Ayad Acoca, who lived in a small apartment in Dora, near Netanya. My grandfather was invariably engaged in Talmud study, some of which he would sometimes share with his grandchildren.

I remember my father telling me once a remarkable story about "Papo" Ayad when he was a young man in Morocco. He was travelling from Azemour to Sale and he was obliged to cross a nearby river – probably the River Oued Sala, now known as the River Bouregreg – by raft, along with other travellers. At some point, a storm hit the raft, causing it to capsize with all aboard lost except for my grandfather, who weathered the storm while fiercely clutching a volume of Talmud.

My father used to tell me that his father cherished the idea that among his progeny would be a rabbi who would transmit the Jewish heritage as resolutely as he had held on to his Talmud.

Let us bear in mind that God created each of us to teach and to lead by example, and to encourage our children – our most precious responsibility – by instilling in them the message of Pesach as actively and generously as we can.

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Pride policies changed

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"Some folks want the parade to be about politics. Most want it to be a celebration," Rev. Hawkes said.

A compromise was reached, Elliott said, by which Pride adopted a set of recommendations devised by the panel, including a "dispute resolution process" to determine whether groups such as QuAIA will continue to be allowed in the parade.

These new internal rules for governance and accountability were what the panel was explicitly established to provide, and it's now up to Pride to apply them, Rev. Hawkes said.

Pride Toronto is currently canvassing for "volunteer adjudicators with experience." Once the adjudicators are in place, they'll hear complaints from the community, one of which will likely be about QuAIA, Rev. Hawkes said.

Rulings made by the Pride adjudicators in the new dispute resolution process will be binding, he added.

Gladstone however, said that while the advisory panel was convened as a result of QuAIA's presence in the parade, it never specifically dealt with the issue.

That avoidance represents "a complete moral abdication" by the panel, and by Pride, for allowing QuAIA to sour a once-proud gay community event, he said.

He added that "thousands" of people feel unwelcome and unsafe due to the group's annual presence.

Gladstone also said he won't take part in the dispute resolution process.

"I'm not going to put Israel on trial. If I wanted to bring a complaint... we'd have to challenge [QuAIA] and argue a case that Israel is not an apartheid state. And what would happen is they would use [the dispute resolution process] as... a media circus to gain as much attention as possible to further their message that Israel is a pariah, apartheid state."

His position isn't shared by such Jewish groups as Canadian Jewish Congress and Canadian Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center (FSWC).

Len Rudner, Congress' Ontario regional director, wants to give the new resolution process "a chance to work."

Justine Apple

Asked if CJC will file a complaint about QuAIA with Pride this year, Rudner said it would be more appropriate for Kulanu Toronto, which represents Toronto's Jewish gay and lesbian community, to make that call.

Justine Apple, Kulanu's executive director, said her organization is "weighing its options" about whether to file a complaint. "We don't want to continue to fuel their flame," she said, adding that Kulanu "commends Pride on the implementation of the dispute resolution process," which had been sorely lacking.

Last week, FSWC distributed an e-mail bulletin saying that its president and CEO, Avi Benlolo, had met with Rev. Hawkes and was looking forward to "working collaboratively" with him on Pride issues after mistakenly labeling him a QuAIA supporter in previous literature.

FSWC also distributed an open letter to the Jewish community from Rev. Hawkes, in which he declared that he's "neither a member of QuAIA nor have I ever been a supporter of QuAIA. In the past, I have carried both a rainbow flag and an Israeli flag in our church's Pride Parade contingent."

Representatives of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, Congress, FSWC – and others all marched with Kulanu at last year's parade in a show of solidarity against QuAIA.

"This year, we want to stay a little more neutral [politically] and keep Pride about Pride. We want to focus on the celebration," Apple said.

She said Kulanu appreciates the stance Toronto Mayor Rob Ford has taken – he said he won't give city funds to Pride if QuAIA marches again this year – but she declined to comment on the extra $100,000 that the province of Ontario has given to Pride for the parade this year.

Via a Celebrate Ontario Grant, the province is giving Pride $400,000, up from the $300,000 it gave in 2010. The funding announcement came after Pride said was left with a $431,808 deficit after last year's festival.

Pride received $123,807 from the city last year.

Interfaith mission planned

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Vashem and receive debriefings in the evenings led by Rabbi Frydman-Kohl about what was seen and heard on any given day.

Imam Patel said his co-operation with Catholics, Protestants and Jews over the years has been an inspiration.

"In order to take a message of peace over [to Israel] and then return that message back here is the heart of our mission. What better place to go together, to see the places that are sacred to each of us, what better place to go and build a better relationship among Canadians [of all faiths], and return and say we have travelled together and then promote and enhance our existing relationships."

Organizers estimate that once the trip is fully booked, there will be around 100 participants. Attempts are being made to have an equal number of Jewish, Christian and Muslim participants on the voyage.

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Conservative rabbis discuss movement's future

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Ten Canadian Conservative rabbis joined almost 300 of their colleagues at the annual Rabbinical Assembly convention in Las Vegas at the end of March to address perennial existential questions about the movement's prospects.

The agenda was dominated by the future of Conservative Judaism – what it is, where it's headed, and how rabbis can get that message out to the world. But there was little of the grumbling by key Conservative synagogue leaders that reportedly prompted the development and release in February of a new strategic plan to restructure the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ).

Instead, there was energy, and even a little bravado, while criticism was tempered by concern about what lies ahead for what is now the second-largest North American denomination after Reform (although affiliated and non-affiliated Conservative shuls still predominate in Canada).

Rabbi Lionel Moses, spiritual leader of Montreal's Shaare Zion Congregation, told *The CJN* after returning from the conference that the strategic plan "as it is right now, is more a series of objectives and ideals," and that the next stage will involve transforming them into "a pragmatic plan."

Rabbi Philip Scheim

Rabbi Lionel Moses

Rabbi Philip Scheim, of Toronto's Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, said that despite negative press and talk of a Conservative movement in decline, he left the convention impressed by the "charismatic" young leadership who are "committed to maintaining a meaningful presence in the world Jewish scene."

But he noted that there is "a lot of uncertainty" about USCJ, which three Toronto synagogues left a couple of years ago. Beth David is still part of the Conservative synagogue umbrella group.

Rabbi Scheim believes that becoming unaffiliated would be a huge loss for youth in particular, because of United Synagogue Youth (USY), the movement's youth arm. "That on its own justifies affiliation," he said, referring to USY's potentially "life-changing" role in formation of Jewish identity and development of leadership skills.

As well, he added, even if "you're not getting direct return for your dollars... you [affiliate] because you believe in supporting an institution." He likened it to belonging to a synagogue even though High Holiday tickets can be purchased without membership, and non-members can attend Shabbat services.

The convention featured formal discussions among the United Synagogue leadership and key figures among a group of about 50 rabbis who have been pushing for completely overhauling United Synagogue. They call themselves Hayom: Coalition for the Transformation of Conservative Judaism. The talks took place behind closed doors.

Rabbi Moses, whose synagogue left USCJ two years ago for economic reasons, believes that Conservative rabbis in Canada and the United States face "largely" the same issues.

Much of the talk at the convention focused on social networking, and promoting the idea of what Conservative Judaism offers, he said.

"The way we teach Torah is... progressive, and yet holds firm to the tradition."

Rabbi Moses believes that there's "a lot of energy" among Conservative rabbis and lay people, spanning a wide range of ages.

At the same time, he acknowledged, "We may not be as large as we once were. We may not appear to be as strong as we once were. But we are as committed to the type of Judaism that we have been teaching and practising for 100 years as we were when Solomon Schechter came to the United States."

Although there are differences in practice among Conservative congregations, he said that "philosophically and ideologically, there's tremendous agreement" among Conservative rabbis, whether they are from North or South America, Europe or Israel.

With files from JTA

Reform rabbis gather to 'share best practices'

Some congregations have stopped using the word 'members'

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Despite significant differences between the Reform movement in Canada and the United States – including attitudes toward patrilineal descent as a determinant of Jewish status – Toronto's Rabbi Erin Polonsky says the recent convention of the movement's rabbinical body was "extremely relevant" to her colleagues here.

Rabbi Polonsky, of Temple Sinai Congregation, was one of 14 Canadian rabbis who attended the 122nd annual Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) convention, held in New Orleans March 27 to 30. Approximately 500 rabbis took part in the meeting.

Rabbi Steven Garten, spiritual leader of Ottawa's Temple Israel and president of the CCAR's Canadian region, noted that outside Toronto, Reform Judaism in Canada represents "quite a small segment of the Jewish population."

For Canadian rabbis, he said, it's extremely valuable to attend the convention and connect with colleagues from the United States, where Reform is the largest denomination, as well as with colleagues from places such as Israel or Europe, where Reform is a minority, as it is here.

He said that while there are differences with respect to rabbinic practice, colleagues in the United States face the same issues that are important here: Israel, changing family patterns, increasing intermarriage rates among young Jews, and engaging youth.

Rabbi Steven Garten

Rabbi Erin Polonsky

"It's important to listen to how rabbis in other communities are dealing with [issues]."

Of particular interest to him, he learned of almost 10 congregations that have "stopped using the word 'members,'" and have come up with alternative concepts that may have more appeal to younger adults.

"Chabad has no members," he noted. "Shtibls never had members. People come in and avail themselves of the services. You become a member of the community, or a friend of the community."

"We're part of the larger North American movement," said Rabbi Polonsky, who has also worked in the United States. She added that she thinks it's important for American rabbis to be reminded that they don't live in a vacuum.

The convention is not only about issues, she said. "It's also about learning, sharing best practices and programming, hearing about the latest innovations in worship style and resources, and learning from our teachers. It's a really good rejuvenation vehicle."

In New Orleans, Rabbi Polonsky learned about "prayer technology" involving images on screens set up in sanctuaries to enhance prayer. "They call it visual tfillah."

On a broader scale, CCAR members – like their counterparts at the Conservative movement's Rabbinical Assembly convention, which was held at the same time in Las Vegas – discussed the future of their movement.

"The Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist movements are all going through structured processes about where they will go in the future," said Rabbi Garten.

He added that Reform rabbis are very positive about the movement and that there's a great commitment to its underlying principles.

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בטור הקודם הבעתי את פקפוקי לגבי האפשרות שהישראלים ברחבי העולם יוכלו ליצור ארגון גג, זאת לאור מה שראינו כאן בכנס הראשון בינואר השנה, שבו היה נסיון די בוטה לחטוף את האג'נדה למרות ייצוג חלקי ומגמתי.

ענת קורן עורכת העיתון הישראלי "אלונדן" באנגליה הגיבה באלה הדברים:

"נחמד מאוד, אני שמחה שציינת זאת. גם בקונגרס היהודי הראשון ניסו אנשים לרצוח זה את זה, ולמרות זאת המשימה הושגה....." אופטימיות היא מעלה טובה.

"כי אתה בחרתנו"- הצגת חובה

יוכי ברנדס היא סופרת ישראלית מובילה שנולדה וגדלה במאה שערים. היא עזבה את החברה החרדית אך מרבה לכתוב על בעיות דת והלכה. לפני שבועות מספר עלה לבמה בארץ מחזה ראשון שלה שעוסק במה שקורה למשפחה מסורתית לאחר מות האם, כשסוד נורא יוצא לאור. האב שומר מסורת, הבת הבכורה היא דוקטורנטית שמאלנית, הבן הוא רופא שיצא מן הארון ומציג למשפחתו את שותפו לחיים בשלושים למות אמו, והבת הצעירה חיה בהאחזות בשטחים לאחר שחזרה בתשובה. זהו מחזה נוגע ללב בצורה שלא ראיתי כבר זמן רב, ואת העלילה המרתקת מלווה שלישיית זמרים ששרים שירי מסורת שנוגעים בנושא, שמרכזו הוא ההתנגשות בין ההלכה הקרה והצרופה לבין מה שאומר הלב. על פי דרכי אינני מתכונן להסגיר לכם יותר פרטים מן העלילה כדי שלא להרוס את החוויה. יוכי ברנדייס, מתוך בקיאותה בהלכה מציגה את האבסורדים שעלולים להווצר בחייה של משפחה שמנסה לחיות על פי חוקי ההלכה, כשהחיים זורקים עליה בעייה חמורה. ההצגה בתיאטרון הבימה, בבמויו של איציק ווינגרטן עם צוות שחקנים מעולה היא יצירת מופת מרגשת. אם תהיו בארץ- רוצו אוצו. עשר בסולם קורן.

דו"ח גולדסטון- מה יהיה

לפני כשנה וחצי פרסם השופט היהודי הדרום אפריקאי דו"ח מטעם ועדת זכויות האדם של האו"ם שהאשים את ישראל בפשעי מלחמה בעזה בזמן מבצע עופרת יצוקה. במרכז הדברים- הטענה החמורה שצה"ל כוון אש במטרה לפגוע באזרחים. ישראל מחתה נמרצות נגד טענה זו, אך מאחר והחליטה שלא להשתתף בדיוני הועדה ובהצגת ראיות- קיבלו רוב מדינות העולם את מסקנות הועדה כלשונן, דבר שהביא להחמרה רצינית ביחס העולם למדינת ישראל ולבידודה המדיני. דו"ח הועדה קרא לישראל ולחמאס לחקור את התנהגות כוחותיהם. ישראל, בלי קשר לגולדסטון, חקרה יותר מ 400 תקריות בעוד שהמחאס לא חקר דבר. דו"ח החקירה של ישראל הגיע לידי גולדסטון והוא למד ממנו שהטענות שלו נגד ישראל היו מוטעות. לדוגמא- במקרה אחד נטען שצה"ל כוון והרג 29 פלשתינאים, ואילו צה"ל הוכיח שהיתה שם טעות אנוש בנווט מטוס זעיר ללא טייס. לפני כשבועיים פרסם גולדסטון מאמר באחד משני העיתונים החשובים ביותר בארה"ב, ה"וושינגטון פוסט" ובו חזר בו מרוב מסקנותיו ושיבח את ישראל על חקירותיה בעוד הוא מאשים את החמאס בירי מכוון לעבר אזרחים ישראלים.

למרבה הצער, אך כצפוי, הודיעה וועדת האו"ם שלא תשנה את מסקנותיה נגד ישראל. רבים בישראל סבורים שהיתה זו טעות שלא להשתתף בדיוני הוועדה מלכתחילה.

השתלשלות הדברים, למרות שגרמה לגלי שמחה בישראל, מדגישה את מצבה העגום של המדינה בימים שבהם שר החוץ הוא איש ימין קיצוני, והעולם המערבי, כולל מדינות ידידותיות, אינו מאמין שישראל מוכנה לעשות פשרה למען השלום. כשהשלום מוזכר רק בשירי יום העצמאות- יש לנו בעייה גדולה. אבל שישאר בינינו.

שולי נתן בטורונטו

ביום ראשון, ה 15 במאי, תופיע בטורונטו שולי ("ירושלים של זהב") נתן, ולצידה מיקי לוין שלנו. קשה לחשוב על צורה יותר הולמת לחגוג את יום העצמאות. כרטיסים ניתן להשיג בטלפון 4165232305.

From left are Mini Mitzvah Club members Melissa Goldband, Lee Grunberg and Ben, Adam and Jonah at a Puzzlethon for charity. *[Jori Lichtman photo]*

Moms form a mitzvah club

Riva Gold
Special to The CJN

Sometimes a whole season of mitzvot can spring from something as simple as a cup of coffee. Or at least it did for three Toronto moms, who came up with the idea behind the Mini Mitzvah Club one day over coffee at the Second Cup.

"A couple of moms and I were talking, and we wanted to get our kids doing regular mitzvot that we could do with them," said Jori Lichtman, who co-founded the club along with Michelle Porepa and Elana Geller.

"In schools, there were many nice things for our kids to do, but we didn't always get to see that as parents."

In response, they created the Mini Mitzvah Club, a group of young families that meet once a month to do a different mitzvah. "We made a calendar of tangible, simple, low-cost things to do with our kids so that they would understand that they were giving back," Lichtman said.

The club, which was founded last October, has hosted a wide range of events, including a Puzzlethon that raised money for three different charities. "For the Puzzlethon, each kid was given a passport and they got to stamp it for every puzzle they completed," Lichtman said. "When they were done, their stamps were exchanged for loonies, which they could put in a tzedakah box for the hungry, the sick or the homeless."

"After the Puzzlethon, my four-year-old kept telling people about the tzedakah box she chose and what it meant," said Lisa Millstein Sone, a Mini Mitzvah member. "It was wonderful to see that she was getting it, and how happy it made her that she was helping others."

The club has also been involved with Jake's Gigantic Give, which raised money for children with neurodegenerative diseases; the Kavanah Garden, an organic educational garden that models Jewish agricultural laws and environmental ethics, and a holiday gift drive for a women and children's shelter.

"We have a cost filter, a feasibility filter and, most importantly, a mission – simple, tangible mitzvot," said Lichtman. "We don't have to change the world. We just want to get our kids to get the spirit of it and, of course, to have fun."

Lichtman stressed the importance of getting kids involved in mitzvot from a young age. "That core of you starts so early," she said. "We want to instil the notion of mitzvot in them from the get-go, so they know it's a part of life."

Millstein Sone agreed, and hopes that by exposing her kids to the club, they will be inspired to continue giving back to the community as they get older. "They're like sponges at this age," she said. "It's also really great to get the kids involved with a group that pairs something meaningful with something fun, and something that they can connect to and appreciate."

This month, the Mini Mitzvah Club will participate in a Passover food drive in conjunction with the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada.

"We see our role as evolving. We do some things that are homegrown and simple, but we also leverage what other groups are doing and invite our members to join," said Lichtman. The club will be assisting with the sorting and packing of food on April 3 and delivery the following weekend.

The club will also be planting trees in Downsview Park on April 17 to celebrate Earth Day.

"Anyone is welcome to join," said Lichtman. "The beauty of it is that it's very grassroots, very organic. People bring ideas, and if the other parents like it and it's feasible, we try to go for it. There's no membership or commitment requirement, but we have a lot of repeat attendees."

For more information, visit the club's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mitzvahclub or e-mail minimitzvah@rogers.com.

As families gather around the Seder table, they tell the Passover story and embrace the spirit of hope and optimism that has defined the people of Israel throughout the generations. As Liberals, we pledge to continue to stand with Israel, a place where I have lived and worked, and to combat the forces of anti-Semitism and hate, both at home and abroad. **On behalf of the Liberal team I wish you and your family a Chag Sameach.**

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Toronto writer delves into 5,000 years of slavery

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

For Marjorie Gann, slavery is not "just history."

A retired English and English-as-a-second language teacher, she has just co-written a lavishly illustrated book about this "peculiar institution."

Five Thousand Years of Slavery (Tundra Books) reminds readers that the battle for freedom is a never-ending struggle.

And on Passover, which evokes the biblical story of the Israelites chafing under the tyranny of the Pharaohs, this is a particularly poignant theme.

Marjorie Gann

Gann and her co-author and sister, Janet Willen, a writer and editor, were born in the United States and grew up in the 1950s, when America was still steeped in the legacy of slavery.

"We vividly remember travelling down to Florida to visit our grandmother and stopping at gas stations along the way where we saw 'Whites Only' signs on the washrooms and in restaurants," recalled Gann, who has lived in Canada since the late 1960s and has been a member of the jury of the Canadian Jewish Book Awards.

"We even remember seeing a chain gang of black men, all in striped prison uniforms, doing road work under the eye of a white guard holding a whip in his hand," added Gann, who has been deeply influenced by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks' Haggadah, which highlights the message of Exodus. "As you can imagine, that made a powerful impression on us, and ensured our entire family's commitment to the cause of [Rev.] Martin Luther King and the civil rights movement."

Years later, when she was already living in Canada with her husband, a professor of French literature, Gann was shocked to learn that slavery was not merely a mist-shrouded episode in history.

As she put it, "When I organized a speaker for my shul, First Narayever, on the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan, I was saddened to discover that one of the ways the people of Darfur were victimized was through slave raids on their villages."

At around the same time, Gann's sister read an article about slavery in Mauritania and Sudan that left a deep impression.

"The more we read, the more aware we became that slavery is a pressing moral issue today. In terms of sheer numbers, there are actually more slaves in the world today than ever before, anywhere from 12 to 27 million. So that's when we decided to write about slavery."

In researching their book, a wide-ranging survey of slavery covering every conceivable angle, the sisters consulted more than 200 sources. "We unearthed many engaging stories, told by slaves or their owners. So our book doesn't read like a textbook, but instead bears witness to slavery, often through the words of eyewitnesses."

To delve into *Five Thousand Years of Slavery* is to be jolted into the realization of how universal and pervasive it was and still is.

They tell of the captives who built palaces for the rulers of Mesopotamia and Assyria, of the Vikings who raided Scandinavian villages for slaves, of the Arab slave traders who shipped Africans to clove plantations in Zanzibar and of the Chinese girls sold into bondage by their parents.

Excerpt from a 14th-century Haggadah. *[From Five Thousand Years of Slavery]*

"We also discuss the terrible forms slavery takes today," said Gann, the mother of two grown children. "Children slaving at looms in Pakistan or in cocoa farms in Ivory Coast. Women born into lives of domestic toil in Mauritania and, perhaps most surprising to North Americans, workers trafficked into agricultural labour in Florida."

Slavery has always been widespread, Gann observes. "There were few cultures that did not practise some form of slavery, be it perpetual debt bondage, the use of war captives, domestic chattel slavery, forced concubinage or gang slavery in plantations or on construction projects."

Judging by Jeremiah's castigation of his people's failure to free their Hebrew slaves, the ancient Hebrews were not above keeping slaves.

Two passages in the Torah appear to sanction slavery, Gann notes. "Exodus 21:1-2 makes it clear that a temporary form of debt bondage is permitted. In Leviticus 25:40, Hebrews are allowed to keep non-Hebrew slaves in perpetual servitude."

The ownership of slaves transcended ethnicity and geography.

"Arab slave traders trafficked black Africans through the Sahara and across the Indian Ocean. Pacific islanders trafficked other Pacific islanders and white Europeans to work on farms in the Philippines.

"White Europeans trafficked Pacific islanders to do similar work. Native Americans, like the Nootka people of Vancouver Island, captured European sailors and set them to work. And, of course, Europeans sent Africans to the sugar and cotton plantations of the Americas."

During the trans-Atlantic slave trade era, a very small percentage of the traders were American Jews. And in the U.S. southern states, Jews kept slaves. "Any Jew who could afford to own slaves and had a need for their services would do so," the American historian Bertram Korn has written.

Contemporary slavery is a blot on the world's conscience, she says.

In China, political dissidents are dumped into camps resembling Soviet gulags. In Uganda, military groups kidnap youngsters, turning them into child soldiers. Children in Mali are tricked into becoming slaves in Ivory Coast, and in India and Pakistan, children as young as four toil at looms weaving carpets. Latinos in the United States work on farms. Some are held against their will and paid negligible wages.

Though Gann has every right to be pessimistic about the persistence of slavery, she is surprisingly upbeat.

"There is hope for today's slaves," she said. "Two great abolition movements in Britain and the United States in the 18th and 19th centuries made a difference. And today, there is no lack of abolition movements: Anti-Slavery International in Britain, Free the Slaves in the United States and the Kielburger brothers' Free the Children right here in Toronto."

On the eve of Passover, she urges readers to visit the websites of these anti-slavery organizations.

"Passover's message is one of hope, not despair. We are called to remember that we were slaves in Egypt. But remembering isn't enough. As we eat matzah and taste bitter herbs, we should commit ourselves to those still toiling under today's Pharaohs."

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Egyptian Jew recounts her family's exodus

Yosef Tastassa
Special to The CJN

Ethy Lebow was born Esther Anavy in Egypt in 1948.

When she was nine, her family was forced to leave Egypt and flee to Israel.

"The consequences of my life are due to a decision taken by my great-grandfather. At the end of the 19th century my great-grandparents, who were Sephardic Jews, lived in Bulgaria, then a part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire," Lebow said.

"My great-grandfather got an attractive job offer in an Egyptian sugar plant. The whole family moved to Hawamdiyya, a small community near Giza, and lived there for over half of a century."

Ethy Lebow

Lebow describes her childhood in Egypt as pleasant and abundant. The men in the community worked for most of the day in the sugar plant, and the women were housewives who employed servants for housework. It was like living in a British colony, she said.

"We spent the afternoons in the community's country club and also enjoyed other luxurious comforts."

In the village where she was born and raised, there were only five Jewish families, so there was no real Jewish community life, though she remembers celebrating Chanukah and Passover at her grandfather's house.

"Pesach was a paradox to me," Lebow said. "We were celebrating the Exodus of the people of Israel from Egypt in ancient times, while in modern times my family returned to Egypt of its free will."

By the time Lebow was eight, the impending exodus of her family finally came.

In 1956, the United Kingdom, France and Israel attacked Egypt. As a result, the relatively peaceful life of Egyptian Jewry was changed forever.

"I remember that my father was called to the police station. He was told that we had one week to leave Egypt," Lebow recalled.

"Eventually, our family left the village and moved to Cairo and stayed there for a few months. During one of the bombings over the city, I remember hearing one Egyptian threatening to kill every Jew he [saw]. It was scary."

In February 1957, leaving property and memories behind them, the family left Egypt and moved to Israel. They settled in Ashdod, and for the first two months, the family lived in a tin barrack with outhouses. Then they were moved to structures that reminded Lebow of townhouses.

"Don't get me wrong, the so-called townhouses were nothing but a simple structure made of pressed wood. There was running water, washrooms, but no electricity."

"It was quite shocking to leave the comfortable life in Egypt and live in Israel like a refugee. Exactly like the Israelites left Egypt in ancient times and then were refugees in the desert for 40 years. We lived like that for three years until we finally moved to a normal building in 1960," Lebow said.

Lebow joined the Israel Defence Forces in 1966. She served in the armoured corps and was in active service during the Six Day War in June 1967. Afterward, she met Barry, a young Canadian Jew who was a volunteer with the IDF after the war.

"It was very quick and sudden. We fell in love, got married and moved to Canada in 1968. We lived in Toronto near Bathurst and Lawrence," Lebow said. "By the age of 22, I had lived in three different countries and was a mother of a boy and a girl, Ronnie and Stacey. After 27 years of marriage, Barry and I separated and moved [our] own ways." Later in her life, she met Gaston Marks. They were life partners for 12 years. Marks died in 2009.

"I never considered myself as an Egyptian," Lebow said. "Even though I am 43 years in Canada, I see myself as an Israeli. However, when I visit Israel, I say I am Canadian. But above all, I am Jewish, and I'm taking that identity with me anywhere."

Lebow speaks four languages: French, as her mother tongue; Ladino, which was spoken by her grandparents; Hebrew and English. The Arabic she knew as a child is now forgotten.

Since coming to Canada, Lebow has been active in several Jewish organizations, among them the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, ORT and Israel Bonds. In 1976, she joined the Jewish Women International Canada (JWIC) French-speaking chapter, Soleil. She was president of JWIC Toronto in 1994-95.

Her current volunteer activities include raising funds for the Jerusalem Hills Children's Home, an institution in Israel that cares for children who are emotionally disturbed. In Canada, Lebow advocates against domestic violence.

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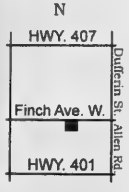

Bat-Mitzvah - Mother of the Bride - Special Occasion

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HAPPY BAKER: Ariel, a nursery student at Gan Netivot's Shaarei Shomayim campus, learned all the intricacies of baking matzah when he and his classmates visited Chabad Lubavitch's Model Matzah Bakery recently in preparation for Pesach.
[Rebecca Ansel photo]

PASSOVER FOOD DRIVE: Daniel Prilik, left, Cole Nefsky, centre, and Ryan Erdman, members of student council at Leo Baeck Day School's Thornhill campus, organized a school-wide Passover food drive. Each day, they collected food from each class and after seven days, they had amassed close to 600 non-perishable food items. The National Council of Jewish Women is distributing the food before the holiday.

ISRAEL 'BUY'COTT: Grade 7 student Jaron Brown, a member of the student council at Associated Hebrew Schools' middle school, helped organize a lunch-hour "buy"cott for Israel in response to the boycott of Israeli products. Students raised $450 in one lunch hour by selling Israeli-made Bissli snacks.

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FAMILY MOMENTS

Mazel Tov
The Canadian Jewish news

Happy ninth birthday, Alex. Mazel tov to your proud parents Heidi & Paul Giannoulis. Love, Bubbie Leanna Starke and Great-Bubbie Trudy Kugelmass.

David & Michelle Winter happily announce the birth of Samuel on March 2! Grandparents, Andy & Ildi Winter, Freddy Fleishman, Renie Kimel-Fleishman, great-grandparents Leon & Miriam Kimel.

Happy first birthday to Jadyn Wener. Love, your parents Jennifer & Joel, Auntie Dara, Uncle David, Bubbie Faigie, Zaide Morris, Grandma Rose, Papa Brian and great-grandparents.

Lisa Goldberg is thrilled to announce the birth of Scarlett Ruth on Dec. 28. Grandparents, Syd & Arlene Goldberg, great-grandmother, Molly Marmelstein.

Suzanne & Mark Gans and Shelah Wimisner are thrilled to announce the engagement of their children Nathalie & Joey, son of the late Evan Berljawsky.

Joanne & Barry Fisher are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Sara to Mark, son of Tita Korytowski, Munich and the late Manfred.

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Friday, April 15

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Beth Tzedec hosts a pre-Pesach Friday Night Live with **Cantor Simon Spiro** and Beth Tzedec Singers. Service 6:30 p.m., dinner following. Adults $29, youths $18, children $6. 416-781-3511.

Saturday, April 16

SHABBAT HAGADOL DRASHAH

Rabbi Moshe Stern, Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, delivers a traditional pre-Pesach Shabbat Hagadol drashah, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 17

WARSAW GHETTO MEMORIAL

The Workmen's Circle marks the 68th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. Guest speaker **Raizel Candib**. Ghetto songs and poems focusing on the life of women in the ghettos and their role in the resistance to German oppression. 11 a.m., Workmen's Circle Centre, 471 Lawrence Ave. W.

ORAYNU AND PESACH

Oraynu Congregation for Humanistic Judaism school and family Passover seder and potluck dinner. Oraynu Children's School, St. Andrew's Jr. H.S., 131 Fenn Ave. 4:45 p.m. Adults $15, students $7, children 4 and under $4. **Roby**, roby@oraynu.org or 416-385-3910 Guests welcome.

Monday, April 18

ORAYNU ADULT SEDER

Oraynu Congregation for Humanistic Judaism first-night adult seder, using Oraynu's *Roots and Branches: A Humanist Haggadah for Passover*. Meal partly catered, partly potluck. 18 Wynford Dr, 6:30 p.m. Non-members $37. Call **Roby**, 416-385-3910, or roby@oraynu.org.

Please note the following deadline: May 2 is the deadline for the May 12 issue. Phone 416-391-1836, fax 416-391-0829, e-mail whatsnewcjn@gmail.com.

Other News

SILVER SIMCHAH

Debbi Silver is retiring, after 23 years with BBYO. Celebration May 3, 6:30 p.m., 4700 Bathurst St. Tickets www.bbyo.ca/fan or **Kevin**, 416-398-2004, ext. 222.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Temple Har Zion's **Rabbi Cory Weiss** studies excerpts from Pirkei Avot Thursdays until June 2. Lunch and Learn, noon-1 p.m. Bring dairy or vegetarian lunch (April 21, only Passover-permitted foods). For more information, call 905-889-2252.

TORAH AND HAFTORAH TROP

Learn to read from the Torah and Haftorah at Beth Tzedec Synagogue from **Lorne Hanick**. Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. until June 29. For those with a good reading knowledge of Hebrew and who want to learn proper cantillation. $20 members, $30 non-members.

JASON SCHWARTZ

Beth Tzedec Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum presents exhibitions by **Jason Schwartz,** *Written on Their Faces: Portraits of Holocaust Survivors* and *Israeli Victims of Terrorism*. Until April 29. Admission free. Call **Dorion Liebgott**, 416-781-3514, ext. 232.

PASSOVER CAMP

Beth Tzedec offers a Passover camp, April 21 and 22, 10a.m.-3 p.m., grades 1-5. $40/day includes a kosher for Passover lunch. Stay until 5 p.m. at additional cost. Call **Jennifer Turack**, 416-781-3514, ext. 231, or jturack@bethtzedec.org.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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ANNUAL HOLOCAUST (REMEMBRANCE) COALITION

would like to inform the community that due to the upcoming election on May 2nd, 2011 the date of the

NATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

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Tuesday, June 14th, 2011 at 3:30pm

National Holocaust Remembrance Day was enacted by the Government of Canada to commemorate the victims of the Shoah, to pay tribute to Canadian Holocaust Survivors, and to emphasize the need for Canadians to learn the lesson of tolerance that lies at the heart of the Holocaust's universal message.

Please save the new date of
Tuesday, June 14th, 2011 at 3:30pm
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YIDDISH THEATRE WORKSHOP

Work with professional director **David Gale** on a play reading in Yiddish of *My Fair Lady (Mein Shayna Maidel)*. Script available in transliteration. No experience necessary. Tuesdays, 7-9p.m. May 3-June 21. $100. Prosserman JCC. Call **Ester Klimitz**, 416-635-2883, ext. 5189, or eklimitz@ujafed.org.

JEWISH AMERICAN SONGBOOK

Musicologist/pianist **Jordan Klapman** and his quartet perform songs by Jewish songwriters. Featuring **Sharon Smith**, **Henry Heillig** and **Glenn Anderson**. Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, April 21, 7:30 p.m. $15/person. 416-633-3838.

YIDDISH VARIETY CONCERT

Friends of Yiddish and the Workmen's Circle present *A Bisl Zun* starring **Michael Smolash**. May 1, 7:30 p.m. Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W., $8 members, $15 guests. **Dale**, 416-926-8618, or ethelcooper30@gmail.com.

BETH TZEDEC SPORTS NIGHT

Beth Tzedec High School Sports Night, Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m. until mid-June. Solid 4 on 4, co-ed ball hockey. $5 drop-in. Call **Andre Ivory**, 416-781-3514, ext. 239, or aivory@beth-tzedec.org.

WOMEN'S HEALTH MATTERS

"Menopause and Beyond," with **Dr. Christine Derzko**, May 4, 7 p.m. Includes question period. Light refreshments. $75. Savoy Party Room, 10 Torresdale Ave. Proceeds to Bat Melech, the only shelter in Israel for observant women and children. **Shelley Birenbaum**, 416-667-7655, or sbirenbaum@sympatico.ca,

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD

Contact **Shawna Sidney**, 416-638-7800, ext. 6215, or www.jfandcs.com.

When Relationships Hurt. April 27, Promenade Mall, Suite 313. 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Living With Teens: Raising Adolescents Without Losing Your Cool. April 27, 7:30-9 p.m. 4600 Bathurst St.

Successful Step-Parenting: for couples living in blended families. April 27, 7:30-9 p.m. 4600 Bathurst St.

FOR SENIORS

Miles Nadal JCC Active Seniors. 416-924-6211, ext. 155, **Phyllis**. Computers for Beginners, Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m, small class of 6. MNjcc Active Seniors' Choir, 55+, Tuesdays, 1-2:30 p.m. Skips April 19 and 26 due to Passover. **Harriet**, ext. 133, or music@mnjcc.org.

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday afternoon socials, bridge, mah-jong, Rummikub. Refreshments $2. Call **Pearl**, 416-638-6317, or **Marcia**, 416-932-1229.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. 55+. **Valerie**, 416-395-7881. May 9, Lunch, Learn and Laugh, noon. May 18, Casino Rama. May 15, Sunday dance. Tuesdays, ongoing acrylic art classes, 10 a.m.-noon, Thursdays, line dancing, 10 a.m., social bridge, 12:30 p.m. Seniors woodworking, skilled craftsmen, repairs, etc. Call 416-630-6487.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell, 416-630-9444.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE, 416-225-2112. Bridge for Beginners, April 17, 10 weeks, 1-3 p.m. Members $60, non-members, $90. Beginners computer classes, Mondays, 2 p.m., 10 weeks, or Tuesdays, 9 a.m., 10 weeks. Members $60, non-members $90. Intermediate computer classes, Wednesdays, 2 p.m., 10 weeks. Members $60, non-members $90. Advanced computer classes, Mondays, 9 a.m., 10 weeks, or Wednesdays, 9 a.m., 10 weeks. Members $60, non-members, $90. Digital photography class, Sundays, 10 a.m., May 15 for 6 weeks. $75. Call **Dianne**, ext. 128.

PROSSERMAN JCC

Sherman Campus, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-638-1881, www.prossermanjcc.com.

Ryerson/Chang lecture series. "Forbidden Desire: The films of Hitchcock and De Palma," with **Kevin Courrier.** April 27-May 25, 1-3 p.m.

Current events, with **Peter Diamant,** Thursdays, 12:45-2:15.

International and Israeli folk dance with **Teme** and **Sandy**. Wednesdays, 10 -11:30 a.m. Drop in fee.

Senior Social Art with **Lil Goldman**. Mondays 1-3 p.m.

Conversations about Conversion – history, challenges and rewards, family, ethnicity and community. Thursdays, 7:30-9 p.m., April 28-June 2.

Hebrew and Jewish Learning. Beginners Reading Hebrew May 3. Taste of the Prayerbook, May 4. Beginners Conversational Hebrew, May 5.

Taste of Judaism. 3-week course. Explore the three pillars of Jewish belief: God, Torah and Israel. May 2-16, 3 weeks, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

MILES NADAL JCC

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Got Shabbat? Shabbat party every Friday, for ages 0-4, with adults. 10-10:45 a.m. No charge.

Shabbat Club, ages 3-6, adult attendance optional. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Send child with nut-free lunch.

Register for both programs, ext. 0. Call **Sarah Brodbar-Nemzer**, ext. 277 or sarahbn@mnjcc.org.

Book launch and reading: *Yuvi's Candy Tree* with author **Lesley Simpson**. ages 3-10 and family. April 22, 10-11:30 a.m. Free. Ext. 277.

Two new Jewish Life programs. Spring ulpan for beginners, May 3-26, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., with **Rachel Stark.** Members $175, non-members $200 + HST. Ext. 154. Also "The Life and Times of Yiddish" with **Prof. Kalman Weiser**, May 5-26. Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m. $48. Ext. 154.

New free monthly support group for adult children of Holocaust survivors. Joint program between Miles Nadal JCC and Baycrest. Call **Harriet Wichin** harrietw@mnjcc.org or **Shoshana Yaakobi**, 416-7 85-2500, ext. 2271, syaakobi@baycrest.org.

Call for submissions: Deadline for submissions for Canadian Jewish Playwriting Competition is June 30. Prizes are a 2012 Between Stages play reading at the MNjcc and $1,000 for the winning playwright. For more information, esthera@mnjcc.org.

Michael Bernstein Chapel. Services Sundays, 8 a.m., Thursdays 7:15 a.m., breakfast following. Call **Coleman Bernstein** for more information, 416-968-0200.

KOFFLER CENTRE OF THE ARTS. 4588 Bathurst St. Contact **Alexandra Sipos-Kocsis,** ext. 4269, akocsis@kofflerarts.org. Info at www.kofflerarts.org.

Fundamentals: Painting in Acrylics. Work from still-life, imagination and photographic references. Mondays until June 6, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. $240+HST.

Contemporary Figure Painting. Beginner and experienced artists explore drawing and painting of the human form. Practise essential techniques, anatomy for artists, and receive individual critique of your work. Tuesdays, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. until June 28. $350 + HST.

Photography for Beginners. Intended for photo enthusiasts who are interested in learning how to take great pictures and acquire a better understanding of photographic principles. Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. until May 31. $200+HST.

What's New is now online. You can find it at cjnews.com

PESACH TELETHON: More than 215 high schools students, together with UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, held a telethon to raise money for the Global Seder to Fight Hunger. The telethon raised $60,000. So far, the Global Seder campaign has raised $142,000 for Jews living in poverty in Toronto, Israel, Cuba and the former Soviet Union.

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OBITUARIES
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BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Barney Altwerger	Mar 29/11	400 Walmer Rd
Ben Clemens	Mar 29/11	1650 Sheppard Ave
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Irving Warsh	Apr 1/11	8641 5th Sideroad
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Steeles Memorial Chapel

Handler, Shifra	March 25/11	3705 Bathurst St
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Herbert Simson	Mar 26/11	484 Steeles Ave W
Claire Gellman	Apr 1/11	79 Dunnfield Ave

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CHOROWICZ, Helen - On Sunday, March 27, 2011. Helen Chorowicz, dear sister and sister-in-law of Jack and Lyla. Dear aunt of Alex, and Anita. Helen will be sorely missed by her family and friends. A service was held on Thursday, March 31, 2011. For additional information, kindly contact Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel at 416- 663-9060.

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Lumet directed *Network, Serpico*

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LOS ANGELES — Director Sidney Lumet, who started his career as a child actor in the Yiddish theatre and whose films examining social justice in America stand as hallmarks of his craft, has died.

Lumet died last Saturday of lymphoma at his New York home. He was 86.

His parents were veterans of the Yiddish stage: father Baruch Lumet was an actor and director, and mother Eugenia Wermus was a dancer. In later years, Sidney Lumet attributed his films' emphasis on conscience and struggle for justice to his Jewish upbringing.

Sidney Lumet

Moving with his parents from one New York borough to another, often in antisemitic neighborhoods, the small-statured Sidney learned at an early age to fend for himself.

One of his early acting gigs was in Ben Hecht's 1946 pageant, *A Flag Is Born*, which rallied American public opinion in support of a Jewish state in Palestine.

After serving as a U.S. Army radar repairman in Burma and India during World War II, Lumet got his start in television and hit it big with his first feature film, *12 Angry Men*. The 1957 movie, starring Henry Fonda as a hold-out juror, earned Lumet the first of five Oscar nominations.

During a 50-year career, Lumet directed 43 feature films and hundreds of television episodes. Among them were such memorable movies as *Long Day's Journey into Night, Dog Day Afternoon, Serpico, The Verdict* and *Running on Empty*.

In 1976, his movie Network, about a disaffected TV news anchor, immortalized the phrase "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take this anymore."

Lumet repeatedly returned to Jewish themes and characters, first in The Pawnbroker, about a haunted Holocaust survivor; followed by Bye Bye Braverman, about Jewish intellectuals in New York; Daniel about the Julius and Ethel Rosenberg spy case, and A Stranger Among Us, unfolding in a chassidic community.

Most of his films were set and filmed in New York City. He didn't hate Hollywood, but disliked the studio system and avoided what he described as "a company town," adding "there is no real world there outside of filming."

Lumet was admired for bringing in his films on schedule and under budget by carefully rehearsing his actors for weeks in advance and then wrapping up the actual shooting in one or two takes.

Lumet was eulogized as "the last great movie moralist," and by fellow New Yorker Woody Allen, who observed, "Knowing Sidney, he will have more energy dead than most live people."

Reena Community Residence an unprecedented model of inclusivity

New facility to open its doors on Lebovic Campus in spring, 2012

By Daniel Horowitz

The Reena Community Residence, the largest and most significant project undertaken by Reena in its history, is proof positive that the world has changed for the better, with people with disabilities included in mainstream society like never before.

Expected to open its doors in the spring of 2012, the Reena Community Residence, located on Vaughan's Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Jewish Community Campus, will take inclusion to a whole new, unprecedented level.

"Together, Reena and UJA Federation have built strong committees to oversee every aspect of the building and programs which will take place in the Reena Community Residence," says Sandy Keshen, President & CEO of Reena. "The residence will be an 80,000 sq. ft. building that provides housing and support for up to 84 people. Individuals from Circle of Care, Jewish Family & Child, as well as Reena will include the frail elderly, those with mental health and/or developmental disabilities, young adults, women and children fleeing abuse and families with a member requiring support."

Reena and the Reena Foundation have undertaken fundraising for the project, $9 million of which will be allocated for capital, and $9 million for an endowment fund for the future needs of the Reena Community Residence.

An architectural rendering of the Reena Community Residence, located on Vaughan's Joseph & Wolf Lebovic Jewish Community Campus.

"This new residence is an enormous step forward in acceptance of people with disabilities in our community," says Leon Kieselstein, Chair of the Reena Foundation. "It is so heart-warming to see the positive community response to our campaign, and we appreciate where we are to date, but more needs to be done."

To date, Reena has also received grants and commitments of $9.6 million from all four levels of government, as well as almost $5 million towards the Reena Foundation Building Campaign, thanks to the efforts of Tobie Bekhor and Irving Feldman, co-chairs of the Capital Fundraising Committee.

"We are proud and excited to welcome the Reena Community Residence onto the Lebovic Campus," says Ted Sokolsky, President & CEO, UJA Federation. "The residence will allow easy access to a myriad of recreational, cultural and educational programs."

The Reena Community Residence will also be open to the broader community on campus. The Max & Ruth Leroy Holocaust Remembrance Garden, the Neshama Garden, the Greenhouse and the main floor multi-purpose area will welcome youth groups, environmental clubs and others for programs after school hours and on weekends.

For more information, call Reena at 905.889.6484.

Jewish students meet Israeli Apartheid Week head-on

By Leigh Brown

Jewish students across the country are relieved as this year's Israel Apartheid Week (IAW) faded away with IAW events poorly attended and IAW promoters receiving little attention for their cause.

"This year's Israel Apartheid Week showed very clearly that extremism and hatefulness are not effective methods of engaging with a wider student community," said Emile Scheffel, a 4th year student at Ottawa's Carleton University.

But the whimpering presence of IAW can be attributed, in good measure, to a coordinated multi-pronged, multi-dimensional, year-round counter-campaign, organized and implemented by CIJA (Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy) and Hillel of Greater Toronto.

While IAW organizers focused their energy on promoting their anti-Israel agenda, students across the country came together to portray the real face of Israel, through engaging local programs and the support of national initiatives, such as Size Doesn't Matter (SDM) and Truth in Context.

The SDM campaign, launched in February, 2010, is a multifaceted program that uses social media, campus giveaways, videos and an interactive blog to spotlight Israel beyond the conflict. This year alone Size Doesn't Matter distributed over 60,000 promotional items on campuses across the country and hosted several events.

Participants enjoy Hillel of Greater Toronto's Layla Lavan (White Night) event.

Each day SDM posts articles and videos on topics such as the newest Israeli hotspots, advancements in Israeli technology and celebrity visits to Israel.

"SDM has a huge following among the campus demographic and is currently the most popular Jewish student advocacy initiative in North America, with over 6,000 'likes' on Facebook," says Jay Solomon, CIJA's Manager of Campus Advocacy

Truth in Context, by contrast, is a campaign that directly challenges the most prominent distortions propagated by IAW organizers and their supporters. Throughout the year "truth cards" were distributed on campus, drawing students to an interactive website where they could distinguish fact from propaganda on Middle East issues.

Hillel of Greater Toronto successfully spotlighted different dimensions of Israel through Layla Lavan (White Night) - an all-night celebration of Israeli creativity, art and fashion, attended by 500 people.

"Layla Lavan gave students from a variety of religious and ethnic backgrounds an opportunity to see Israel in a completely different light," said Eyal Melamed, a 3rd year student at York University. "We got to hear about Israeli products, crafts and travel opportunities. It was a fabulous event, completely focused on the beauty that is Israel."

Israel, antisemitism key issues in Thornhill

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Environment Minister Peter Kent could face a tough fight in Thornhill from high-profile candidate Karen Mock as the Liberals try to retake a riding that Kent won in 2008 but had been a Liberal stronghold since its creation 11 years earlier.

The Jewish population makes up an estimated 37 per cent of the district's 131,000 residents, making the suburban riding only one of two in the country – the other being Mount Royal in Montreal – with a Jewish plurality.

Kent, a former TV newscaster, beat sitting Liberal MP Susan Kadis by more than 5,000 votes in 2008, a result that many observers interpreted as an endorsement by local Jewish voters of the Conservative government's strong pro-Israel stance.

In addition to Kent and Mock, Green candidate Norbert Koehl and NDP candidate Simon Strelchik are also hoping to represent the riding, which is bounded by Highway 400 in the west, Rutherford Road and Highway 7 in the north, Steeles Avenue in the south and Highway 404 in the east.

Mock – who said she was approached by members of the riding association and the party to become the Liberal standard-bearer after Kadis decided not to run again – stressed that she has devoted her life's work to the Jewish community.

A former president of Canadian Friends of Haifa University and a former national director of the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada, Mock criticized the boycott divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel, saying it's based on propaganda.

"We all just have to work harder to… support Israel and help people understand that they really are being duped," she said.

From left, Peter Kent, Norbert Koehl, Karen Mock

Mock said events such as Israeli Apartheid Week (IAW) on Canadian campuses lead to "antisemitic activity."

"We have to work harder with all the security forces on all campuses to ensure that it is a safe place to be" for Jewish and pro-Israel students, but, she added, "I'm not one of those who would advocate a ban."

Kent called the BDS campaign "hateful."

"It is essentially a campaign against the legitimacy of the State of Israel and the legitimacy of the Jewish People to defend that state," he said.

IAW, he added, is "intellectually dishonest," and "a very selective, hateful isolation of Israel without recognition of the fact that Israel is the only full democracy in the Middle East."

Koehl, general manager of Stonemill Bakehouse Ltd., an organic bakery, said that the BDS movement and events such as IAW are "not necessarily the best way to approach this type of an issue.

"I think a lot of people are adversely affected by such a campaign, and I think there are probably better approaches to the situation. It's a very complex issue, and I think it perhaps oversimplifies the issue and leads to a lot of hardships for everyday people," Koehl said.

Regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Mock said she supports a two-state solution and "will always stand up for the right of Israel to defend itself, and we will work very hard to make sure that the infrastructure is in place for a secure and lasting peace."

Mock said Canada "previously enjoyed a worldwide reputation as a facilitator and mediator, a credible diplomatic leader… Sadly, that has been lost over the last few years."

But Kent said he was troubled by wording in Liberal campaign literature that says there should be a "principled compromise to the search for a solution in the Middle East."

"To me that sounds ominously similar to the sort of flawed moral equivalence [between Israel and] those countries that would destroy Israel," he said.

"We've invested mightily in the Palestinian Authority on the justice side – to create an effective national police force to bolster the justice system and to help write a new criminal code which would allow the PA to administer an eventual independent state peacefully coexisting with Israel," Kent said.

"Canada has always supported a negotiated two-state solution. We have engaged with both sides."

Koehl said that the Green position on the Israeli-Palestinian issue "is that we should have increased dialogue. We're suggesting to appoint a neutral third party that does not have a vested interest with either side and just get the whole peace negotiation process started again and have some real progress… By getting all sides to the table again, I think it would be a good first step."

Mock, a teacher and educational psychologist specializing in multicultural and anti-racist education, said the increase of hate crimes against Jews in York Region is an issue that needs to be addressed "forcefully."

According to a York Regional Police report released last month, hate crimes targeting the Jewish community in York Region more than doubled in 2010 over 2009.

Mock said that she "would like to see the social science and humanities research grants that used to be given out… to do better research on hate crime and antisemitism… reinstated."

Kent, a member of the Inter-Parliamentary Coalition for Combating Antisemitism, said that "Canadians realize that [antisemitism] is a corrupting influence on Canadian society and it needs to be resisted and prosecuted at every opportunity.

"The police are now better educated in terms of identifying and knowing how to prosecute them than at any time in the past."

Koehl said the community needs to be more aware of the issue.

"By creating more awareness in the community, people will be more willing to step forward and speak up and get the police involved to punish the people that are doing this," he said. "We need to dedicate more resources from the police to investigate these situations and really get to the root cause."

When it comes to Thornhill's seniors, Mock said they're "not better off now than they were five years ago," but she's encouraged by the Liberal platform concerning family and seniors.

"It's about ensuring that there not be an increase in taxes… but that money should go toward families that are helping seniors, pension reform… bringing up the income levels of our most vulnerable."

Kent said Thornhill is a "community of many communities" and the aging population must be supported like any other.

The Conservative platform promises eligible seniors additional annual benefits, and it puts $10 million towards volunteer and mentorship programs, and eliminates mandatory retirement for federally regulated employees.

Koehl said he supports employment insurance benefits being granted to people who have to take time off to care for aging parents. "It will allow the aging family members to stay in their homes and increase their quality of life."

NDP candidate Strelchik did not return *The CJN*'s request for an interview.

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Israeli-Canadians talk Election 2011

Yosef Tastassa
Special to The CJN

Comment

For some Israelis who are eligible to vote in Canada, the coming federal election will be their first voting experience outside of Israel.

More than 50,000 Israelis have immigrated to Canada since Israel was established, most of them to the Greater Toronto Area. The majority arrived during the 1980s, but another immigration wave began in 2000, when the second Palestinian intifadah broke out.

Most of the Israelis are proud of having the right to vote in their new homeland, and for them it's a basic privilege of citizenship that they're about to fulfil.

Some feel strange about the fact that they're about to vote for a Canadian candidate. They used to vote in Israel as Israeli citizens, and their considerations were mainly a party's approach toward the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the Israeli economy, and the relationship between secular and observant Jews.

The CJN interviewed a number of Israeli-Canadians for this story, all of whom wished to remain anonymous.

They expressed hesitancy about allowing their names to be published for two main reasons: a belief that one's political opinion is a private matter and that their comments might unduly influence other Israeli-Canadian voters, as well as the concern that they might mistakenly be perceived as more loyal to their homeland nation than to their adopted country.

The following is a summary of their thoughts on the May 2 election.

All the Israeli-Canadians interviewed said unanimously that their primary concern is a candidate's approach toward the State of Israel and toward the local Israeli and Jewish communities. A candidate, they said, who stands beside Israel in the global arena and expresses understanding of the needs of the local Israeli and Jewish communities will probably get an Israeli-Canadian's vote.

Israeli-Canadians are also very concerned about the global campaign to delegitimize Israel. They think they should vote for a party that supports the cause of a secure Israel, living with pride and peace among its neighbours.

Some of the Israeli-Canadians interviewed have lived in Canada for more than 40 years. Yet their identity is somewhat split, and they see themselves as both Israeli and Canadian. By voting for a candidate that supports Israel, the Israelis believe they're fulfilling their duty to Israel and the Jewish People.

When asked about other voting considerations aside from Israel and the local Jewish community, their key issues include a strong economy, improving the health care system and education, among others.

The Israelis are a community of immigrants. Most of them have to start their professional lives over from the beginning, which is why the economic issue is a top priority. A candidate who can improve the labour market, business opportunities and pull the country out of the recession is someone they will consider seriously. To Israelis in Canada, Jewish education is very important, and to some it's a top priority. Private Jewish education is expensive, and they hope for more government support in this regard.

Asked which parliamentary system they prefer, Canadian or Israeli, all interviewees commented on how, to them, the political system in Israel is very unstable and that the Israeli prime minister has to deal more with the survival of his ruling coalition than with implementing his policies and moving the country forward. In that regard, they find the Canadian system better.

The ballot boxes are carted out in Jerusalem for the 2003 general elections. Some of the Israelis who voted in that election may now be voting in the upcoming federal election here. ***[Israel Sun file photo]***

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Volpe hopes to fend off Tory challenger

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

MP Joe Volpe, the Liberal who has held the riding of Eglinton-Lawrence since 1988, thinks his constituents are ready for a new prime minister.

"I'm always cautious, but I think that my constituents are looking to get rid of [Prime Minister Stephen] Harper, and they see me as a way to get that done," said Volpe, a former cabinet minister who is running once again against Conservative candidate Joe Oliver, as well as first-time Green Party candidate Paul Baker. As of *The CJN*'s deadline, the NDP candidate, Justin Chatwin, had not returned calls for comment.

From left, Paul Baker, Joe Oliver, Joe Volpe

Eglinton-Lawrence is bordered in the north by Highway 401, in the south by Eglinton Avenue West, in the east by Yonge Street, and in the west by the CN line. According to the 2006 census, the riding's population is about 110,000, and 39 per cent of the residents are immigrants. About 17 per cent are Jewish and 11 per cent Italian.

The average family income is $162,855, third-highest in Canada, and the unemployment rate is 5.6 per cent.

The riding has been held by the Liberals since its creation in 1979, although Volpe only defeated Oliver by slightly more than 2,000 votes in 2008, after besting a different Tory candidate by 12,000 votes in 2006.

An educator who was brought up in Toronto, Volpe said that his party's position on Israel is that it has a right to exist within borders that are internationally recognized and defended.

"Israel's values are our values, and those values are Judeo-Christian. We have the same basis in culture, religion and politics. We don't always agree, but we have the same democratic values. Israel is our window on the dynamics in the [Middle East]. Antisemitism has insidious ways of eating away at that friendship."

He noted that Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff spoke on the issue of antisemitism at the second annual conference of the Inter-parliamentary Coalition for Combating Antisemitism (ICCA), held last year in Ottawa.

As well, he said, at the conference of the Inter-parliamentary Committee for Combating Antisemitism (ICCA), held in London, England, in February 2009, the Liberal party sent the largest group of all parliamentarians.

"As a movement, antisemitism needs to be fought vigorously," he said.

Volpe said he's happy that Bill C-442, An Act to Establish a National Holocaust Monument, was enacted into law just before the government fell. "It took entirely too long for something that had unanimous consent from the House. Such a monument is not only important to Holocaust survivors. It is important to everyone. It is of national significance."

Oliver, an investment banker, said he has gotten a positive response from constituents. "More and more people are volunteering for the campaign, and people are welcoming us at the door."

He said that Israel is an important issue in the riding, and "Canada has consistently voted against attempts to criticize Israel in international organizations. The prime minister stands out as a beacon in his support and in his stand against one-sided criticism."

Harper's government is very concerned about hate crimes, Oliver added, "and Canadians can count on them to defend human rights and oppose antisemitism, because that is the right thing to do."

He said the government is also conscious of the dangers of communities at risk, and, in that vein, through Public Safety Canada, has pledged an additional $1.6 million annually for security upgrades at nonprofit institutions such as community centres and places of worship.

Baker, the Green candidate, said he's found constituents frustrated that there is another federal election. "They understand why, but the appetite just isn't there."

His party's position on Israel is that it has a right to exist within recognized borders and that it should enjoy peace and security similar to the peace and security felt by Canada and the United States, said Baker.

All Canadians deserve to be protected against hate crimes, he said. "No one is on the wrong side of the fence. No one should be elevated, and everyone should be protected."

He said he'd like to see the government spend more on teaching youth that hate crimes are not acceptable. "Hate is a learned thing. There is no reason for such behaviour in a forward looking society such as ours."

He is also happy about the passing of Bill C-442. "People should never forget or lose sight of the Holocaust, and again that takes us back to education. We cannot ignore such events. It is worrisome that one group could be blamed for society's problems."

Advance polling dates

Monday, May 2, is voting day for the federal election.

For those unable to get to a polling centre on that day, Elections Canada has set up three advance voting days for Canadians: Friday, April 22; Saturday, April 23; and Monday, April 25.

As a result, observant Jews wishing to exercise the advance voting option will have only Friday, April 22, before sundown, to vote. Monday, April 25, is a yom tov. Advance polls will be open from noon to 8 p.m. local time. Elections Canada will publish the addresses of advance polling stations on April 18.

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MP fights back against attack on her age

Myron Love
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Anita Neville, the sitting Liberal MP for Winnipeg South Centre, has started the defence of her seat with a counterattack against Conservative charges that she's "past her expiry date."

The statement, which some considered to be a slur against older people, was issued on the opening day of the campaign by Winnipeg MP Shelley Glover (Conservative-St. Boniface). Glover later rejected calls to apologize, saying she wasn't referring to the 68-year-old Neville's age but to her performance as an MP.

"It's typical of the Conservative party when they don't have anything real or substantive to say to resort to name-calling and personal attacks," said Neville, Western Canada's only Jewish MP and a strong supporter of Israel. "It's typical of the party and of Shelley."

Neville added that she's been hearing a lot of jokes about the remark on the campaign trail. "I was visiting a seniors group, and a 97-year-old woman asked me if I was past my expiry date," she said.

The governing Conservatives have been targeting Winnipeg South Centre for the past three elections without success, and the odds of Neville going down to defeat this time are slim.

In addition to her own constituency work, there are two factors working strongly in her favour. First, the riding has been solidly Liberal ever since it was created in 1987. Former foreign minister Lloyd Axworthy represented Winnipeg South Centre from 1987 until his retirement in 2000.

Neville, a longtime chair of Winnipeg School Division No. 1, was first elected to Parliament in the riding in 2000. She easily won re-election in 2004, 2006 and 2008. The closest contest was the last one, when she beat Tory candidate and popular former Winnipeg Blue Bomber Trevor Kennard by just over 2,000 votes.

Another factor that's likely to make Neville's re-election relatively easy is the disarray in Winnipeg South Centre's Conservative ranks.

The Tories had nominated Raymond Hall, a former airline pilot, to carry the party colours a couple of years ago. But he quit the race on the eve of the election. His last-minute replacement is Joyce Bateman, who had been a Liberal until just recently and who, like Neville, has served as a Winnipeg school trustee.

The riding has 59,444 voting-age residents, with pockets of significant Jewish population.

There's one other Jewish candidate running in Winnipeg: Alon Weinberg is carrying the Green Party banner in Kildonan St.Paul, a riding that incorporates the West Kildonan and Garden City neighbourhoods, which still have a Jewish population of a couple of thousand.

The northwest Winnipeg riding was created in 2004 and has been won handily by Conservative Joy Smith in the past three elections.

Smith is a member of the Canada-Israel Parliamentary Group, and also belongs to the Ukrainian-Canadian Parliamentary Group, and she recently lent her voice to the campaign by the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association opposing a stand-alone Holocaust gallery at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, now under construction in Winnipeg.

Weinberg is the founder of the AdaMah'nitoba Project, a Jewish ecology group. He has a profile in the Jewish community as a peace activist and a strong interest in studying Jewish and other spiritual traditions.

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Corporate funding will send Markham councillor to Israel

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Markham councillor Howard Shore will indeed take part in an upcoming civic business trip to Israel, but corporate sponsors will pick up the tab after the municipality refused to pay.

The Town of Markham is scheduled to send a delegation of councillors and business leaders to the Israel Life Science Industry Biomed conference in Tel Aviv from May 20 to 29.

Last month, Markham's town council voted to add Shore, councillor for Ward 2, to the trip, citing his familiarity with the country and his Jewish heritage.

However, Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti later persuaded council to overturn its decision to add Shore, citing the need to be fiscally responsible by keeping trip expenses to a minimum.

Howard Shore

Shore told *The CJN* last week that he's looking forward to the trip and that the businesses taking part in it will cover his travel expenses.

Council had originally approved the trip with a $29,000 budget cap to allow Scarpitti, Counc. Carolina Moretti, who chairs Markham's economic development committee, and the town's manager of special projects in economic development to travel to Israel.

Paying for Shore would have added $6,000 to the municipality's costs.

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Vancouver Jewish Men's Choir in full voice

Lauren Kramer
Pacific Correspondent

VANCOUVER — When Ivan Lindi arrived in Vancouver, the South African native found himself missing the Johannesburg Jewish Male Choir. Rather than indulge in prolonged nostalgia, he partnered with Cantor Yaacov Orzech and the two began the Vancouver Jewish Men's Choir in 1999.

"Just before we started the choir, I was asked to sing at the wedding of a friend's daughter," Lindi recalls. "I managed to get eight guys together, we sang the old South African Jewish wedding service and they absolutely loved it. So when we had the idea for the choir, I approached those same guys and they came on board. Within a couple of weeks we had 26 members!"

Weekly rehearsals followed, and over the years that followed, the Vancouver Jewish Men's Choir has performed at numerous annual charitable concerts. Today its music director is Cantor Stan Shear, a chazzan for the past 25 years and a trained musician with a licentiate in music.

Shear leads a group of 15 men through songs in Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino and Russian, all based on Jewish themes. The choir is currently rehearsing for a concert at Vancouver's Temple Shalom in June, and is looking for new members to increase its numbers to 25.

"I think our singers get a lot out of being in the choir," Shear says. "It's a means of self-expression and they enjoy the weekly evening rehearsals. The concerts give them an outlet as well, because you have to perform to get pleasure out of what you do."

Syd Goldberg, a Winnipegger who came to Vancouver eight years ago, says his participation in the choir since 2004 has helped foster friendships and introduced him to a talented team of singers.

"There's an excellent camaraderie in the choir," he says. Two recent highlights for the choir were the opportunity to sing primary backup for Cantor Sol Zim last year at the River Rock Show Theatre, and performing with the Italian and Chinese folk choirs at the Michael J Fox Theatre in Burnaby, BC.

"Like any group, people come and go," Goldberg says. "We're open to men who can sing tenor, bass, baritone or alto, and we're trying to let people know we're out there – a volunteer choir group that rehearses Monday evenings and has a good time."

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Shoah Week to honour Righteous Gentiles

Myron Love
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Winnipeg's Jewish community has planned several programs for Shoah Week, from May 1 to 6, with an emphasis on remembering people with a Winnipeg connection who risked their lives to save Jews during the war.

The week's remembrance programs begin with the annual Holocaust memorial service at Congregation Etz Chayim in Winnipeg's North End.

For years, the well-attended service was held at the Bnay Abraham Synagogue, where Rabbi Peretz Weizman, the congregation's spiritual leader and a Holocaust survivor, had created a memorial to the Shoah. With the merger of the Bnay Abraham with two other north Winnipeg congregations in 1992, the memorial and the service were moved to the new congregation – Etz Chayim – which resulted from the merger. (Rabbi Weizman has since moved to Toronto.)

On Sunday, May 1, a more recent tradition continues with the reading at the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue of the Megillat Hashoah, a 90-minute service centred around a new megillah whose goal is to create a sacred ritual that will memorialize the Holocaust long after living witnesses are no longer among us.

Megillat Hashoah was Toronto Holocaust survivor Alex Eisen's idea. He persuaded the Rabbinical Assembly to produce it in partnership with the Schechter Institute in Jerusalem. Eisen campaigned to raise the money for the new megillah, which was published in 2003. It was first read in Winnipeg in 2008.

The scroll, divided into six chapters, tells the story of the Holocaust – through a series of first-person accounts – from the Nazis' arrival, the ghetto experience, life in a concentration camp, the death camps and finally the rebirth of the survivors in Israel and the West.

On Monday, May 2, B'nai Brith is organizing its annual reading of names of Holocaust victims with families in Winnipeg. That is followed by the annual public Holocaust commemoration in front of the Holocaust memorial on the grounds of the Manitoba Legislature. In the evening, Yiddish singer Jane Enkin and the North End Jewish Folk Choir will perform music from the ghettos.

On Tuesday, May 3, a seniors Holocaust program takes place, and on Wednesday, May 4, there will be a program organized by Machon Madrichim, a young leadership group based out of the Gray Academy.

The new program for Shoah Week, Survivors and Heroes, is scheduled for Thursday, May 5. "We are excited about this new program," says Shelley Faintuch, Shoah Week's co-ordinator. "We are going to have survivors telling us about how they were saved. We are also going to be honouring three Righteous Gentiles with connections to Winnipeg."

Anje van Tongeren

Anje van Tongeren risked her life to help the Jewish people in her native Holland escape the Holocaust by forging documents for them. She was eventually captured and sent to a Nazi prison camp. She survived and made her life in Winnipeg after the war.

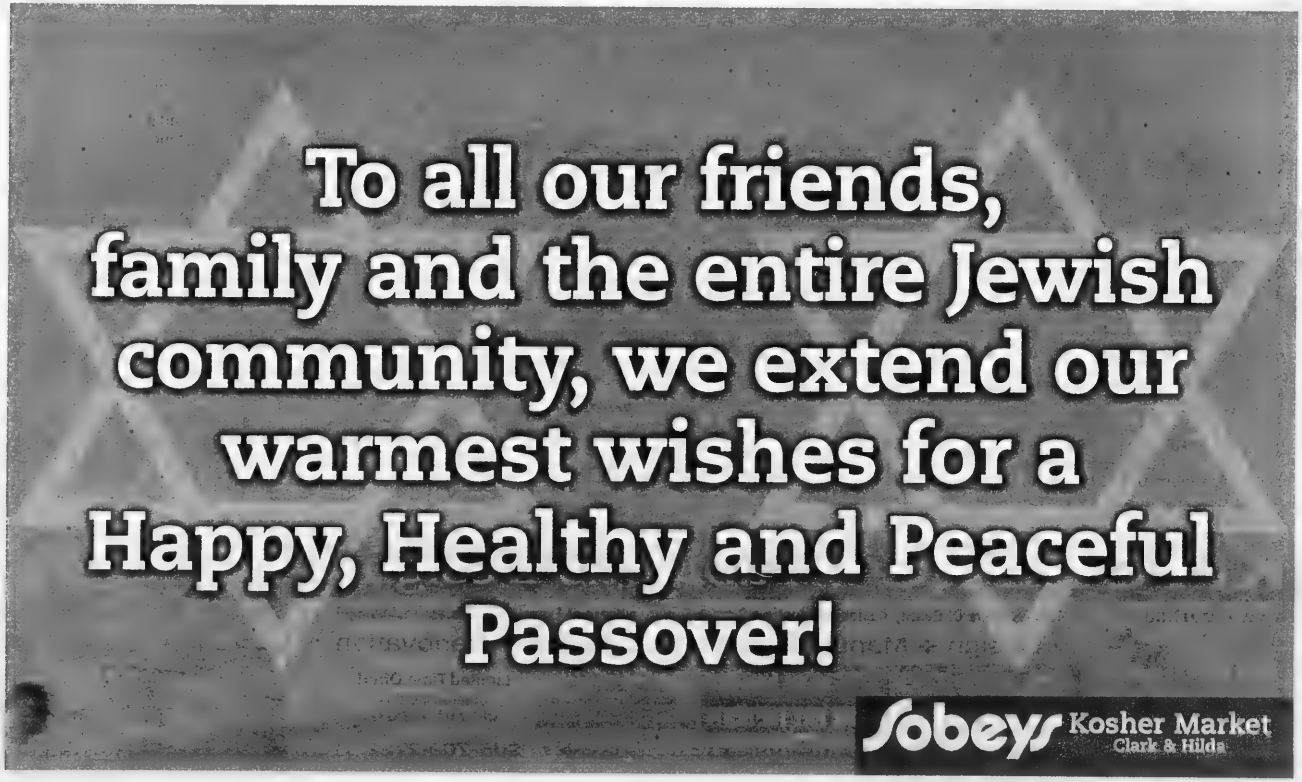
Katy Simons was born in Holland, the daughter of a Jewish father and a Mennonite mother. During World War II, she and other family members risked their lives to save Jews. The Germans imprisoned Simons, and after six weeks, her mother managed to barter her release by giving a Nazi officer a handcrafted doll.

Simons later trained in England to become a nurse and came to Manitoba in 1961 to work at the Ninette tuberculosis sanitorium. In 2002, Simons was recognized as Righteous Among the Nations by the Israeli government for her war efforts on behalf of Jewish people. She died in 2005 at the age of 94.

Blessed Father Emilian Kowcz was a Greek Catholic Parish priest in Peremyslany in Ukraine. An opponent of both the Communists and the Nazis, he worked to save many Jews in his town before he was imprisoned in Maidanek, where he died. His connection to Winnipeg is his grandson, Father Taras Kowch, who is a priest in a community outside of Winnipeg.

The Survivors and Heroes program is being co-sponsored by the Holocaust Education Centre and the Holocaust Awareness Committee.

For more information about Shoah Week, e-mail Shelley Faintuch at sfaintuch@jewishwinnipeg.org or call 204-477-7400.



Winnipeg CJA campaign sets fundraising record

Myron Love
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — With the final results now tallied, the 2010-2011 Winnipeg Combined Jewish Appeal campaign has set a new fundraising record.

"We raised $5.4 million (compared to $5.3 million in each of the two preceding campaigns)," said CJA executive director Elaine Goldstine.

"And we did it despite the loss of $260,000 from a number of donors who either passed away or moved out of town. We had a lot of donors increase their contributions. We had a 21 per cent increase in donations from the 25-to-45 age group. And our women's philanthropy campaign raised $1.275 million, a 32 per cent increase from last year," she said.

"We are very please that the allocations committee will be able to distribute over $100,000 more to our agency partners."

As has been the pattern for the past few years, 30 per cent of the CJA total has been earmarked for Israel-based projects.

Winnipeg remains the only community in North America that continues to have a two-line card, whereby donors can indicate how much of their gifts they want to allocate to local needs and how much to Israel.

Goldstine said the 2011-2012 campaign is scheduled to kick off on Sept. 11.

"We are still in the process of discussing our plans and goals," she said.

However, last year, CJA organizers decided to establish a long-term goal of $6.5 million for the 2012-2013 campaign – rather than setting a new goal each year – by encouraging donors to increase their gifts by a minimum 25 per cent a year.

Donors are also being encouraged to contribute to support the community's year-old Securing Our Future campaign by endowing gifts to the CJA through the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

Howard and Hope Morry, the co-chairs of last year's campaign, are continuing on in their roles for 2011-2012. Both are longtime community leaders. Howard also chaired the campaign 11 years ago, while Hope co-chaired the CJA Women's Division campaign with Tova Vickar nine years ago.

Also returning for a third year in a row is Marcia Cosman as Women's Division chair. Cosman is a third-generation community leader. She's been a CJA canvasser for more than 25 years and joined the CJA's management team four years ago.

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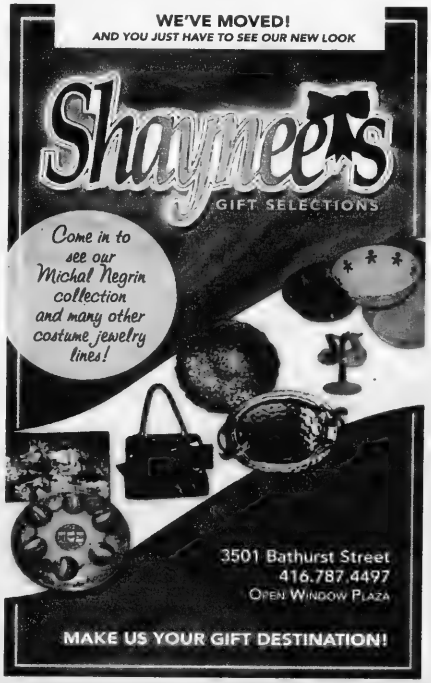
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Shul library going strong after 50 years

Diane Koven
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — The Malca Pass Library was recognized for its excellence as it celebrated its golden anniversary here last week.

Established by Agudath Israel Synagogue 50 years ago, the library is named in memory of the late Malca Pass, who was a tireless volunteer with the synagogue's sisterhood.

At a reception at the synagogue on April 5, Estelle Gunner, organizer of the anniversary event, announced that the library had received notice this week of the renewal of its advanced accreditation by the American Association of Jewish Libraries in recognition of its excellent collection and its professional operation, a rare honour for synagogue libraries.

Judy Pass Kronick

"This award is a tribute to past librarians," Gunner said, as she listed those who had served: Leah Schnitzer, Esther Kaiman, Ruth Poplove, Frieda Luaterman, Donna Guttman and current librarian, Jack Schecter.

A display of memorabilia from the library's half-century contained photographs of past librarians, programs from various events, lists of books that have been reviewed at the library's book club and copies of articles of interest. Over 100 people attended the celebration to reminisce about the early days of the library and its growth and success over the years.

Judy Pass Kronick, daughter of the late Malca Pass, spoke on behalf of her family. "Richard, Harriet and I must commend you on your diligence in keeping the library in our mother's name for 50 years," she said.

Over the years, the library has been supported by the synagogue, endowment funds and donations. In its early years, the Hillel Academy of Ottawa day school was housed in the synagogue, and the Malca Pass Library served its students as well as adults. When the library moved to a new, larger space in 1986, the children's collection was donated to Ottawa Hebrew schools and to the Greenberg Families Library at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre.

The Malca Pass Book Discussion Group, an offshoot of the library, was established in 1989. It hosts six or seven reviews each year, attracting book lovers from the general community as well as synagogue members and featuring well-known authors and media personalities as reviewers.

From time to time, the library hosts larger, special literary events as well, some of which include lectures by Eleanor Wachtel, host of CBC's *Writers and Company*; professors Andrea Most and Adele Reinhartz; and members of the Pass family, Harriet Pass Freidenreich and David Freidenreich. The book *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery, was reviewed by veteran CBC reviewer Alvina Ruprecht following the anniversary celebration.

Supermarket restores Stars of David

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The Stars of David are back up over the Passover food section at the Metro supermarket in Westmount after numerous people expressed disappointment at their removal.

Last week, the chain's head office admitted it made a mistake in directing the store's franchisee to remove the stars – three blue ornaments hanging from the ceiling – after one anonymous complaint.

On April 3, a person visiting the store objected to such religious symbols being on public view, took photographs and then went to the French-language media, some of whom ran the story the following day.

The longtime manager, Graham Fletcher, refused to accede to the unidentified man's complaint, but he did take down the stars April 4 after the order from his superiors.

Marie-Claude Bacon, director of corporate affairs for Metro, told *The CJN* that the head office takes full responsibility for the hasty decision to remove the stars and that it now regrets it.

However, she characterized it as having been a temporary measure and that it was recognized early on to have been wrong.

"We were not as familiar as Mr. Fletcher with how important that symbol is at this time of year for the Jewish community. We just wanted to have time to look into this and see what was the appropriate thing to do."

After at least a dozen phone calls from Jewish people, she said, the chain realized it had erred. "Some were angry, some were just voicing their opinion. It was very informative for us."

Within 12 hours of the three stars being taken down, one of the stars was put back up over the Passover display, Bacon said, which also includes blue and white balloons. When complaints continued to be received that things should be restored to the way they were, Metro agreed to let all three stars shine once again.

In previous years, the Sherbrooke Street store has decorated the Passover section with one smaller star, and there were never any complaints, Bacon said, adding that Metro doesn't know the name or contact information of the man who complained this year.

"We never, never, never meant to offend anybody. We have an important Jewish clientele that we want to serve... The star is appropriate. We don't think it is offensive to anybody. We should have listened to Mr. Fletcher," she said.

Fletcher, a 43-year veteran of the grocery industry, also apologized, saying he regrets not having stood up more firmly against the order from head office.

A trip to New York

Students from Congregational High School – a supplementary Jewish studies program for teens, based at Adath Israel Congregation and Beth Tzedec Congregation – visited New York on March break. Cantor Eliezer Kirshblum, principal, top right, and Linda Schwartz, administrator, accompanied the teens on the four-day trip. The program is subsidized by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, and the Canadian Council of Conservative Synagogues (CCCS).

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Postcard suggests Jews as pigs, critics say

Rhonda Spivak
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association (UCCLA) has sent out a postcard to supporters that appears to depict Jewish backers of a prominent Holocaust gallery in the Canadian Museum for Human Rights as pigs.

The card was mailed out over the last several months, going back as early as this past December.

The picture on the front is taken from the 1947 Ukrainian edition of George Orwell's novel *Animal Farm*. It depicts a fat pig with a bullwhip overseeing an emaciated horse dragging a wagon.

In Orwell's story, the pigs represent the Stalinist Communist ruling class who enslave and dominate the other farm animals, but claim hypocritically that "all animals are equal." The back of the postcard features a pig who whispers into the ear of a sheep in a conspiratorial manner, "All galleries are equal but some galleries are more equal than others."

The UCCLA sent the postcard out as part of its campaign against the proposed content of the new federal museum, which is now under construction in Winnipeg and will include an exhibit dedicated to the Holocaust.

The UCCLA has been lobbying to have the Holodomor – Josef Stalin's mass murder by starvation of Ukrainians farmers who refused to go along with collectivization efforts in the 1930s – get equal billing with the Shoah. The Holodomor will have a permanent display in the "Mass Atrocity" zone, immediately adjacent to the Holocaust zone.

The museum has said that it decided to single out the Holocaust for a number of reasons, including the fact it was the catalyst that prompted the world to forge a legal framework for the development of international human rights law, specifically the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

The UCCLA has demanded that the Holocaust not get what it calls "favoured treatment," and it has publicly called for "all 12 of the 12 museum galleries to be inclusive, comparative and thematic."

By contrast, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress has not called for all genocides to be treated equally, but it, too, wants the Holodomor to be given a prominent and permanent gallery in the museum.

Catherine Chatterley, founding director of the Canadian Institute for the Study of Anti-Semitism in Winnipeg, wrote an article in the April 2 *Winnipeg Free Press* chastising the UCCLA for sending out the "hateful postcard," which was distributed "without shame or conscience," she said.

"Clearly [in the postcard], the pigs are supporters of the Holocaust gallery, which is characterized as a vehicle of domination, inequality and exploitation. The image of the Jew as a pig has a very long and well-established history in European antisemitism, and, of course it is also a theme in Islamic antisemitism (Jews are purported to be the descendants of apes and pigs)."

Per Rudling, a scholar of eastern European history who has specialized in antisemitism in Ukraine and currently teaches at the University of Greifswald in Germany, said that "the argument of Jewish Communists is a staple in Ukrainian nationalist rhetoric and has led to protests from non-nationalist scholars."

Anita Neville, Liberal MP for Winnipeg South Centre, said she received three or four of the postcards, which she called "deplorable." She added that she has had a "couple of calls" from Ukrainian constituents who said "this group does not represent us."

In an e-mail exchange, Lubomyr Luciuk, the UCCLA's director of research and a professor of political geography at the Royal Military College of Canada, did not comment on how many postcards were sent out by the group, nor did he comment on whether he felt the postcard contained antisemitic imagery.

Instead, he wrote that Chatterley's *Free Press* article "misrepresents the positions taken by the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association, as any honest reading of our media releases (and postcards) will confirm... Where did UCCLA ever say that Jews (or anyone else for that matter) are 'descended from pigs?' Answer: nowhere."

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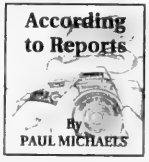
Israel's critics persist, despite Goldstone reversal

In an article written for the *Jewish Daily Forward* (April 4) about Judge Richard Goldstone's recanting the central and most damaging charge in the Goldstone report about the Gaza war – that Israel intentionally targeted civilians – Harvard Law professor Alan Dershowitz made the following observation: "Goldstone's reassessment… pulls the rug out from under those who are currently using the Goldstone report as a centrepiece of their efforts to accuse Israel of war crimes, to delegitimize the Jewish state in the court of public opinion, to impose boycotts and to suggest a moral equivalence between the democratic nation of Israel and the terrorist-group-cum-'government' of Hamas."

Unfortunately, Goldstone's retraction has not pulled the rug out from under those determined to see Israel branded as guilty of "war crimes" in Gaza. Foremost among this crowd is Ken Roth, head of Human Rights Watch, one of the major NGOs whose "findings" the authors of the Goldstone report relied upon.

In an April 4 *Jerusalem Post* opinion piece, Roth argued that his organization never alleged that the Israel Defence Forces had a policy of deliberately targeting civilians. Rather, he said that only the accretion of individual acts of Israeli soldiers and commanders involving civilian deaths, injuries and extensive property damage in Gaza leads to the conclusion that "the allegations of serious laws-of-war violations remain and have yet to see the credible domestic investigations that they require."

Roth was thus dismissive of something Goldstone in his *Washington Post* piece commended Israel for doing – investigating allegations that individual soldiers may have made mistakes or even been negligent. "In fact," Roth argues, "Israel's investigations look good only by comparison with Hamas, which has done nothing to investigate its war crimes."



Having initially said that Israel didn't have a policy of targeting Palestinian civilians, he then went on, in effect, to reiterate this charge: "Most important, Israel has failed to investigate adequately the policy-level decisions that apparently resulted in wide-scale attacks in Gaza. Those decisions are obviously the most sensitive, because they involve senior officials."

Some would say that the distinction between a "policy" and a "policy-level decision" is one without difference, especially given Roth's tenacious insistence that the IDF still stands accused of war crimes. Senior Israeli officials may yet face prosecution at the International Criminal Court if Roth and his cohorts have their way.

Does Roth apply the same harsh judgment and allege possible war crimes by U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan, where, over many years, large numbers of civilians have been killed and maimed in bombing operations aimed at the Taliban? Apparently not. These are invariably chalked up to "mistakes." The charge of "disproportionate" force, let alone "war crimes" is evidently not part of HRW's lexicon in these cases.

Such slanderous rush-to-judgement seems reserved for the IDF, which must struggle to counter thousands of missiles that are stored and launched into Israel from among Palestinian civilian centres.

Dershowitz appropriately reminded us of Col. Richard Kemp, former commander of British forces in Afghanistan, who said in testimony that the Goldstone commission rejected: "I don't think there has ever been a time in the history of warfare when any army has made more efforts to reduce civilian casualties and deaths of innocent people than the IDF is doing today in Gaza."

The time has come to examine how respected organizations such as HRW are holding Israel not only to a double standard, but to a uniquely unjust set of standards.

Richard Goldstone

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On a positive note, in "To save a single life, they're willing to travel into the heart of chaos" (*Toronto Star,* April 5), Catherine Porter spoke with Dr. Ofer Merin, head of the IDF's 50-member field hospital located in the tsunami-damaged region of Japan. Referring also to Israel's field hospital in earthquake-damaged Haiti, Porter placed Israel's medical relief efforts in the broader context of the Jewish concept of tikkun olam – the commitment to repair the world. Porter's moving story reminds us that, when it comes to the coverage of Israel, not all news is bad news.

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Students work for peace in Kenya

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Hillel of Greater Toronto has partnered with a peace project in Kenya to provide students with a unique volunteer opportunity that will continue once they return home.

Jaime Reich, Hillel of Greater Toronto's tzedek initiatives co-ordinator, said that most volunteer trips organized by Hillel are in conjunction with NGOs that lead students on a project, such as building a school.

But the participants who choose to travel to Kenya in July to work under the umbrella of Youth Ambassadors for Peace (YAP) will be taking the lead in creating peacebuilding initiatives and workshops for the youth in local villages.

"The students are going to get to know the community and the villages and the youth they are working with, and they'll see what the specific needs are and what the challenges are," Reich said.

"What's unique about this program is that it gives these students almost complete freedom to create these workshops."

YAP, founded by Adam Hummel, Hillel at York's former president, is an independent project meant to spread the message of peace while empowering youth and establishing leadership opportunities.

Hummel, a 25-year-old law student at the University of Windsor, said his relationship with Kenya began shortly after the December 2007 Kenyan general elections, which led to civil war and the murder of about 1,300 people. The violence spread along tribal lines, particularly, the Kalenjin, Kisii and Luo tribes.

During a three-week volunteer trip in 2008 to a village in Kenya called Kiptere, Hummel learned that the root causes leading to that violence were tribalism, which is akin to racism, and idleness in the farming communities, where there are no programs in place to occupy the youth.

Adam Hummel, founder of Youth Ambassadors for Peace, helped bring peacebuilding programs, including a soccer tournament, to a village in Kenya.

As his volunteer trip came to an end, he was approached by a community member who hinted for a donation.

"I didn't have any money to give, but I said, 'Why don't we start a project that we can get people in the village involved and take ownership over?' We decided to start a soccer tournament, and I told him that when I got home, I would send some money to run the tournament and he could get people in the community involved to actually plan it," Hummel said.

He said he managed to scrape together $300 for the event, which turned out to be a great success.

"When I saw how successful that was and how well-received it was in their community, I thought it would be a good opportunity to do some other projects there," he said.

Hummel wanted to put a foundation in place for a project that would create a shared understanding of history, values and culture between tribes, and help the idle youth turn away from negative influences such as drugs and violence.

In May 2009, Hummel returned to the region for a month and worked with a group of 25 Kenyan youths to create YAP.

Since then, they've developed an unofficial peace treaty that was endorsed by government officials; a drama club that was created to advocate for peace through the arts; a poultry project that involves raising chickens and donating the eggs to people who are newly diagnosed with HIV/AIDS; and a soccer tournament that brings teams from different tribes to compete together.

Hummel said the 2008 soccer tournament brought together the Kalenjin, Kisii and Luo tribes for the first time.

"It's been amazing. We had another soccer tournament on April 2... between the three tribes. They had 3,000 spectators come to watch the final game," Hummel said.

Until now, he has worked on YAP on his own, but partnering with Hillel has given him an opportunity to share his vision with others.

"I really want other people to have a hand in doing this. And the success is because of them [in Kenya], not because of me. It's because of the dedication and the commitment of the people on the ground there wanting to change the situation. I want other people to share in being able to make that happen."

Hummel said that the participants will be divided into groups of three or four and will be staying in different villages in Kenya.

"We want to reach out to other tribes and the ultimate goal is to make sure that the next elections, which are scheduled for December 2012, won't result in the same violence that the last one did."

The Hillel-subsidized trip costs $2,500 and the eligible students who attend universities in the Toronto area are expected to fundraise to reduce individual costs and contribute to the program. Reich said she is currently accepting applications.

Hillel has organized two volunteer trips to Israel taking place this summer, one to Bat Yam and the other to Safed. There is also an opportunity to participate in a 10-day volunteer mission to Latvia and Lithuania.

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Standing up to anti-Israel rhetoric

Sam Vlessing

Guest Voice

Sam Vlessing

It is relatively common for representatives from different student bodies, including student governments, to enter tutorials and promote certain events.

But last month, when a student promoting Israeli Apartheid Week (IAW) came into my classroom at Dalhousie University to promote an anti-Israel event on campus, the blatant lies she told made my blood boil.

Some of the allegations she made included that Israel's security fence and segregation of the Palestinian people is comparable to South African apartheid and that "the murder of innocent Palestinians over the past 50 years by Israel is a genocide negated by the global community."

Being a graduate of the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT), I was extremely prepared for this.

After listening closely to her blatant lies, I got up, walked to the front of the class, stood next to her and started talking. I went on the best rant I will never regret.

I took her argument and tore it apart piece by piece by stating globally accepted facts about Israel's history to the entire class.

The young woman promoting IAW could never have known that she would encounter me, an outspoken supporter of Israel.

I had just finished a case study about apartheid in South Africa and was more than ready to explain to her and my newly acquired audience why her claim was ignorant and outlandish.

When I explained why her statements were wrong and asked her if she knew what she was promoting, she had no reply. She was shocked.

Rather than stop me – they probably couldn't have if they tried – my entire class listened carefully and seemed to be intrigued.

After directing them to read Alan Dershowitz's book *The Case for Israel* or go online to research simple facts to gain a better understand of the issues, I ended with one my favourite quotes from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu: "The truth is that if Israel were to put down its arms there would be no more Israel. If the Arabs were to put down their arms, there would be no more war."

Despite that I was perhaps the only Jewish student in the tutorial, everyone stood up and started clapping. The young woman, dejected, left the room.

Many students are not equipped to respond to such allegations. But I just went with my gut instinct and used the knowledge I had.

I acquired the information to refute her claims through years of reading articles and online sources, but mostly because of my CHAT education.

As part of the curriculum, there is a focus on the history of Israel and the Jewish people. In Grade 11, I went on a school trip to hear Dershowitz and other pro-Israel activists speak.

Last year, the Grade 12s took part in a series of workshops on how to deal with IAW.

At the time I didn't see the point, but I do now.

Sam Vlessing, 18, is a first-year Dalhousie University student majoring in political science. He is involved with both Hillel@Dal and Chabad@Dal.

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Family Matters
by
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for 30 years

Question: I am divorced. We have one seven-year-old child. My ex-wife decided to move abroad. She insists our son not travel alone on the plane for our two access visits to Canada yearly, which greatly increases the flight costs. Is there anything I can do?

Answer: If you honestly feel the child is old enough to travel alone on the plane, then your lawyer should write her a letter explaining that court proceedings may be necessary if she fails to relent. If that doesn't work, then as your lawyer, I would go to court and ask a judge to order both parties to pay for a child psychologist or child social worker to assess whether the child is truly mature enough to handle such a trip.

Such a motion would likely be granted, so if your ex refused to agree, she might be obliged to pay for your legal costs.

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Question: My ex-boyfriend's name appears on my son's birth certificate even though he is not the father. We are no longer together. What are his rights and how do I get him off the certificate?

Answer: I assume that the gentleman is not being co-operative. This means that he has bonded with the boy emotionally. If that is the case, it may not matter much that he is not the biological father of the child. So it's not so easy to dismiss a claim for access by a "psychological dad".

On the other hand, if the gentleman was simply doing you a favour at the time and really has no bond with the child, you can take the following steps, assuming he doesn't oppose. Get a court order for DNA through cheek swab tests, another court order to declare he is not the father and then have the birth certificate amended with the Registrar of Ontario.

On behalf of my family, and all of us at Garfin Zeidenberg, I wish you and your family a happy and healthy Passover.

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Rose Frydman is seated beside granddaughter Orlee Roza. Bottom row from left is son-in-law Allan Roza, daughter Pam Frydman-Roza, and granddaughter Shira Roza.

Centenarian 'a big believer in workers rights'

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

Rose Frydman at age 18

Rose Frydman, who turns 100 next month, credits her long life to her family and to hard work.

"Now, I'm trying my best to keep going," said Frydman from her home at the Apotex Centre.

Born in Poland, Frydman came to Canada with her uncle when she was "15 or 16" and immediately went to work in a pants factory.

"It was a real sweatshop. We made very little money, and the owner's wife kept complaining that they were going broke," she said.

She worked there for 10 years and then went on to a purse factory. "I was paid piece work, and my first week I made $19. I felt rich."

The matriarch of a five-generation family, Frydman, whose room is filled with family pictures, talks to her daughter, Pam Frydman-Roza, in Milwaukee by Skype regularly. "She makes me feel alive."

Frydman-Roza said her mother lived independently until she was 92. "She walked five miles a day, and she sang in a Yiddish choir."

Now, said Frydman-Roza, 57, her mother stays interested in what's going on.

"My daughter sends me e-mails of articles I might like to read, and I always have a book. Now I'm reading *Joshua Then and Now* [by Mordecai Richler]."

She reads *The CJN* and the *Jewish Daily Forward*. "I'm not happy when I read about what is happening in Israel. Why are they having so much trouble?"

She also likes reading the short stories of Isaac Bashevis Singer. "He is my favourite Yiddish author. I love his short stories," Frydman said. "He has children's books that are as good as his adult books."

Frydman-Roza said that her mother is a worrier, "about her family, and about about the rest of the world. She's a big believer in workers' rights, and once tried to start a union in her workplace. It just never happened.

"My daughter, Shira, works for a labour law firm in New York City, and my mother is very proud. She says that it is in [Shira's] blood."

She said that her mother even worries about the other Baycrest residents. "She wants to know that they're being taken care of properly, and that they have visitors. She wants them to be treated with dignity."

Frydman, who was born "two weeks after Passover on Thursday in 1911," said that the party her family is planning, "is not for me. It's for the rest of the family to get together and have a good time."

Pan pal shares sweet memories from Pesachs past

By Norene Gilletz
Special to The CJN

My readers love when my "pan pals" share their favourite food memories. I firmly believe that when someone recalls a favourite dish served at a seder or family dinner, they often remember who was sitting at the table beside them and what they were discussing, just as if it were yesterday. Food memories are extremely powerful, transporting us back in time to meals and meichels of times long gone.

People often tell me they feel intimidated at the idea of inviting me to be a guest at their dinner table. I reply, "It's not about what's on the table – it's about who is at the table that counts!"

Tolsa Greenberg and I often share recipes and stories about many of our favourite food memories that we experienced with family members – many of them no longer alive today – either sitting round the table or cooking together in the kitchen. It seems that food is the umbilical cord that connects us to our Jewish roots and Jewish foods, many of which are associated with that mysterious ingredient, Jewish guilt!

When I told Tolsa that I was writing an article about my "pan pals" and their food memories, she sent me a lovely, long e-mail, sharing some her favourite Passover food memories along with some treasured family recipes that I am privileged to share with you, my readers.

Tolsa wrote, "When you think of Passover, the first things your memory recalls as a child is the aroma of the cooking at your house – the chicken soup simmering, the fish cooling and the sponge cake baking in the oven.

"Rena, my late mother, always made me my own little sponge cakes in small tins that I still use today when I bake for my own grandchildren. I've saved my mother's Passover baking tins that I found in a box with all her Passover pans, gadgets and utensils. So when I started to bake sponge cake, of course it was from Rena's hand-written recipe. It was always yummy – but sometimes it seemed to be drier than hers after a day or two!

"One day, I was talking to my aunt, Pearl Caplan, and she told me to try my grandmother's recipe that she always used... and that's what I've been doing ever since! I savour this treasured cake recipe, as well as the visual memory of my mother baking in her kitchen. I also remember my grandmother coming to my house and baking in her street dress wearing an apron and a hat!

"My daughter Lesley would always reach for the Passover sponge cake to eat for breakfast, lunch or dinner... and maybe even between meals. But my girls also had their own Passover favourites.

"My grandma, Anne Greenberg, made wicked brownies and I was always trying to copy them because we always would run out of brownies and then we would have to wait until Grandma Anne would make more brownies for all her grandchildren. (I would always compare Grandma Anne's recipe with my old Manishewitz brownie recipe and Grandma Anne's recipe was always the winner!)

"And, in competition with the brownies, there were Grandma Rena's coconut macaroons that we always savoured for Passover. I would make them during chol hamoed for our house for the 'cookie/macaroon snatchers.' Nowadays, I concede and make them for other special holidays and birthdays, not just for chol hamoed.

"My mom's been gone 26 years now – I still can't believe it, but she's always in my heart and head."

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Recipes from grandma

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MY GRANDMOTHER KATE SIMMON BROOKS' SPONGE CAKE

1 cup potato starch
2 heaping tbsp. cake meal
juice of 1 orange
zest of 1/2 an orange
juice of 1/2 lemon (fresh is best)
2 tbsp. wine
9 egg yolks
1 1/2 cups sugar
9 egg whites
filling/topping: 1 tsp. ground cinnamon mixed with 1 cup finely chopped nuts, optional

Preheat oven to 350. Sift together potato starch and cake meal; set aside. In a small bowl, combine orange juice, orange zest, lemon juice and wine; set aside.

In the large bowl of an electric mixer on medium-high speed, beat egg yolks until light. Slowly add sugar and beat well. Add potato starch mixture alternately with juice mixture to egg/sugar mixture.

In another large bowl, using clean beaters, beat egg whites on high speed until stiff but not dry. Carefully fold beaten egg whites into yolk mixture.

Pour batter into an ungreased 10-inch tube pan. (Optional: Pour half of batter into pan, sprinkle with half of cinnamon-nut mixture. Top with remaining batter and sprinkle cinnamon-nut mixture on top.) Bake for 1 hour. Cake is done when no imprint remains when you touch it lightly with your fingertips. Yield: 12 to 15 servings.

GRANDMA ANN GREENBERG'S PASSOVER BROWNIES

1/2 cup oil
1 cup sugar
4 eggs, separated
1/2 cup cake meal
6 tbsp. cocoa
pinch of salt

Preheat oven to 350. Grease an 8-in. square pan. Cream the oil and sugar together in an electric mixer until light. Add yolks to mixer and beat together until blended.

Add cake meal, cocoa and salt and mix until combined. In a clean bowl, beat egg whites on medium-high speed until stiff but not dry. Carefully fold whites into batter, just until whites barely disappear.

Pour carefully into prepared baking pan and spread evenly. Bake for 30 minutes, or until edges of brownies pull away from sides of pan. When cool, cut into squares. Yield: 16 brownies.

GRANDMA RENA APPLEBY'S COCONUT MACAROONS

3 egg whites
1 cup sugar
1 package (about 1-1/2 cups) shredded coconut
1 tbsp. lemon juice
2 tbsp. potato starch

Preheat oven to 300. Grease a large cookie sheet or jelly roll pan, or line it with parchment paper. Combine egg whites and sugar in a Pyrex bowl or large measuring cup and place bowl in a pot of boiling water.

Beat at high speed with a hand mixer for exactly 5 minutes (or so my mother told me)! It will become almost like marshmallow.

Add potato starch, lemon juice and coconut to whites and mix together with 2 forks. Drop from a fork onto prepared pan and bake for 20 minutes.

Turn off the oven and open the oven door partway. Leave the macaroons in oven for 10 minutes. Yield: about 2-1/2 dozen.

Gefilte fish – a brief 'history'

Sybil Kaplan
Special to The CJN

Gefilte fish is a staple of Passover. Ground freshwater fish is mixed with matzah meal, eggs, chopped onions and spices. Gefilte, the Yiddish word for stuffed, explains its origin. The ingredients were originally not made into balls but stuffed back into the skin of the fish, which was sewed up and baked. This dish goes back to the Middle Ages and Germany.

Around the 17th century, or possibly earlier, the dish travelled to different countries and Jews made their own additions and changes.

In the mid-19th century, Jews of Poland made it with carp and sweetened it. Not only did they associate a sweet gefilte fish with the joy and sweetness of a religious celebration, but sugar was attractive, it was a source of energy and it provided a contrast to their daily diet which contained sour foods like pickles, pickled vegetables, herring, sauerkraut and sour cream. Chassidic Jews also made their gefilte fish sweet.

The Jews of Lithuania also made their gefilte fish with carp, but they spiced it with pepper and served it with horseradish.

In Ukraine, Jews also made gefilte fish with carp.

In the 16th or 17th century, housewives stopped stuffing the fish into fish skin and began to make it into balls and then cook them that way.

The size of the balls also varied. For example, German Jews made it the size of golf balls.

Fried gefilte fish became a popular dish among the Jews of England, but it appears to have remained there and was not a taste acquired by other Jews.

The possible explanations for why gefilte fish became so popular among different Jewish communities also vary. According to the Mishnah, eating a fish with bones was defined as work, so the fish balls may have been used because there would be no work in eating it prepared this way.

The Hafetz Hayim, a 19th-20th century scholar, author and leader of Polish Orthodox Jewry, taught that one should eat fish at all three Sabbath meals, so some follow this precept by serving gefilte fish.

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Passover memories from Lebanon

Yosef Tastassa
Special to The CJN

For the Lebanese Jewish community, Passover was a significant religious and cultural event. In order to meet the high standards of Passover in Lebanon, people started preparing immediately after Purim.

Clairette Hallak was born in Beirut in 1945. Like most Lebanese Jews, Hallak lived with her family in Wadi Abu-Jamil, the Jewish quarter in the heart of Beirut.

"The modern knowledge of the common person about Lebanon is of a country that suffers from a continuing civil war, violence and, of course, hatred to Israel. This is why I, my husband and our two little daughters left Lebanon in 1971. We have lived in Israel ever since," Hallak said.

"Before the civil war in Lebanon broke out, our life was convenient and we were a part of a multicultural society – over 20 synagogues served a community of 12,000 people. Those days are gone now, and as far as I know, only a few dozen Jews live in Lebanon, and most of them are old," she added.

Hallak grew up in a kosher home, and, as a child, she attended a day school where kosher food was also provided.

"Don't take the kosher issue for granted," she said. "Lebanon is an Arab state, the Jewish community was relatively small and no kosher food was available on the shelves. We had to make most of our food on our own. When Passover was at our doors, making Passover kosher food was a real challenge."

Hallak described a situation in which the word Passover meant, first of all, full renovations of property and person.

"The interior walls of our house were painted, we replaced all bed sheets with new ones and even renewed the feather-based material in the duvets. No child would dare show his face in public before wearing new white clothes, new shoes, and even having a haircut," Hallak said.

For a small Jewish community in the heart of the Arab world, keeping the tradition was a challenge. Hallak described a past in which neither kosher wine nor kosher matzah was available in the regular food stores, and you had to either import these products from Europe or make them yourself.

"Months before Passover, my mother bought red grapes in order to make wine at home. It took nearly nine months for wine to be ready. It was made under the rabbi's instructions and supervision, and we were happy to have a kosher wine for Passover.

"The same was [true for] the Jewish bakeries. Those that were not shut down for Passover went through a Passover koshering process and manufactured matzah for the Jewish community, all under rabbi's supervision. I remember the matzot were big and round. We used to cover the matzot with sheets until Passover evening," she said.

Most of the kitchenware was made of copper or clay and got "Passover approval" after being cleaned and steamed.

Passover evening is an unforgettable memory for Hallak. Unlike in Israel, where regular lettuce is used for the maror (bitter herb), they used real bitter leaves that twisted the young participants' faces when they ate it.

Hallak's grandfather used to read the Haggadah in Hebrew and then translate the words into Arabic. Living in the Diaspora, they celebrated the seder twice, once at her parents' house and once at her in-laws' house.

As is the case in many Jewish homes around the world, the afikoman was a matzah hidden by an adult, and the finder was rewarded with money.

"Another Passover game I remember was children playing with hazel nuts, [but] I don't know why we played with those," Hallak said.

Above all, Passover night was a culinary celebration. Using a variety of herbs and making recipes of all kinds is something Hallak still does today.

"The appetizers are various salads. They are made of coloured vegetables, potatoes, eggs, beetroot and celery. In the main dishes, you can find the hamud – a vegetable soup flavoured with parsley, garlic, lemon and mint. Rice balls (kube) are added to the hamud.

"There were also what we called 'Garbage meat balls' [using] a mixture of ground beef and lots of beet leaves," Hallak said.

Clairette Hallak

Her favourite dish is lamb with artichokes and mushrooms. The main dishes are served with rice-stuffed grape leaves, rice-stuffed onions and rice-stuffed peppers.

The tasty Lebanese charoset is made of dates, raisins, nuts, sweet red wine and cinnamon.

"We still make the traditional citrus jam, almonds, stuffed dates and, of course, chocolates, pralines and marzipan," she said. "It may not be the healthiest thing on Earth, but at least everyone is happy," Hallak concludes.

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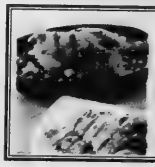

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Food ideas with a twist

Bonnie Stern (left) and Rabbi Elyse Goldstein prepare for the cooking demonstration, Kolel Cooks with Bonnie Stern. ***[Barbara Silverstein photo]***

Barbara Silverstein
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Cooking maven Bonnie Stern's philosophy on matzah ball perfection may be helpful for people worrying about the success of their Passover seders: "Sometimes my matzah balls are hard and sometimes they're fluffy. After years of making matzah balls, whichever way they turn out, I eat them."

In other words, relax and don't try to achieve culinary pefection at Passover.

Stern was speaking to some 40 women who braved a major snowstorm to attend Kolel Cooks with Bonnie Stern, at the prossermanjcc culinary arts studio.

Stern, *National Post* food columnist and author of 12 best-selling cookbooks, co-hosted an evening of Passover cooking demonstrations with Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, director of Kolel, the adult centre for liberal Jewish learning.

There was plenty of wisdom to be gleaned from both Stern and Rabbi Goldstein. The rabbi spoke about all the foods that are now available for Passover. "You can get almost anything – spaghetti, matzah bagels... it all depends on how much you want this week to be different.

"The less processed [the food], the closer it is to the spirit of the holiday."

She stressed that all fresh fruit and vegetables are kosher for Passover, adding that cumin was newly permitted this year.

She also noted that all Israeli wines could be used at Passover and that more than one kind could be drunk at the seder. "You have to fill up the cup each time and finish that one. Don't put new wine over the old wine... And have a designated driver."

Stern recalled that romaine lettuce and Belgian endive were both considered bitter when she was a child. "We've changed our tastes."

She offered lots of cooking advice. For instance, for people who find they can't get rid of the fishy smell of homemade gefilte fish, she recommended cutting way back on the cooking time. "You only have to cook it 15 to 20 minutes, not three hours."

Choosing fresh fish is also paramount. "Fish does not get better with age."

The rules for making light matzah balls "defy logic," Stern quipped. "Some people use sparkling water, some people leave them in the fridge for two hours. Some people separate the eggs, some use no oil, while others use more oil.

"Everybody has a secret on how to make their matzah balls light. But [these secrets] never work consistently."

Her final word on the art of matzah balls: "Whatever way your mother did it, do it the same way."

ISRAELI ORANGE VEGETABLE SOUP WITH ZHOUG

3 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 onion, diced
4 cups cubed buttercup squash
2 large sweet potatoes
2 lb. carrots, sliced
1 tbsp. fresh thyme
1 1/2 tsp. salt or to taste
8 cups vegetable stock or water

Zhoug:
2 cloves garlic, peeled
1 jalapeno, cut up (less if it is very hot)
1 tsp. kosher salt
1 bunch fresh cilantro
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil

Heat olive oil in a large pot or Dutch oven. Add garlic and onion and cook gently for a few minutes until fragrant and tender. Do not brown. Add squash, sweet potatoes, carrots, thyme and salt. Cook a few minutes. Add liquid. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 20 to 30 minutes until very tender. Puree soup in a food processor, blender, food mill or with an immersion blender. Return to pot and season to taste.

Meanwhile, make zhoug by chopping garlic and jalapeno in a food processor. Add salt and cilantro. Chop until fine. Drizzle in olive oil. Season to taste. Serve soup in wide soup bowls drizzled with zhoug. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

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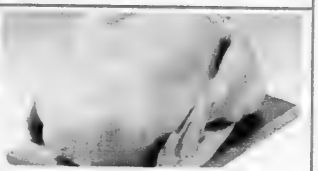

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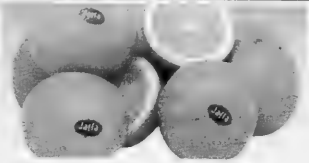

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Charoset – not just apples and nuts

Barbara Silverstein
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Many Ashkenazi Jews may not realize that their culinary customs are not universal to all Jews. Sephardi Jews have different dietary laws at Passover – unlike Ashkenazim, they are permitted to eat rice and beans.

At a recent Passover cooking demonstration with cookbook author Bonnie Stern and Kolel director Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, the rabbi pointed out that in some countries, romaine lettuce was used as a bitter herb, rather than horseradish, because the horseradish crop was not available. She also noted that ingredients and recipes for charoset were different as well.

Charoset, one of the ritual foods eaten at the seder, symbolizes the mortar that the Israelite slaves used to make bricks when they were building the Egyptian pyramids. Ashkenazi Jews tend to use apples and nuts, but there are many variations. Rabbi Goldstein has been collecting international charoset recipes, and provided *The CJN* with most of the recipes that follow.

Dahlia Organ, one of the participants at the Kolel cooking demonstration, told the group that Iraqi Jews eat charoset made with a date honey called silan. It's actually a syrup made by boiling dates, but a ready-made kosher for Passover version is available at some stores, including Sobeys and Hartman's in Toronto, she noted.

Organ, who grew up in Israel, said the silan charoset was eaten throughout Passover. "My mother had in it the fridge all week. It's delicious on matzah."

To make the charoset, the silan is mixed with freshly ground walnuts. "It's best to shell your own walnuts so you can get the freshest tasting walnuts," Organ advised.

For the seder, the Iraqi tradition is to serve the date honey charoset with romaine lettuce, the vegetable traditionally used as the bitter herb, she said.

While Organ grew up with the Iraqi silan charoset, she also makes an apple-based charoset. "My husband is Ashkenazi, so I serve both kinds of charoset at our seders."

IRAQI CHAROSET

1/2 cup silan
1/4 cup freshly ground walnuts

Combine the silan with the walnuts.

YEMENITE CHAROSET

From Joan Nathan

1/2 cup almonds, slivered
1/2 cup dried apricots
8 dried figs quartered
2 tsp. ground coriander
2 tsp. lime rind, finely grated
1 tbsp. honey
3 to 4 tbsp. sweet white wine
2 tbsp. sesame seeds, toasted

Process almonds and apricots in a food processor. Transfer to a small bowl. Process figs to a fine consistency. Stir into almond apricot mixture. Add coriander, lime, honey and enough wine to bind ingredients. Refrigerate for 1 hour. Roll into balls, 1-inch in diameter. Roll the balls in sesame seeds and place each in a paper cup or small muffin liners, or shape into small pyramids and press seeds into sides.

GREEK CHAROSET

From *The Cookbook of the Jews of Greece* (Jason Aronson Inc., 1996) by Nicholas Stavroulakis.

1 1/4 cups dates finely chopped
3/4 cup black currants, finely chopped
3/4 cup raisins, finely chopped
1/2 cup almonds, finely chopped
3 tbsp. honey
sweet wine to taste

Put chopped fruit in a large bowl and cover with water. Soak overnight. The next day simmer the fruit in the same water until it is soft. Remove from heat and strain, saving the liquid. Put the fruit in a large bowl and mash it with a fork against the sides of the bowl. Add small amounts of the reserved liquid or add sweet red wine to moisten fruit. Mix in honey and add nuts. Stir well and chill. This can be made a week ahead. Makes 6 to 8 cups.

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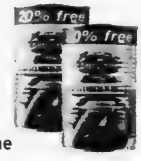

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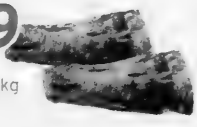

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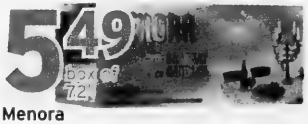

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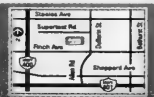

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Cookbooks help spice up the holiday

By Lauren Kramer
Special to The CJN

The time of year is upon us when we anticipate the Passover seder, plan for those who will be sitting at our table and feel queasy at the thought of matzah overload.

The anxious among us worry about what we'll eat once the seders are behind us. How will we keep a family satiated from dawn to dusk? We page through recipe books, look through old menus and remember the feeling of hunger that gnaws at our insides on Passover.

Every year I make a mental note to plan Passover meals ahead of time and invest in a better selection of recipe books to help me through the process. Four new ones landed on my desk recently, and Susie Fishbein's *Passover By Design* (Artscroll) quickly made it to first place. Like the other books in her Kosher By Design series, this one contains tantalizing pictures of many of her dishes.

From the pictures of her seder table and her ingenuity and attention to detail (Passover bento boxes, anyone?), I found myself wishing I could be a guest in her home this Passover. Since that's not likely to happen, *Passover By Design* presents recipes that look so good we couldn't resist trying them long before the festival approached.

Each recipe is neatly laid out with its serving count and a brief background as to why it appears in her book. Of her ratatouille chicken stew, she explains: "Many people do not eat roasted meats at the seder. Stews work well and can be the perfect answer when looking for an all-in-one main dish."

For beef alone, she features 19 different recipes. Other major proteins, as well as soups, desserts and side dishes, get the same attention, with different cooking styles – some easy, some more complex – and enough variation to keep your meals interesting.

By the time you've looked through the first 100-odd pages, Fishbein feels like an old friend and her recipes jump off the page, demanding to be tried. You rush to don an apron, check the pantry for ingredients and suddenly feel inspired and excited about Passover.

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The *New York Times Passover Cookbook*, edited by Linda Amster (William Morrow), promises 200+ recipes from top chefs and writers. Lamb, chicken, tzimmes and charoset are among the foods with their own individual chapters, many of them prefaced with short essays on their significance to Jews worldwide or to a particular family. This cookbook also contains a few memoirs about Passover that add interest and depth.

One writer, Mimi Sheraton, recalls of her childhood seders: "I can still feel the excitement in the room as my aging grandmother and grandfather, trembling with combined laughter and tears, embraced their children whom fate had moved so far away."

These glimpses of seder rituals in other families touch on foibles and snobbery, warmth and love and the wonderful Passover rituals that bind us inexorably together.

Many recipes in this compilation are drawn from other recipe books but are attributed to their various sources. There's "Cecile Ratner's Russian cabbage soup" and the "Angel family's salmon in rhubarb and tomato sauce." There are famous names like Charlie Trotter's lamb shanks braised in red wine, and newer entities like the Margareten family's apple kugel.

Most of the recipes feel as though they come from someone's kitchen, and there's enough variety in the book to satisfy beginner cooks and those who are more advanced.

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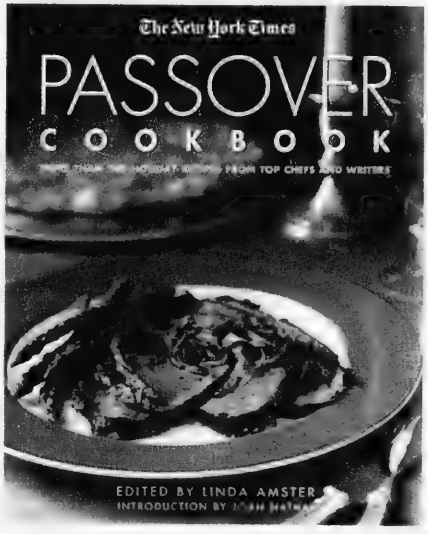

A Taste of Nostalgia: tales & recipes to nourish body and soul (Artscroll) begins with an assertion that it is definitely not just another Passover cookbook. "It's a storybook with some great recipes [and] the spices of stories from the vast treasury of our Jewish heritage," writes its author, Rabbi Abraham Twerski.

There certainly are a few recipes, drawn from the private stash of Judi Dick, who collaborated with Rabbi Twerski on the writing and recipes. Of vegetable kugel, she writes, "This one is a winner. My cousin Eudice Nathan gave me the recipe. She got it from her cousin Ruth Kipust."

But this is the kind of book you take to bed to read at the end of the day or for a quiet hour on Shabbat.

There's a chapter on each of the Jewish holidays, with pictures drawn from historic Jewish archives. The images alone make this book a page-turner – fruit peddlers in Kazimierz, Poland, men burning chametz in a small European village in 1925, herring sales in Otvosk, Poland, in 1927. There's a sense of connectedness between these pages, a feeling of the extent to which tradition is our bedrock, even in changing times.

Rabbi Twerski writes in a conversational tone throughout, and his essays draw from his personal experience. He describes how slavery pervades our modern-day context: "There are countless ways in which people are enslaved. A person who cannot control his anger, greed or lust is very much a slave to them. A compulsive gambler is a slave. A person who does not want to get cancer or heart disease, yet cannot stop smoking, is a slave. An obese person who cannot stop overeating is a slave. That is why we must repeatedly be reminded of the Exodus. We are constantly subject to becoming enslaved."

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Finally, the *Complete Passover Cookbook* by Frances R. AvRutick (Jonathan David Publishers), first published in 1981, has a full preface on Passover ingredients and how to keep kosher for Passover. This is your more traditional recipe book, with a "back-to-business" approach that's instructional but not very colourful.

It contains a ton of potentially useful Passover recipes, but you need to do some serious reading to find the ones that will work for you. No glossy images jump off the 419 pages, just a heavy tome filled with recipe after recipe. This author's no-nonsense approach is certainly useful. But you don't find yourself longing for an invite to her Passover table as you do when you read Fishbein's fun, contemporary approach to food and celebration.

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Itamar murders still under investigation 30 days later

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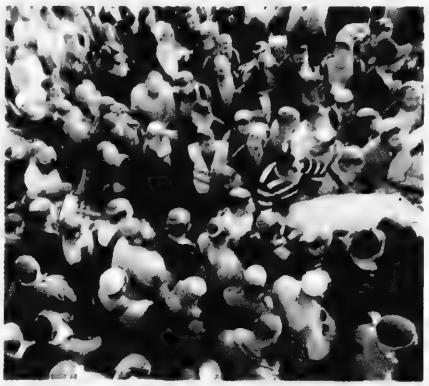
JERUSALEM — Israeli security forces believe there will soon be a breakthrough in the investigation into the murders in Itamar, where five family members were stabbed to death in their home.

On Sunday, Israel Defence Forces soldiers arrested more Palestinian suspects in Samaria in the West Bank, after dozens had already been taken in for questioning regarding the murders.

Last month, terrorists entered the West Bank settlement of Itamar and murdered Ehud and Ruth Fogel, as well as three of their young children, including their three-month-old baby, before fleeing the scene.

Since the murders a month ago, the IDF and the Shin Bet have arrested dozens of residents of the village of Awarta, which is near Itamar. Several suspects were released following a brief investigation, and others are still being investigated.

Residents of Itamar on Sunday marked 30 days since the murder of the Fogel family. They laid the cornerstone of a new building intended for Torah study, named after the head of the family, Ehud Fogel. At the same time, IDF soldiers from special army units were operating in Awarta.



Hundreds of people attended the funeral of the five members of the Fogel family murdered last month in Itamar. *[Israel Sun photo]*

In related news, one-third of Palestinians surveyed said they supported the attack on the Fogel family, according to a team of Israeli and Palestinian pollsters.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas condemned the attack, calling it despicable, immoral and inhuman.

Many Palestinian commentators have denounced the Fogel family murder as well, but not without noting that Israel and the settlers share some of the blame.

In Palestinian Authority newspapers and on the social network pages of private citizens, denunciations of the murder could be found alongside condemnations of Israel's approval of the construction of 400 new homes in the settlement blocs. Many writers compared the murders to the actions of the settlers themselves.

According to the poll released late last month, 63 per cent opposed the attack and 32 per cent backed it.

Pollsters from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research surveyed 1,270 Palestinians in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Jerusalem. The margin of error was three percentage points.

Goldstone refuses to retract report

JTA

NEW YORK — Richard Goldstone said he will not seek to quash his report to the United Nations on Israel's conduct during the war in Gaza, despite his retraction of a key finding.

Reports that he told Israeli Interior Minister Eli Yishai that he would seek to quash the report prepared at the behest of the UN Human Rights Council are false, Goldstone told Associated Press. The report presented to the council in September 2009 accused Israel of war crimes and possible crimes against humanity.

Goldstone, a former South African judge, wrote in a recent opinion piece in the *Washington Post* that Israel did not intentionally target civilians as a policy during the Gaza war, withdrawing a critical allegation in his report.

"We know a lot more today about what happened in the Gaza war of 2008-09 than we did when I chaired the fact-finding mission appointed by the UN Human Rights Council that produced what has come to be known as the Goldstone report," Goldstone wrote. "If I had known then what I know now, the Goldstone report would have been a different document."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and a host of Israeli officials and organizations have called on the United Nations to cancel the Goldstone report following the publication of the piece .

Goldstone, who is Jewish, said he accepted an invitation from Yishai to visit Israel and tour its southern communities, which have been besieged by Hamas rockets. Yishai said he called Goldstone to thank him for his reassessment and to invite him to visit the country. Goldstone will visit Israel in July as a guest of Yishai.

In related developments, a group of American Jewish lawyers is set to file a civil lawsuit against Goldstone initiated by Israeli lawmaker Danny Danon.

The class action suit is set to be filed next week in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York in Manhattan by attorney Steve Goldberg, according to a statement issued last Wednesday from Danon's office.

Danon met with the attorneys during a recent visit to the United States, the statement said. It gave no further information on Goldberg or the other attorneys involved in the suit.

People in Gaza celebrated the Goldstone report when it was released some 18 months ago.

[Israel Sun photo]

The lawsuit will demand that Goldstone publicly apologize to the State of Israel and pay a symbolic amount of damages for the charges he made in the UN Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict report.

"The Goldstone report is nothing less than a modern version of the infamous blood libels against the Jewish people," Danon said. "The distorted image that Judge Goldstone spread about Israel and the Israel Defence Forces has caused immeasurable damage to our citizens, and it will continue to do so for many years to come. I call on Goldstone to publicly apologize for his erroneous report with the hope that perhaps this will begin to repair some of the immense damage that has been inflicted on the international standing of the State of Israel."

The *Jerusalem Post* reported that Danon said he plans to file a similar lawsuit in Israel that would go into effect if Goldstone visits the Jewish state, as he plans to do in July.

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Israel Briefs

Ceasefire reported

A Palestinian official close to UN- and Egyptian-mediated talks told Reuters on Sunday that Israel and militant groups in Gaza had agreed to a truce, as cross-border violence abated. The latest upsurge in fighting began last week when members of Hamas, which rules Gaza, fired an anti-tank rocket at an Israeli school bus, critically wounding a teenager. Israel's retaliatory air strikes have killed 19 Palestinians, while Palestinians have continued firing rockets from Gaza into Israel. However, no Israeli air strikes were reported on Sunday. Israeli police and military officials said some 10 missiles had been fired from Gaza, a significant fall from the 130 of the previous two days.

Free Bieber tickets

Some 700 children from southern Israeli centres that have been hit by rockets and missiles from Gaza were given free tickets to Canadian pop star Justin Bieber's concert. The tickets for the April 14 show in Tel Aviv, as well as transportation, are a gift of the Schusterman Foundation-Israel, the Morningstar Foundation and ROI Community of Young Jewish Innovators. The tickets were provided at a discount to help the Israeli children. Bieber arrived Monday in Israel and reportedly was to visit Christian sites in the Galilee, as well as the Dead Sea, Masada, Acre and Caesaria, as well as meet Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Lieberman to be charged?

Israel's attorney general was reportedly set to announce that he will file an indictment against the country's foreign minister, Avigdor Lieberman, on graft charges. The draft indictment on charges of fraud, money laundering and breach of trust was to be announced Monday or Tuesday, *Ha'aretz* reported. Lieberman can request a hearing to try to prevent the indictment, but if he rejects a hearing in order to avoid exposing his defence strategy, the indictment will be served. He has said that if he is indicted, he will resign as foreign minister.

Missiles intercepted

Israel's Iron Dome missile defence system for the first time intercepted rockets fired from Gaza. Ashkelon's Iron Dome intercepted two rockets fired April 7 on the southern Israeli city. The unit had been set up three days earlier. One Iron Dome unit is also set up in Haifa. Another will soon be put up in central Israel.

Journalists harassed

The severe harassment of Palestinian journalists by Palestinian Authority and Hamas forces in the West Bank and Gaza has had a chilling effect on freedom of expression, a new report by Human Rights Watch says. The 35-page report documents cases in which Palestinian security forces tortured, beat and arbitrarily detained journalists in the West Bank and Gaza, in addition to confiscating their equipment and preventing them from leaving Palestinian areas. "Palestinian security forces are becoming notorious for assaulting and intimidating journalists who are just trying to do their jobs," said Joe Stork, deputy Middle East director of Human Rights Watch.

Winery wins big prize

For the first time, the grand prize at Italy's leading international wine competition has been awarded to an Israeli winery. The Golan Heights Winery, founded in 1983 in Katzrin, beat out 3,720 wines from more than 1,000 producers in 30 countries to take home the so-called "Wine World Cup" – the Gran Vinitaly Special Award granted ahead of Italy's annual Vinitaly wine trade fair in Verona, one of Europe's top wine events, which opened April 7. It was the first time the grand prize went to an Israeli winemaker, although the Golan Heights Winery had already won Grand Gold Medals at Vinitaly in 2004 and 2006. The 105-member jury included international wine experts and journalists.

– files from JTA

Germany increases allocations to survivors

JTA

BERLIN — The German government will increase funds given to Holocaust survivors by 15 per cent.

The new deal reached last week between Germany and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, known as the Claims Conference, means that the German government's contribution to homecare funding for Holocaust survivors around the world will rise from $156 million in 2011 to about $180 million in 2012. The allocations will rise to nearly $200 million by 2014.

"With restitution-related sources of funding on the decline, this long-term agreement obtained by the Claims Conference is vital to addressing the growing social welfare needs of aging Holocaust survivors," said Claims Conference chair Julius Berman.

"It will provide survivors and the agencies that care for them the certainty that funding will be available to meet the anticipated growing demand over the next few years."

The Claims Conference will allocate money to agencies around the world that provide in-home nursing and vital help with basic activities of daily living such as eating, dressing and bathing that greatly ease the lives of elderly Holocaust victims, and enable them to remain living in their own homes.

"Once again, the German government has recognized its historic responsibility to help care for Jewish Holocaust victims in their final years," said Stuart Eizenstat, the Claims Conference's special negotiator.

"Over the decades, the government has demonstrated its commitment to alleviating the plight of elderly victims who need the care that these funds will provide."

Since 2004, the Claims Conference has negotiated with the German government for homecare funding, obtaining increased amounts each year.

The conference also negotiated an increase in pension payments to survivors. While previously a minimum of 18 months incarceration in a Nazi-era ghetto was the criteria for receiving payments, the German government will now review cases on an individual basis to determine if those who spent less time in the ghetto are also eligible for funding based on hardship and persecution.

Yad Vashem puts Eichmann trial on YouTube

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JERUSALEM — Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, has opened two new YouTube channels showing the video documentation of Adolf Eichmann's trial, to mark its 50th anniversary, one of them with a simultaneous English-language translation.

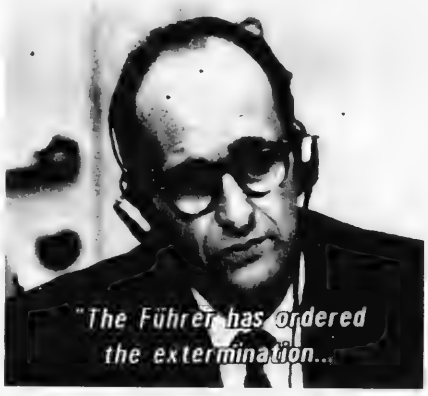
In addition to the English and Hebrew videos, information about and descriptions of the trial and meetings were put on the Internet in both languages. The channels are a co-operative effort between Yad Vashem, Israeli government archives and Google.

Fifty years after the landmark trial of Nazi criminal Adolf Eichmann began, Israel on Monday marked the event that ushered in a new era of openness toward the Holocaust and its survivors with an exhibition that highlights the man and his murderous legacy.

Known as the architect of the Holocaust for his role in co-ordinating the Nazi genocide policy, Eichmann fled Germany after the war, was captured in Argentina by Israel's Mossad and hanged after his 1961 trial in Jerusalem.

The gripping public testimony of more than 100 Jews who survived extreme torture and deprivation captured world attention and vividly brought to life the horrors of the Nazis' final solution to rid Europe of its Jews.

The hearings also marked a watershed moment for the young State of Israel, where Holocaust survivors were often disparaged as weak victims in a nation that saw itself as heroic.



The trial brought out stories of Jewish bravery and resistance that shattered the myth of Jews meekly walking to their deaths. As a result, more survivors went public with their lingering pain, greatly helping those involved in research and commemoration efforts.

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Canadian JNF representatives tour Mount Carmel

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Delegates who attended this year's recent JNF World Leadership Conference toured the Mount Carmel forest to see the damage from the December fire and met with the country's top forestry experts.

"[JNF] is working with a team of scientists and foresters to determine the best way to help rebuild the forest," said Josh Cooper, executive director of JNF Toronto. "We want to get more Canadians thinking about the future protection of Israel's forests."

The organization's immediate priority is the purchase of more equipment, including fire trucks and hoses, that was sorely lacking in December. "We need to make sure we're ready for the next one," said Cooper.

The Keren Kameyeth L'Yisrael-Jewish National Fund's conference in Israel, from March 27 to April 1, attracted leaders from 32 countries. The conference, the organization's sixth, marked its 110th anniversary. Among the delegates were a dozen Canadian representatives, from Winnipeg, Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal.

Montrealer Joe Rabinovich, executive vice-president of JNF Canada, said JNF has had offices in Canada for more than 60 years, and that Canada is the third-largest JNF fundraiser on a per capita basis, after Switzerland and Australia. "We are quite proud of what we do," he said.

The jam-packed five-day event took delegates across Israel to visit past JNF projects and learn about new ones.

The organization is continuing its construction projects in the Negev and Arava. Delegates visited Halutza, an organic farming community developed by the JNF for families that left the Gaza Strip during the disengagement of 2005.

Cooper was moved by his visit to Halutza. "It was the most tremendous thing we saw. We are literally building a city – with water, electricity, roads, schools, a synagogue – in the sand, on land that has been uninhabited since the beginning of time," he said.

Many people think JNF is just about planting trees, he said. "Though we're very proud of our... tree-planting roots, JNF is one of the only organizations that existed before the establishment of the state. There is now such a range of things that JNF is involved in. We are literally building the country. Every aspect of what it takes to build and maintain the country."

Cooper was not the only Canadian delegate moved by Halutza. "They have turned the desert green," said Jerry Werger, former president and current chairman of the JNF board in Toronto. "We like what we see happening there."

Mel Lazareck, president of JNF Prairie region, agreed. "They are doing fantastic work in the Negev. They are almost single-handedly responsible for developing the Negev. It is green because of JNF."

The organization is also involved in boosting the country's image, including dealing with anti-Israel and anti-JNF propaganda.

For Lazareck, who in addition to his role with the JNF serves as Manitoba's special representative to Israel for economic and community relations, this issue is of utmost importance.

"Perception of Israel is rated among the lowest in the world, and JNF is trying to change that through a branding program involving many of the positive things that are going on here," said Lazareck, who came to Israel ahead of the conference for a series of meetings with various environmental, medical and technological companies. He was aiming to strengthen existing ties and establish new ones between Israel and Manitoba.

"In my experience, no one comes to Israel and leaves with the same ideas and attitudes. The thing to do is to bring more people here," Lazareck added.

The JNF is working to solve many challenges facing Israel today, including combating the country's water crisis by constructing reservoirs and upgrading water recycling programs, developing communities, restoring important historical sites, sponsoring research and development, and investing in tourism and recreation. "We really cover every aspect of Israel. There is no one else that can lay claim to Israel the way JNF does. At the end of the day, everything we do is about Israel. JNF is 100 per cent Israel," Cooper said.

The conference gave Canadian delegates an opportunity to meet and learn from other JNF chapters. "We learn from each other, share best practices, talk about what works, and what doesn't," said Cooper, who ran a session on young leadership.

The Canadian delegation at the Kfar Saba Biofilter project.
[Ancho Gosh KKL-JNF archive]

Lazareck intends to take one idea that he learned about from JNF America back with him to Manitoba. JNF America has developed a great relationship with the US Forest Service, he said, which funds JNF in exchange for Israeli forestry expertise.

"Who would ever think that the department of forestry would take an interest in Israel? But as a matter of fact, they were so impressed with Israel's ability to grow trees anywhere, they're implementing [Israeli techniques] in arid parts of the U.S.," said Lazareck.

He intends to bring a similar JNF-government co-operation model back to Manitoba, which boasts huge forests and may benefit from Israeli forest-preservation expertise. "We're going to pursue this, not only provincially, but federally," he said.

Canadian delegates took more than just practical ideas from their international counterparts. "It was a thrill to meet with delegates from more than 30 countries, all with the same goal of building Israel through JNF," said Cooper. "Here we were [at the farewell party in Timna Park], all together, Jews from every continent on the planet, dancing and singing and celebrating being Jewish and having Israel."

Werger added, "I wish we could transport that feeling to an event in Toronto. The camaraderie has been wonderful. It's unbelievable how people mesh together. That's our common bond."

Rabinovich, who chaired the conference's summary session, said, "Although we're from 32 different countries and speak all different languages – German, French, Spanish, English, you name it – there are common factors bringing us together – that we're all Jewish and we're all interested in supporting Israel."

Federations raise $1 million for Japan relief

JTA

NEW YORK — Jewish federations throughout North America have raised nearly $1 million to help Japan recover from last month's massive earthquake and tsunami.

The federations' Japan, Hawaii and Pacific Relief Fund, opened immediately following the earthquake and resultant tsunami that struck Japan on March 11, has collected the money to support relief and recovery efforts in the damaged areas.

The Jewish Federations of North America, the umbrella group of the federation movement, has directly raised more than $187,000 through online, mobile and mailed donations.

Several individual federations have also opened funds, which have yielded about $680,000 in combined donations. As of April 8, the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago and the UJA-Federation of New York have raised more than $125,000 each, while the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's fundraising has totalled more than $150,000.

The emergency committee of The Jewish Federations of North America voted last week to allocate $135,000 of the funds raised to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), which is supporting victims on the ground in Japan through local humanitarian organizations.

"The Jewish federations stand ready to respond to disaster with the strength of our collective action, to ensure that the funds contributed by generous donors are put to work in the most effective way possible," said Jerry Silverman, president and CEO of The Jewish Federations of North America. "Working in partnership with our trusted overseas partner, JDC, we can be sure that these funds will have the greatest impact where they are needed most in Japan."

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'Mompreneurs' combine business with family

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

It's not exactly a conventional schedule for the average hard-working entrepreneur: 2:30 p.m., call supplier; 2:45 p.m., check finances with bank loan officer; 3 p.m., pick up toddler at pre-school; 3:30 p.m., prepare snack; 4 p.m. plan strategic expansion into new markets.

Well, perhaps it's not typical for most entrepreneurs, but Amy Ballon and Danielle Botterell have found that a growing number of young women are choosing to combine their careers with raising a family.

"Danielle and I believe that mompreneurship is a new trend that is taking off," said Ballon, a 39-year-old mother of three.

To address the increasing number of women trying to span two worlds, Ballon and Botterell have authored *Mom Inc.: How to raise your family and your business without losing your mind or your shirt.* The book is designed to address a growing cohort of young women who are opting to leave the corporate rat race behind or to simply find a rewarding way to pursue a career while still raising a family.

It was an experience both women went through themselves. "We wanted to be available for our kids, to be around for them, and to work and to have some flexibility," Ballon said.

"We thought about being available to the people you love when they need you. That's not always possible at a downtown job," said Botterell.

Ballon and Botterell, 40, met years ago in business school and have been friends ever since. They worked for consulting firms but found the corporate grind unsatisfying. "We had the sense the careers did not mesh with the kids and the family life we wanted. We always said we didn't want to work 100 hours a week" in a downtown office, Botterell said.

"For us, we wanted to be available for our families, supplement family incomes and grow a business that would be ready to take off when the families got bigger," she added.

Both agreed a key factor in their shift to mompreneurship was the one-year of maternity leave they received under the Employment Insurance system.

Ballon, whose kids range in age from eight to three, said being with children for one year is changing the attitude of many women about returning to work.

"Being at home gives you long enough to look at how life was before you had kids."

A lot of women came up with their business ideas during that period, often devising products they felt were lacking. One referenced in *Mom Inc.* was the leather-stitched footwear know as Robeez. The company was founded by Sandra Wilson, a mom who was frustrated by the type of footwear being marketed for infants. Unsatisfied with what was on offer, she developed her own solution.

Danielle Botterell, left, with son and daughter, and Amy Ballon, right, with three daughters, authored a how-to book for "mompreneurs."

Ballon's and Botterell's blanket business is another. In 2002 they started their own company, Admiral Road Designs, named for the home in the Annex which served as their corporate headquarters. It was, in fact, Ballon's dad's home and their headquarters was in the basement.

The company designs and ships fleece blankets that are aimed for children's use.

Their mompreneurship did not end there. About two years ago, they conceptualized *Mom Inc.*, pitched it and, in a span of eight weeks, wrote the book.

In doing their research, they interviewed 50 women at various stages in life who were running their own businesses. In addition, 200 other women completed an online survey.

They found the reasons for starting a business were as varied as the women themselves. Some started their business before they had children; others did so while the kids were still young and at home; yet others waited until the children were older and in school.

Citing a CIBC study, Ballon said there are an estimated one million female entrepreneurs in Canada and "it is one of the fastest growing segments in the economy." There are now more women entrepreneurs than men, she added.

The book advises anyone considering mompreneurship to prepare themselves with a thorough business plan. "You need to think about things in a more strategic and calculating way by having a plan," Botterell said.

One area she advises women to stress is to "run the numbers...You need to plan up front, track things and evaluate which are going right and which aren't."

The moms' research came up with some interesting findings: of the more than 200 women who completed their online survey, 71 per cent invested less than $10,000 in their business; 43 per cent worked fewer than 30 hours a week at it; and 54 per cent took less than $10,000 out of the business last year.

Ballon speculated that a couple of things may be at play. "I think when kids are in the picture, you look at risk differently. They still need to eat. There's a different risk analysis if kids are still at home."

What's more, "the whole point is that you are there for your kids when they need you."

In that respect, she contends, the statistics aren't that important. "The point of the how-to aspect of the book is to set yourself up so you're successful in what matters to you."

In polling the women, Ballon and Botterell found "almost all felt they were successful. They were there for the kids, doing something they loved and pursuing their passions."

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Bike-a-thon to aid trauma victims in Israel

Compiled by CJN Staff

What do the children of Mississippi, Chechnya, Sri Lanka, Haiti, and Israel have in common?

They have all benefited from the expertise of the Herzog Hospital – Israel Center for the Treatment of Psychotrauma.

While the physical scars of natural disasters, wars, and terrorism may be visible, those of trauma are not. Trauma is a condition with devastating effects, which if left untreated can last a lifetime.

Fortunately, the Herzog Israel Center for the Treatment of Psychotrauma (ICTP) has developed successful ways to help heal the pain. Since 1989, the ICTP has been developing and providing services and programs for populations exposed to trauma in Israel and internationally.

In an effort to assist their work, bicyclists have begun training for the Herzog ICTP Cycle for Hope Bike-a-Thon.

From May 2 to 5, bikers from Israel and around the world will cycle throughout Israel (one day option available), commencing in the Golan Heights and ending in Jerusalem.

The goal is to raise money to support the ICTP'S child resilience programs in Israel, which help educators, parents, and children in order to create comprehensive systems of support for traumatized children.

A bike-a-thon in the hills of Jerusalem, the sort of which, cyclists will join on behalf of Herzog ICTP Cycle of Hope. ***(Flash90 photo)***

The money raised through the Cycle for Hope will go directly to support three projects.

- Parents Place in Sderot is for families in Sderot who have been living under fire since 2001 from over 10,000 Qassam missiles. With high rates of children suffering from post traumatic stress disorder and developmental delays, parents have been finding it difficult to cope and properly care for their children.
- Children with Cancer and their Siblings, is a program that develops innovative ways to help families cope with a severe illness of a child. Counselling is provided for parents whose child finished radiation or chemotherapy. Recognizing the need to provide services for siblings of ill children, the ICTP implemented Steven's Project, a camp for siblings of children with cancer, providing therapeutic services combined with outdoor activity.
- National School Resilience Project was originally developed and implemented by the ICTP in 2000 in response to ongoing exposure to terrorism. The program aims to educate and prepare professionals in educational settings to strengthen the resilience of children in the face of crisis, disaster, and other trauma. This program has been implemented widely in Israel, in both Jewish and Arab schools. By training teachers in 40 schools, ICTP can affect the lives of over 30,000 children.

The ITCP centre was established to contend with the growing phenomenon of psychotrauma in Israel, where an estimated 10 to 12 per cent of Israelis suffer from post traumatic stress disorder, three times the level of that in the United States and other western countries.

The ICTP has become a world recognized innovator in the research and treatment of the widespread effects of trauma. In order to best serve the different segments of society, the ICTP offers a wide range of programs and services, each specialized and directed towards specific parts of the population.

Through collaborative efforts with specialists around the world, ICTP is able to widely share its unique expertise. Responding to disasters, they have sent teams to Sri Lanka in the wake of the tsunami, and to the United States in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. They have also offered assistance in Chechnya and Turkey, working with regional neighbours to enhance capabilities in the face of ongoing conflict.

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Tennis phenom expands horizons

Compiled by CJN Staff

Tennis phenom David Volfson continues to tear up the court with victories in singles and doubles at the Akademik Cup's under 14 competition last month in Kosice, Slovakia.

Volfson, 13, defeated Michal Dembek, the top-ranked player from Poland, and also won the doubles event with his partner from England, Lucas Taylor.

It was his best international showing in 2011 since the AEGON Junior International in Bolton, England, where he advanced to the final 16. In four tournaments this year, he's played 10 singles matches and won seven.

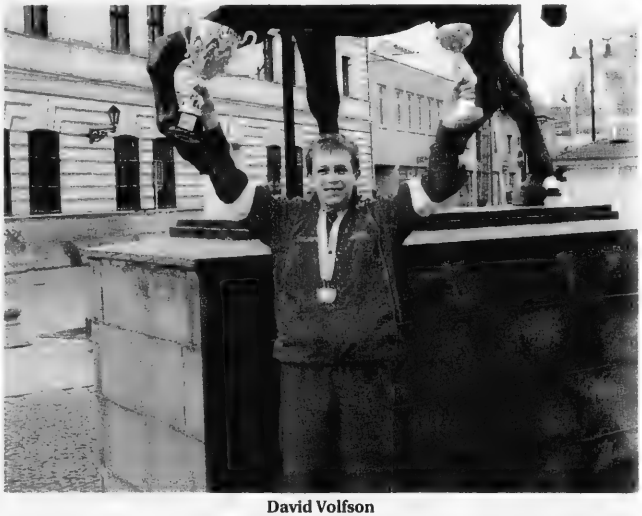
Volfson's 2011 season is building on successes from 2010. Last year, he registered first-place finishes in singles and doubles at Tennis Canada's under 14 Rogers Junior National Championships in Edmonton, along with first-place finishes in singles and doubles at the Jug Open in Skopje, Macedonia. He came close to winning the Subotica Open in Serbia soon after that, losing in the final to number 1 seed Bogdan Borza of Romania.

A Grade 8 student at the Leo Baeck Day School's north campus, Volfson took the opportunity while in Kosice to learn about the city's Jewish heritage. He met the rabbi at the local synagogue and was told that before World War II, Kosice had nearly 12,000 Jews. Now there are only about 200. "Before the Holocaust, every fifth person in the city was Jewish," Volfson said.

In conversation with his principal, Yvette Burke, they discovered that her parents were married at the same synagogue in Kosice he visited.

Volfson's budding tennis career has taken him to tournaments around the world. One of the advantages of his playing tennis at an elite level is the opportunity to travel, learn about Jewish communities around the world and expand his horizons.

Since he misses quite a bit of school while competing, Volfson enjoys learning about the history of each country, finding it a good way to be educated in world history.



David Volfson

During his trips, he builds time into his schedule for touring with his parents and coaches. While Volfson does not have a particular "favourite country," he enjoys comparing one country to the next and learning about the different ways people live.

"I love playing against different people from across the world and also the competitive atmosphere," Volfson said when asked what he loves most about playing tennis. He realizes the commitment he has made to tennis but has always been taught to enjoy his time on the court.

In an interview with *The CJN* last June, Volfson's coach, Guram Kostava of the Players Edge Tennis Academy, said the young player's future is virtually unlimited. "He's going to make history, that's what I think. Time will tell, but he has all the potential.

"He's very good at everything, good at the baseline, he's got good first and second serves, and he's mentally strong. He has a good fighting spirit.

"He keeps the ball inside and fights until the last point. He's like a machine, he never breaks down."

A member of the National Training Centre program at York University, Volfson get the best of coaching, has access to nutritionists, sports psychologists and all the other elements of the program designed to develop world class players.

His dream is to win Wimbledon one day and be ranked No. 1 in the world.

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Troupe of young dancers performs for charity

Cara Edell
Special to The CJN

BBK Showstoppers, a dance and theatre troupe made up of performers aged 10 to 14, performs at charity events and fundraisers in the Toronto area.

The dancers have to audition to join the troupe, which is directed by Brianne Buckman-Kalechstein.

The troupe's current set-list features upbeat musical theatre material as well as routines about serious subjects, including children finding foster homes, autism awareness, women around the world, and children of the Holocaust. Buckman-Kalechstein also choreographs event-specific routines when necessary.

"The BBK girls are a great group, and they are really gaining experience not just in performance, but as future leaders," she said.

The troupe rehearses six hours a week and receive technical training in jazz, ballet and musical-theatre choreography.

At a young age, Buckman-Kalechstein developed a passion for helping others. As a dance teacher, she has always choreographed routines with meaningful stories, either in memory or in honour of specific causes, but her routines were never performed for the audiences she intended them for.

"I really wanted to do more as a mentor and teacher, and have the dancers get out there and perform for the community and the groups we were supporting," she said.

Buckman-Kalechstein created BBK Showstoppers, in partnership with the Koffler Centre of the Arts, in 2009, to inspire young dancers to use their talents for a purpose.

"As a firm believer that not all classrooms have four walls, I take great pride in teaching my team about the various causes and charities we support, and showing them that they can make a difference, regardless of their age, by giving back with their talents," she said.

Last October, the BBK Showstoppers performed at Light the Night, raising more than $2,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in memory of Buckman-Kalechstein's aunt, Shirley Kirsh. The girls also created blogs, where they wrote about their volunteer performance work.

They have performed for Women's Habitat, and they danced at the press kickoff for Mount Sinai Hospital's Yoga in Motion fundraiser last month.

The BBK Showstoppers in rehearsal. *[Jason Presement photo]*

Last month, the BBK girls served tea and danced at Baycrest's Café Europa in memory of the children of the Holocaust.

"After doing the Holocaust workshop with me in January, the BBK girls were very excited to perform for a group of survivors," Buckman-Kalechstein said. "While our presentation was upbeat, it meant a lot to me and the team to perform for this special group."

The BBK Showstoppers are invited to perform their memorial routine for an audience at Baycrest's Wagman Centre on the evening of May 2. That same afternoon, the girls will also dance at Associated Hebrew Schools and Leo Baeck Day School.

"This routine [built around a choral reading from the poem *The Butterfly*] takes us on a journey from freedom to hiding to ghetto to camp, through resistance and final uprising. It concludes with a message of 'no more hate,'" said Buckman-Kalechstein.

Christine Ting, a dancer in the troupe, said she enjoys performing the Holocaust dance because it "tells a good story, starting from the start of the Holocaust, through the war and ends when the war is over."

BBK Showstoppers "makes everyone happy and smile," she added.

On May 26, the girls will host the BBK Showstoppers Dance for Sick Kids. Proceeds go to the Crafting For a Cure Fund at the Hospital for Sick Children. The dancers have made posters, and they have created a blog. Their parents are donating items for a silent auction.

For more information about BBK, visit bbkshowstoppers.com. E-mail brianne@bbkshowstoppers.com for information about auctions on June 1 and 4 for the 2011-12 troupe.

Alon Nashman stars in *Forests*

Kathryn Kates
Special to The CJN

Toronto actor Alon Nashman has a role in *Forests*, which he says is the "most titillating Rubik's Cube of a play" he has ever worked on.

Forests, written by Order of Canada recipient Wajdi Mouawad, is the third work in a four-play cycle that includes *Incendies* (*Scorched*).

Alon Nashman

The film version of *Incendies* was nominated for an Academy Award in the Best Foreign Film category earlier this year, and it recently received a Genie Award for Best Motion Picture. *Forests* takes audiences on a quest that spans six generations and two continents. Bonds of family are tested, stretched, broken and, finally, all is redeemed by love.

"It follows the journey of a young woman from Montreal, Loup, who traces her roots back through time and a very complex bloodline, which takes her into 18th-century Prussia, the First World War and the Holocaust," says Nashman, who plays Baptiste, Loup's father.

"It is a very strange circumstance that her legacy is discovered. This search brings her in contact with some of the most fascinating people who were affected by the complex history of Europe," he adds.

All the elements that made *Scorched* so gripping are in *Forests*, but in overdrive, Nashman says.

A mystery surrounds the death of Loup's mother, which Baptiste and his daughter probe. "The father-daughter relationship develops through the play, but it follows this young woman as she traces her family history," Nashman says.

Forests is "going to engender a deep sense of wonder and, at the same time, an incredible emotional connection, on a personal level, with the events of the 20th century and how they still impact on our lives."

Nashman says he can relate to the play in the way that he's always thinking about the legacy he's leaving his children. Nashman and his wife, Elizabeth, have three children, Tiferet, 16; Hershel, 13, and Neshama, 11.

In addition to Nashman, the cast features several talented Canadian theatre thespians, including Dmitry Chepovetsky, Matthew Edison, Vivien Endicott-Douglas, David Fox and Sophie Goulet. Nashman's most recent theatre credits include productions of *Democracy*, *Alias Godot* and *Remnants* at the Tarragon Theatre. This summer, Nashman will take two shows to the Edinburgh Festival in Scotland, *Kafka and Son* and *Alphonse*.

Forests, translated from the French by Linda Gaboriau and directed by Richard Rose, has its English-language première at the Tarragon Mainspace on April 27 and runs until May 29. Previews begin on April 19. For tickets, call 416-531-1827 or visit https://tickets.tarragontheatre.com.

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Comic opera satirizes Brian Mulroney

Sherry Smither
Special to the CJN

While director Larry Weinstein was making the documentary *Inside Hana's Suitcase* in 2009, he was secretly working on a film of a different kind – a political comic opera about the trials and tribulations of Canada's 18th prime minister, Brian Mulroney.

"It was secretive because the subject is very explosive and political," Weinstein said over lunch at a Bloor Street café.

"If Brian Mulroney got hold of it before – or some of the people who were featured in the film – they may have done things to stop it. But also because the genre is so unheard of – nobody gets it when we say we are doing a political comic satirical opera about Mulroney. People can't figure it out because they've never seen anything like that before."

Mulroney: The Opera premières with a matinée on April 16 and an encore screening on April 27 at select theatres across the country.

This movie is not the first comic opera Weinstein has created with writer Dan Redican and composer Alexina Louie. They collaborated on the Bravo!FACT (Foundation to Assist Canadian Talent) shorts, *Toothpaste* (2002), about a couple arguing over who left the cap off the toothpaste tube, and *Burnt Toast* (2005), a series of comic mini-operas about romantic relationships. Both films received critical acclaim.

"What I love about opera is taking something as mundane as in *Toothpaste* and *Burnt Toast* and elevating it to opera," explains Weinstein, whose films have garnered almost every award possible.

"In the case of *Mulroney: The Opera*, what is fascinating is that politicians are already larger than life – like Mulroney with his baritone voice. They kind of act as they project. And there's something about the humour of taking these people's lives and putting it into operatic form that's so much fun, and it's crazy."

And crazy it is! *Mulroney: The Opera* is an ingenious parody. Mulroney, seen as misguided and egotistical, is portrayed by Rick Miller (former host of the *Just for Laughs* TV show) and voiced by bass-baritone Daniel Okulitch. The film exposes scandals involving Mulroney's cabinet ministers – for example, defence minister Robert Coates' (Sean Cullen) visit to a German strip club.

In a ridiculously witty scene with a stripper, Coates sings, "Who can blame me? Can you blame me?"

To satirize John Fraser's (Dan Lett) "Tunagate" fiasco, the minister of fisheries sings, "I let them sell the tainted fish... stinky, stinky, stinky fish... I meant well... sorry for the stinky smell."

Weinstein, Redican and Louie masterfully marry satire and art, turning Mulroney's Tories into babbling idiots.

Other actors include Stephanie Anne Mills as Mulroney's wife, Mila, Colin Mochrie as Jean Chretien and Wayne Best as Pierre Trudeau.

Many cast members lip-synch lyrics while opera singers like soprano Zorana Sadiq, tenor Martin Houtman and baritone Joel Katz voice their parts. Houtman and Katz also appear on screen as the angel and the devil, respectively, offering Mulroney advice, but give up, chanting, "Good luck, pal, you're on your own!"

In keeping with Weinstein's style, the movie is set in esthetically striking locations. Mulroney and Trudeau "tango" in Casa Loma (over Meech Lake) to *Habanera* from *Carmen*; Pioneer Village is transformed into Baie-Comeau, Mulroney's picturesque hometown; and the Leslie Street Spit creates a wonderful backdrop for Brian and Mila's romantic beach scene reminiscent of *From Here to Eternity* until Karlheinz Schreiber of the Airbus scandal appears and slips Mulroney an envelope.

Is Weinstein secretly scripting another opera? Maybe the Royals will be his next subject – with William and Kate's wedding a few weeks away, there's plenty of folly there!

For tickets and screening information, go to www.mulroneytheopera.ca.

From left are Stephanie Anne Mills (Mila Mulroney), Mark Breslin (priest) and Rick Miller (Brian Mulroney). ***[Rhombus Media photo]***

Our Class explores Jewish-Polish relations

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Human relationships are manifestly fragile, determined as they are by upbringing, temperament and circumstance. *Our Class*, a play by Polish playwright Tadeusz Slobodzianek that ends its run at the Berkeley Street Theatre Downstairs on April 30, explores this broad theme courageously.

Based on Jan Gross' book, *Neighbors*, and directed by Joel Greenberg, *Our Class* unfolds over many decades in pre-war and post-war Poland. However, it concentrates on the Holocaust period, when Poland was occupied by German and Soviet armies.

The play, whose English version was written by Ryan Craig, takes place on a bare stage with 10 chairs. The simplicity of the set accentuates the unsettling and harrowing events that transpire.

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Ten classmates, several of whom are Jewish, discover that their respective friendships do not withstand the test of time. Dormant animosities surface in a welter of racial cliches.

Our Class covers a span of time from the 1920s and 1930s, when Poland was a sovereign nation, to the outbreak of World War II and beyond.

The death of a major Polish politician, Jozef Pilsuski, generates a whiff of anti-semitism.

The Soviet occupation era, with its arrests, disappearances, rapes, food queues and wholesale nationalization of property, prompts accusations by some of the students that Jews welcomed the Red Army to their town in northeastern Poland.

The town, Jedwabne, is not explicitly mentioned due to a desire by the playwright to universalize the theme, which, historically, turns on the fraught topic of Polish-Jewish relations.

The German occupation brings death to the town's Jewish inhabitants in the form of a massacre perpetrated by its Catholic residents. At least two Jews survive the rampage – punctuated by rapes – thanks to the assistance of local Poles.

Cognizant of the debate spawned by the pogrom, the play is careful not to commit itself to firm casualty figures. A Jewish character refers to 1,600 deaths, but a Polish one puts the toll at "700 tops."

The actual number of Jews murdered in this obscure town is ultimately irrelevant. What counts is the obvious: Polish neighbours killed Jewish neighbours. In a flash, friendships vanished in blood curdling screams and a pall of smoke as a burning barn consumed scores of Jews.

Our Class, with fine performances from its young cast, explores the tenuous nature of the Polish-Jewish symbiosis and of human behaviour under duress.

Inexplicably, the events of 1968 and 1969, during which tens of thousands of Jews were forced out of Poland by a state-sponsored antisemitic campaign dressed up as anti-Zionism, are virtually ignored.

The Solidarity trade union period, which foreshadowed Poland's ascent to democracy after some 40 years of communism, is given short shrift as well.

This should not be taken as criticism. In the end, *Our Class* is about the tissue of prejudices, lies, denials, misunderstandings and hypocrisy that all too often marked Jews' relations with Christians in Poland.

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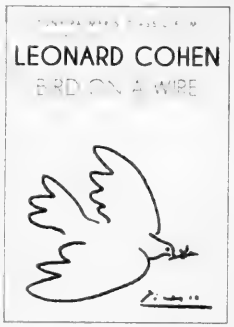
EYE ON ARTS

By BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL TO FOCUS ON "THREE LENNYS" – BERNSTEIN, COHEN & BRUCE

The 19th annual Toronto Jewish Film Festival has announced a lineup of 118 diverse films from 21 countries that it will show between May 7 and 15, beginning with the North American première of *Looking For Lenny*, an illuminating look at the iconoclastic comedian and social commentator **Lenny Bruce**.

Directed by **Elan Gale**, *Looking For Lenny* opens the festival with a May 7 screening at The Underground, a new theatre at 186 Spadina Ave., one of seven venues in which the TJFF is presenting its wares. (The others are the Bloor Cinema, the Al Green Theatre, the Cineplex Odeon Sheppard Centre, SilverCity Richmond Hill, Canada Square and the TIFF Bell Lightbox.)



TJFF is also showing *Leonard Cohen: Bird on a Wire*, directed by **Tony Palmer**. The documentary, which captures **Leonard Cohen** in surprisingly candid moments, was made in the early 1970s and went missing for 38 years until Palmer discovered 294 rolls of raw footage in a Hollywood warehouse. With Cohen's consent, he painstakingly reconstructed it.

Several offerings in the festival's 19-part sidebar series on the Three Lennys focus on the legendary late composer **Leonard Bernstein**, whose son, **Alexander Bernstein**, is expected to be in attendance, just as Bruce's daughter, **Kitty Bruce**, is expected for the opening night.

Also on the bill is a world première of *Between Two Worlds*, a documentary by **Deborah Kaufman** and **Alan Snitow** that "explores the divisions that are redefining Jewish identity and politics," including loyalty to Israel, interpretations of the Holocaust, and intermarriage. A panel following the film will address the resonant question, "Who Speaks for the Jewish Community?"

Other titles include *I Shall Remember* by Russian director **Vitaly Vorobjev**; *Crime After Crime*, **Yoav Potash**'s study of a California woman imprisoned for her part in the murder of a man who brutalized her; *The Karski Report*, about a Polish exile who alerted the Allies to the dire situation of the Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto; and *A Jewish Girl in Shanghai*, the first animated feature from China to deal with the Holocaust.

This is just the tip of the proverbial iceberg, so please visit the festival website at www.tjff.com for more details.

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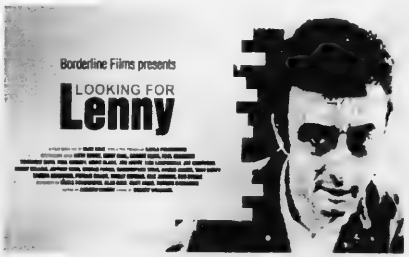

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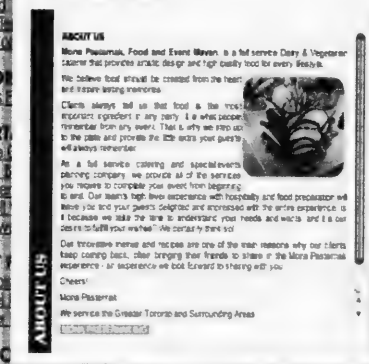
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A story of absolute and unconditional love

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"On 13 October 1991, my grandparents killed themselves. It was a Sunday. Not really the ideal day of the week for suicide."

So begins Johanna Adorján's touching and creatively reconstructed memoir of her grandparents, Hungarian-born Holocaust survivors Vera and István, who committed suicide in their home in Denmark.

Sixteen years later, in *An Exclusive Love: A Memoir* (Knopf Canada), translated by Anthea Bell, Adorján imagines the last day of her grandparents' lives, from the moment they wake up to their final minutes together holding hands in bed after taking a fatal dose of sleeping pills.

"What do people do on the morning that they know will be their last?" she wonders. "I imagine that they tidy up, get things done. Take out the rubbish… fold clean underclothes."

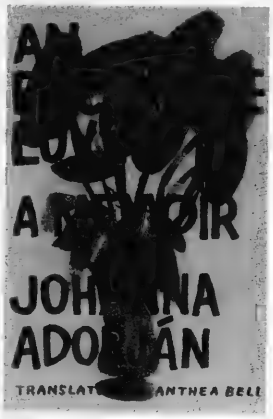
Adorján, now a 40-year-old living in Berlin, also intersperses her own memories as a young girl visiting her grandparents' home. She remembers fondly that her grandmother had two favourite sayings: "Shit happens." And "Tel Aviv" – a humorous distortion of "C'est la vie."

She also meets with their elderly friends and relatives to glean information about her grandparents' earlier days.

Like many survivors, Vera and István, her father's parents, were reluctant to talk about their Holocaust experiences.

We do learn that they were born in Hungary and met in a theatre. Her grandfather came from a family of assimilated Jews, more Hungarian of Jewish origin, than Jewish-Hungarian.

Vera was already pregnant with the author's father when the Germans occupied Hungary in 1944. Vera was able to obtain forged papers and survive the occupation in Budapest, but István was sent to Mauthausen. She doesn't know much of his time there, only that he "learned to sleep on his feet" and survived a death march to another camp at the tail end of the war.



István returned to Hungary after the war and reunited with his wife and son. After the Soviet invasion during the uprising in 1956, they fled Hungary and settled in Copenhagen.

Above all, this is a love story – a story of absolute and unconditional love. The title comes from Adorján's imagining of her grandmother's motive for suicide. Her grandfather, we know, was terminally ill and his condition was worsening. In Adorján's telling, she imagines that Vera could not live without him and implies that they made a pact a long time ago to die together.

Adorján uses a casual and informal style with dashes of her own brand of humour. She mentions that once in New York she was talked into signing up for J-Date and was rather disappointed. "If someone tells you in his profile that he is 36 years old, it doesn't necessarily mean that he is 36. It can mean that one or two decades ago he *was* 36 and still has a lively memory of what it feels like."

Although she wasn't brought up Jewish in any sense (her mother in fact wasn't even Jewish), in tracking down her grandparents' lives she discovers her own connection to Judaism and observes that "maybe it's typically Jewish to think everything is typically Jewish."

This is a different type of family memoir. Obviously a lot of it is made up – more fiction than memoir. In re-imagining her grandparents' last day on earth, Adorján creates a scenario that is plausible and, perhaps, one that she can live with.

In the hands of another writer this memoir could have been overly sentimental and mushy. But Adorján sensibly avoids that trap and it reads almost like an ode to her grandparents. A gift they would have approved of.

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Richard Alther's *Siegfried Follies* (Regent Press) also has the search for one's Jewish roots as one of its themes.

The book follows the unlikely friendship between two orphan boys. Given up by his foster parents, Franz is raised in a maternity ward for Aryan mothers in Munich. One day, in the last year of World War II, he happens to fall upon a young boy who was thrown out of a transport train.

Franz secretly takes the malnourished boy back to the hospital where he nurses him to health. He names him "J" for the tattoo on his arm.

The two boys become good friends and after the war hide out in a bombed out theatre where Franz begins to show his business acumen and J his academic smarts.

As J gets older, he goes to school (how he managed to do that without paperwork and a legal guardian is never satisfactorily addressed) and becomes drawn to his past and his Judaism. He visits Dachau and wonders if his mother, whose face he can't even picture, died there.

The book follows the boys into adulthood, during which after a separation when J goes to a kibbutz, they're both living in America; Franz as a successful married businessman and J, as a moody, depressed writer of children's plays based on German folk heroes.

The first part of *Siegfried Follies*, dealing with the main characters as young boys surviving in a tragic, indifferent world, is enjoyable. But as the boys become adults, the laboured narrative veers into heavy topics of collective guilt and forgiveness, and the book becomes weighted down by Dostoevsky-style broodiness and references to Wagnerian operas, *Mein Kampf* and the Talmud.

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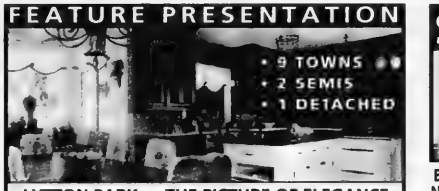

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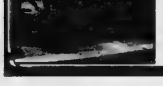

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A play about a 1941 pogrom in Nazi-occupied Poland has opened new wounds in Toronto.

A Polish community organization claims that the play is historically inaccurate in at least two vital respects – the number of Jews killed in the massacre and the extent of Polish involvement in it. But the theatre company staging it counters that the group is missing the point.

Our Class, mounted by Studio 180 Theatre in association with the Canadian Stage Company at the Berkeley Street Theatre Downstairs, is based on the book *Neighbors,* written by Polish-born historian Jan Gross and published in 2001.

Adapted for the stage by Polish playwright Tadeusz Slobodzianek, who appeared at a press preview last week, *Neighbors* is about a group of 10 Catholic and Jewish classmates in a small Polish town whose friendships are torn asunder by a series of events starting in prewar Poland.

Our Class, directed by Joel Greenberg, focuses on the Soviet and German occupations of Poland and climaxes with a pogrom that claimed the lives of virtually the entire Jewish population of the town of Jedwabne.

In *Our Class,* which runs until April 30, the name of the town where as many as 1,600 Jews were murdered by their Catholic neighbours under the eyes of the German occupiers goes unmentioned.

The play, which has been shown in Israel, had its world premiere at the National Theatre in London in 2009 and was staged in Warsaw last year.

Presenting *Our Class* in its North American premiere, Studio 180 bills the two-hour play as an examination of Polish-Jewish relations in the 20th century touching on universal themes such as collective cowardice and individual bravery.

Studio 180 says its mission is "to produce socially relevant theatre that provokes public discourse and promotes community engagement."

The Canadian Polish Congress has criticized the play.

Claiming it is factually inaccurate, CPC spokesperson Hanna Sokolski said that several hundred rather than 1,600 Jews were killed and that the atrocity was organized by the Germans with the participation of about 40 local Polish residents.

Conceding that the number of victims is in dispute, Greenberg said that the play is not about numbers but about "neighbours killing neighbours."

Peter Jassem, chair of the Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation of Canada, said the issue is clouded.

A decade ago, an exhumation of the bodies was carried out in Poland by the Institute of National Remembrance to establish an exact count.

"It was not completed due to opposition from a concerned Jewish community, driven by respect for the dead in accordance with Jewish religion and tradition," said Jassem. "At that point, the work was halted and the investigation ended."

The Institute of National Remembrance subsequently issued a statement that the remains of at least 340 Jews lay in a mass grave.

"Technically, the number of victims is still unknown," Jassem added.

"It may have been 500, 1,000 or close to the figure cited by Gross. From an ethical point of view, it doesn't matter. One victim would have been too many."

He added, "The fact remains that the Jewish inhabitants of Jedwabne were murdered by their fellow citizens. This has been debated and acknowledged by Polish historians and the Polish media and accepted by a great majority of Polish society."

Jassem made one final point: "Of course, if not for the brutal consecutive Soviet and Nazi occupations, the preconditions for the pogrom would not have been created, and the pogrom would likely not have taken place. The play explores these preconditions with honesty."

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Matisyahu performs at Chabad benefit concert in Toronto

Daniel Koren
Special to The CJN

Reggae superstar Matisyahu indulged his Toronto fans yet again last week with an acoustic performance, a meet-and-greet and his personal reflections on Judaism.

Matisyahu, who performed at the Toronto Centre for the Arts as part of Uptown Chabad's fourth annual benefit evening, has struck a chord with Jews and non-Jews alike ever since his breakthrough record *Live at Stubb's* was released in 2005 and his song *King Without a Crown* reached the Billboard Top 40 a year later.

Organizers of the annual benefit, who work to expose more Jews to Chabad's philosophy and raise money for the services provided by Uptown Chabad in Toronto, hoped that the presence of Matisyahu – both a reggae star and a devoted Chabadnik – would draw some positive attention.

Led by Rabbi Moshe Steiner and his wife, Yehudis, Uptown Chabad offers a multitude of services and programs, including women's events, preschools and weekly Shabbat dinners at their shul.

The April 5 event was built around 31-year-old Matisyahu, also known as Matthew Miller, who was raised a Reconstructionist Jew but immersed himself in the Chabad Lubavitch community in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, more than a decade ago.

Matisyahu is known as one of the most original reggae musicians of the decade, the foundations of his music stemming from the philosophy of Chassidism.

An active enthusiast of the Jewish community, he was more than willing to share some of his thoughts and stories with the crowd, but not before playing fan favourites from albums *Youth*, his most recent recording *Light*, and even a cover of Bob Marley's *Running Away*.

Matisyahu

From left, Adam Weinberg, Matisyahu and Trevor Wall. *(Photos courtesy of sepiadigital.ca)*

But before Matisyahu took to the stage with guitarists Trevor Wall and Adam Weinberg for his acoustic reggae, rock and rap set, the audience heard testimonies from Uptown Chabad members and viewed videos that showcased the various projects members work on.

Hundreds of fans, as well as Jewish community leaders and politicians, including York Centre Conservative candidates Mark Adler and Michael Mostyn, and Toronto mayor Rob Ford, were in attendance.

Ford, who thanked the Jewish community for inviting him to the gala, said "that Toronto is made up of compassionate individuals who shape a city that we can be all proud to call home."

Matisyahu, dressed in his traditional black attire and sporting a blue kippah, started the set off with *Silence*, at the end of which, and nearly with every song after it, the musician showcased some of his formidable beat-boxing abilities, accentuated by the soft acoustic accompaniment.

The singer laughed and told jokes in between jams, constantly asking for more water, proclaiming how the stage was as dry as a desert and was in dire need of fluids.

He interacted frequently with the audience, humouring them as they begged him to play his most popular tune, *One Day* and, at one point, handed the mike to a girl in the front row and asked her about the meaning of a song he had just performed called *Lime Tree*.

The girl said that, to her, the song describes the world as a beautiful place but sour all at once, and that outside of the lime tree you had to find God and deeper meaning.

You could tell that he was impressed by her reply.

Watching the talented artist craft beats and sing simultaneously, as his payot and long grey beard swayed and he moved his entire body to the sound of his own rhythms, was no doubt an intimate experience for the audience.

He played favourites such as *Lord Raise Me Up* and *Jerusalem*, acappella, and seemed genuinely comfortable on stage in front of his fellow Chabad supporters.

His performance was uplifting, brimming with stories of the Torah that have shaped the principles of his music.

After an hour-long set, he left the stage, only to return a few minutes later to the furious chanting of "encore, encore!"

He saved his best known anthems for last – the overly requested *One Day* and his most celebrated *King Without a Crown*.

As he has on several occasions, Matisyahu thanked his fans for their support, and thanked Uptown Chabad for having him.

To show his appreciation, the approachable musician gave fans the opportunity to take photographs with him and to hear his thoughts on how Judaism has influenced his life, during a dinner reception to which *The CJN* was not granted access.

For more information, visit www.uptownchabad.com.

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Schools measure 'footprints'

Ontario EcoSchools is an environmental education program for kindergarten to Grade 12. Developed and run by school boards, the program allows students to acquire ecological literacy and learn about practices that will make them environmentally responsible citizens. In addition, Ontario EcoSchools helps to improve operations within school buildings in order to reduce environmental impacts.

Several Toronto Jewish day schools participate in the program, including the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School, the Toronto Heschel School, Bialik Hebrew Day School and the Associated Hebrew Schools, Kamin branch.

Many of the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) public schools are part of the EcoSchool program. TDSB schools have recently added a quantitative element to their efforts using the Zerofootprint Challenge, a program that encourages schools around the world to measure, compare and change their environmental footprint.

Sustainable Jew

Fred Winegust

TDSB gathers monthly data about electricity, water and natural gas consumption from many of its schools. The key is to visually benchmark performances against one another. Data can be manipulated in order to compare usage per student or per square foot of the school. With this information, students and teachers can select specific elements of the EcoSchools program to help improve energy conservation measures, the impact of which could be measured over time.

The York Catholic District School Board measures and displays electricity consumption in near real time. Its Eco Champions program enables students and teachers to act when consumption gets too high and to see the impact of their actions within two minutes.

What about Israel? Sviva Israel, a leading environmental education organization for school-aged children, develops and implements programs that promote environmental literacy while exploring the connections between Judaism and the environment. Its website, http://bit.ly/tsj1104-05, does not have a quantitative benchmarking capability. A session at the recent Eilat/Eilot renewable energy conference was on how schools in Israel teach environmental responsibility with a focus on renewable energy. Curriculum development in Israeli schools has begun, but has not yet reached the level of Ontario EcoSchools curriculum integration.

Eighteen schools in Eilat are considering a pilot project using the same application that TDSB is using to make its energy consumption visible. Over time, the information gathered would allow the staff in the Eilat schools to implement exercises for energy-consumption reduction and the effects could be quantifiably measured.

Unlike the Ontario public, Catholic and Eilat schools approach, there is no centralized way for the Toronto Jewish day schools to measure, compare and change their energy consumption. Perhaps the Eilat schools and the Toronto Jewish day schools should partner with each other.

Elements of Ontario EcoSchools could help accelerate curriculum development and link environmental and conservation ideas. And the Toronto Jewish day schools could get a better understanding of the value of making energy-consumption data more visible to its community through a centralized effort. This would give them the ability to measure, compare and reduce energy consumption, and apply operational savings to educational needs.

Sounds like a possible community engagement project to bring the twinned cities of Eilat/Eilot and Toronto together. Anyone want to help?

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The CJN's French-language reporter in Montreal, Elias Levy, writes about:

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Shas party MK Rabbi Haïm Amsellem who gives his opinion about some of the problems related to Orthodox practices in Israel.

École Maïmonide Secondary V student Ortal Cohen who won top prize in the first-ever Dictée competition organized by the school, for which students from several schools wrote a passage dictated to them.

Also on the web

Outgoing Treasury Board president Stockwell Day received a standing ovation for his strongly pro-Israel speech from 500 Jews and Christians who gathered in Mount Royal riding last week to "support and celebrate the land and people of Israel."

New *Rosenberg Holocaust Haggadah*, links Passover seder and the Holocaust.

Exclusive to cjnews.com

Carleton University president Roseann O'Reilly Runte threatened students with fines, loss of academic status, or suspension of privileges after a student protest that caused the cancellation of a March 29 board of governors meeting.

On The CJ Shmooze

Jewish youth express their views on the current federal election campaign.

Pesach, Guyana, My Boy

I'm explaining Pesach to my son, Noah. He's almost five.

As I do, I have to simplify the Exodus and understand it through his eyes, those of a child. There's something about this perspective that makes sense, as Pesach is the holiday of the child. It's the holiday of "why."

Urban Writer

Avrum Rosensweig

As I tell him the story, I see a raw nation of people, tired, hopeful and (mostly) raring to escape Egypt. I imagine the clouds as being their taps and God being always nearby.

Noah recognizes the resilience of the Jewish people. He asks how they could spend 40 years in a dry, desolate desert. Good question. How could they?

I tell him, in words that suit his young mind, that our people were forced to get used to the sandstorms and freezing cold desert nights. I tell him that having a dream – called the Jewish People – made it easier on the 600,000 who left Egypt.

I find it hard to explain slavery to my boy. Mostly become I am too ashamed to admit my people once cowered in corners afraid of other men who were forcing them to abandon their Jewish soul and sense of self. How do you explain brutality to a child?

To help him get the dream part, I then explained how a team of doctors and public health educators from Toronto just travelled to Guyana, with Ve'ahavta, to work in a dense jungle with monkeys and tarantulas to help Amerindian villagers.

I explained to Noah that the team included three religious Jews who were so committed to their beliefs that on a Friday morning, they awoke at 5:30 a.m. in that boiling hot country to bake challah for Shabbat.

I told him the team made an eruv in the village of Akawini so they could help out in a medical clinic on Shabbat. I drew an eruv, explaining that it comprises posts and wires set up so Jews can carry stuff outside on Shabbat, objects that would otherwise be forbidden by Torah law.

I recounted that when Shabbat was over, the team made *Havdalah*. He liked that.

(While in Guyana, Ve'ahavta's team set up clinics wherever possible, encouraging families and individual to come to get medical attention. For many years, Ve'ahavta has sent multifaith volunteer medical teams to Guyana. The missions have always enabled team members to work effectively in extremely resource-poor settings while avoiding travel on Shabbat and maintaining the laws of kashrut. Interestingly, a number of the local communities that Ve'ahavta partners with are Seventh Day Adventist. They celebrate Shabbat just as we do, from Friday evening until nightfall Saturday. Many of them enjoy attending Ve'ahavta's Shabbat services and meals, and join in the blessing over bread and wine.)

Pesach is upon us. Look closely at it through your eyes and through those of a child. Imagine human beings streaming out of old Egypt, crossing a split sea, after suffering through the building of palaces and pyramids, and finally feeling the freedom we all crave.

See thousands of Jews huddling in the desert tasting the flatbread matzah and lifting their heads to the heavens, capturing some of God's rain on the tips of their tongues and on their sweaty foreheads.

Within all this, I feel great joy at adhering to the mitzvah of "And you shall tell your child on that day as follows: 'Because of this, HaShem did for me, when he took me out of Egypt.'" I feel such joy. Chag Samayach. Happy Pesach.

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Life Doesn't Frighten Me At All

Sofia Freudenstein
Age 12

Dare-Devil Charlotta. That's what my friends called me. Improper. That was my parents' name for me. Stupid. That was my brother's favourite name for me. I am 10, almost 11, and I have ALWAYS been known for my "schemes." When I was five, I revealed my pantaloons in front of my class. The boys started laughing hysterically, and the girls just blushed red. The teacher wasn't very fond of it either.

Ever since, I have been a "wild" child. I would jump into muddy puddles, just after rainfall, and ruin my clothes. I would then leave a trail of mud across Mama's rug. I would jump on my bed and try and touch the ceiling. I would scream and shout at the top of my lungs. I would pass by dogs that were barking and baring their teeth, and I would just bark back. Even when the rest of my family would read quietly by the fire, I would run and dance to my own songs.

But then things changed: Mama gave me a yellow cloth bracelet with a star sewed on it, and she told me not to ruin it. Then she said that I wouldn't be able to run and play tag with Elsa and Greta at sunset anymore. I wouldn't be allowed to ride my bike in the park to my heart's content, and I could not take dancing lessons at the library anymore. When Mama told me this she looked strained and worried. But I wasn't frightened.

A few days later, Greta, Elsa and I were playing jump-rope in the square. Mama was closely watching and staring at her watch and a run-down house nearby. We were playing in broad daylight, the time Mama said it would be okay to play. A group of young men passed by us. They looked at us – me, Elsa and Greta. Then they spat at us. They walked close to Mama, and spat at her with disgust. I stared at Mama. Why hadn't she told those men that spitting is nauseating and gross, just like she told me whenever I spat? But she didn't even move away when they did so. Why? I thought maybe this question I would keep to myself.

About a month later, Mama woke me early and put a finger to my mouth. It was still dark outside. Mama dressed me in many layers of clothing, but it was summertime. We went on a walk outside. There were many eerie sounds and shadows, but I still held my head high.

We stopped at the run-down house. Ferdinand, my brother, did not have his usual smirk on his face. He actually looked frightened. But I wasn't.

We went in quietly. It felt as though large gleaming red eyes were following me in the darkness, but I was not going to let that bother me. We went up a rickety flight of stairs. By an accident, I stepped on a loose board that made a creaking noise. Mama's face turned completely pale, the whiteness standing out like a ghost in the darkness. Even Papa, who wasn't afraid of anything, stared at me with bewildered eyes. Everyone froze for a moment. Then Papa made a signal to move on.

We arrived upstairs. Papa walked over to a dusty bookcase. Being careful not to leave any marks from his hands on the case, he pushed it quietly aside to reveal a staircase. We went up it. I was not in fear, but I was confused. We started to unpack our things on a rickety wooden table, but I didn't ask any questions. Mama served potatoes for dinner (which I am not very fond of) but I kept in my curiosity. We did not leave the little room where we slept and ate. Whenever we talked to each other in that room (which was very seldom), we would talk very quietly, so I didn't raise my voice either. I yearned for sunlight. Frankfurt was such a beautiful city. There was a little crack in the window. I would sometimes spend hours just staring out that crack and looking at the children playing in the square. Elsa and Greta were not there playing jump-rope or hop-scotch on the square.

Usually, I was the one who broke the rules, but there was a certain seriousness and gloom to our new home.

Then one day, we had visitors, but they were unexpected. They were loud and impolite. They were treating Papa disrespectfully. No one insults Papa. Now, I was truly frightened. They put us in jeeps and took us away from the run-down house. I didn't understand; Mama and Papa and Ferdinand were so crestfallen.

Now I know why.
I used to be the dare-devil.
Not anymore.
I used to laugh.
Not anymore.
I used to not be afraid of anything.
Not anymore.
Not now.
I used to live.
Not anymore.

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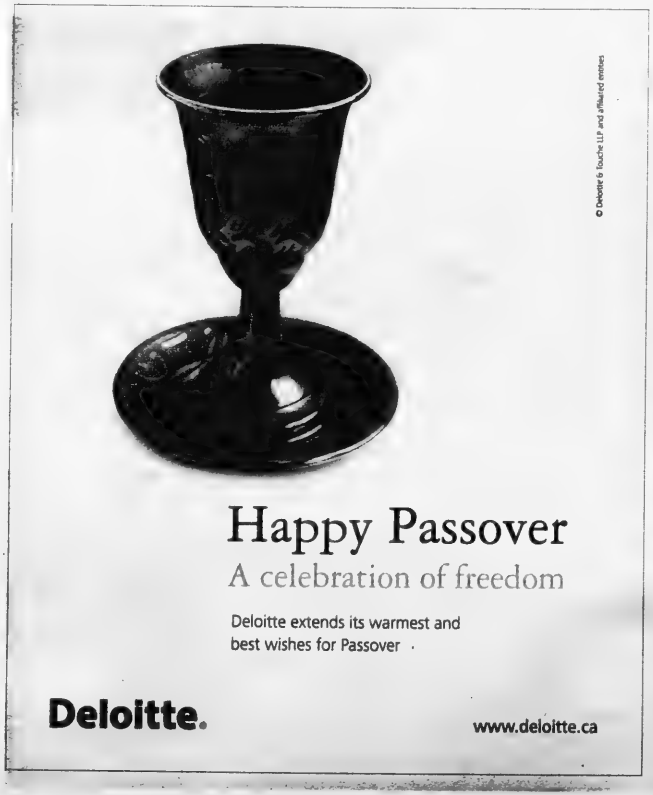
This story uses the names of my family members, and I dedicate it to them. They were from Frankfurt-Am-Main, Germany, and left for America before the Holocaust. I decided that the main character's name would be Charlotta, my namesake and my great-grandmother. Ferdinand is the name of my late grandfather. Elsa and Greta are my great-aunts, who are healthy and alive.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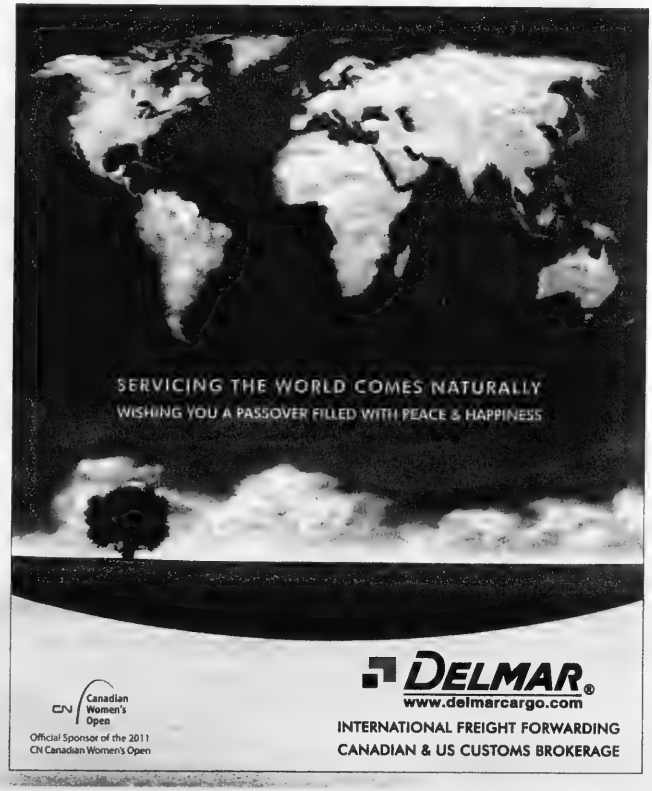
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Kill It At Dusk

Bruce Jacobs Davidovitch

Upon a timeless landscape
Where I'd aspire to be
Millennia and some years more
Cast on an ancient sea

To celebrate a Passover
As time has passed, to know
How o'er the years rituals changed
Since Israel fled its foe

Decades ago in cheder
Reading Exodus 12:13
'When I see blood I'll pass over you'
This edict was ordained

And further on when Pharaoh said
He'd let the people go
In thanks for Egyptians drowned and dead
Moses did in gratitude show

In Exodus 12:3
There'd earlier been decreed
'...take to them a lamb..' (for slaughter)
Once each year recall this deed

'...and the whole assembly of Israel...'
Should gather upright and just
At a time of day directed
They '...shall kill it (the lamb) at dusk...'
Now dusk is not the time of day
That I would favour most
Unless some awesome sunset dipped
'longside a tropic coast

Nor dark of night nor starlit sky
Off'ring the Paschal lamb
In bygone years of BCE
Echoes across the sand
Desert oases gathered in tents
Early Temples One and Two
From rural to urban, pleas and laments
Diaspora synagogues grew
Evolving not static protocols change
Recalling an enslaved nation
Kiddush to Nirtzah and the seder plate
Commemorate our liberation

Since Middle Ages it has become
A pageant held in homes
Four questions plus, 'who's home will be host?'
Seeds of family politics sown

Passover vacations, Passover resorts
Passover tours at hotels of all sorts
In Orlando, glatt kosher, Scottsdale for golf
Tiberias, Totally Jewish Travel of Israel's borders north

There's Pesach Cruises via Panama Canal
Hosted by renowned rabbis, there's even a Spa
'Meaningful seders!' casinos, Broadway shows
Was it all 'as advertised', I truly don't know
It's up to you dear reader
If you'd like to be judgemental
To discern if Pesach's transforming growth
Is capacious or tangential
As a shank bone rests in its honoured place
We sit leaning at the table
In the likelihood of sounding brusque
Let the local shochet kill that lamb at dusk.

The Unexpected Guest

Rachel Berman

In looking over the numerous adventures I shared with my good friend Mr. Sherlock Holmes, there have been many of note that have been published. There have also been many instances where our adventures were too outré for publication. These other accounts I have left safely in my bank until such time as the public will be ready to accept them.

One tale in particular has remained with me. I hope, if you are reading this, that Shakespeare's words still hold true and that you the reader believe that "there are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in our philosophy." –John H. Watson, MD.

I remember it was early morning on the 19th of April 1895 when my friend and I entered our sitting room to find a waiting client. Our landlady shut the door behind us looking far from pleased at having to wake at such an hour to save the doorbell from another desperate client. The gentleman appeared to be a man of means, his clothes although in disarray, indicated.

"Good morning sir, I am Dr. Watson, This is Mr. Sherlock Holmes," I said in greeting.

"Mr. Holmes, I have had the most trying experience." Our client had risen as he spoke but Holmes waved him back to his seat.

Holmes began immediately. "Now sir, please tell us what has occurred to cause you a sleepless night and an early morning rush to consult me."

Our client replied, "Mr. Holmes, my name is Ian Norant, owner of Norant Jewellers."

Holmes nodded, "I am familiar with your name, Mr. Norant. Some of your clients have become mine over time."

"Yes, Mr. Holmes, it's from one of our mutual clients that I was given your name."

Holmes sat in his chair, and steepled his fingers. "Very well, Mr. Norant, please tell us what occurred to so disturb you. Begin at the beginning and leave nothing out, no matter how minute. The smallest detail could mean volumes."

Mr. Norant gathered his thoughts and began: "As I have just stated, I am the owner of one of the most respected jewellers in the country, serving the wealthiest and noblest in England. I had occasion recently to purchase a very large diamond. Once cut, it will be of immense value. I employ a number of gem cutters, but for this particular piece, there was only one man I would trust to cleave the diamond, a Mr. Asscher."

Holmes nodded. "The name is familiar." Holmes motioned for our client to go on.

"I spoke to Mr. Asscher on the 17th regarding the diamond. He said he would call on me in 10 days to see the diamond and appraise the cost of cleaving it. Well, Mr. Holmes, news of the diamond had already spread. The next day, I began receiving a number of telegrams from clients and a visit from a most esteemed client. All were interested in purchasing the diamond once it was cut. My clients did not seem inclined to wait 10 days, so I went over to see Mr. Asscher at his business, but no one was there."

"What did you do next?" Holmes inquired.

"Well, it was getting on to evening so I went home to supper. I intended afterwards to go to Mr. Asscher's home, but various matters detained me, so that by the time I arrived at Mr. Asscher's residence it was close to 11."

Holmes raised an eloquent eyebrow.

"I know it is late to call on a person at such an hour, but the diamond is worth many thousands of pounds, I could not wait." Mr. Norant's pitch rose.

"What happened then, Mr. Norant?"

"That is when the mystery began, Mr. Holmes."

My friend's eyes glittered with anticipation.

"I was about to knock upon Mr. Asscher's door when it opened suddenly. There was a lad, perhaps five years of age holding the door. He appeared surprised by my presence. He turned and spoke to someone inside the house."

"Father, there's a man at the door!"

"Of course there is, Berel," replied an amused voice that I recognized as Mr. Asscher's. "No father, I mean someone else." "It appeared, Mr. Holmes, that the family was expecting a caller. Mr. Asscher came to the door. He did not appear pleased to see me, but invited me in nevertheless. The entryway opened into the dining room. I was asked to wait a moment. Mr. Asscher returned to the dining table and the family began some sort of chant in what I assume was the Hebrew language. I noticed the lad was still at the open door. I could only assume that their guest was expected momentarily.

"As I waited, I began to look about. I noticed a large, round platter in the centre of the table. There were various unusual items on it. I recognized an egg and a piece of what I took to be a roasted animal bone. The other items I did not recognize. In the centre of this platter was a large silver goblet filled to the brim with what I took to be wine. As I looked at the goblet, I saw the wine drain away. The chanting ceased and the lad shut the door. The entire family seemed much amused, Mr. Holmes. It was then that Mr. Asscher took me aside to discuss my purpose in coming to see him."

All three of us sat in silence as we absorbed this unusual tale.

Holmes broke the silence. "Did you not ask Mr. Asscher to explain this singular event?"

"No, Mr. Holmes. I confess I did not remain long; I could not focus on the business I had come for. I bid a hasty goodbye and left. I only wanted to be away from there. Mr. Holmes, either I am going mad or those Hebrews were practising some form of sorcery. I went home and spent the night turning over in my mind whether it would be wise to report this to Scotland Yard. Although I felt I should consult you first."

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The Unexpected Guest

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At this last statement, Holmes sat up, rising slowly and stood towering over our client. "I would be very careful if I were you, Mr. Norant. Such a libelous charge as practising Dark Arts would have a highly undesirable effect on all the inhabitants of this city."

Mr. Norant shrank at Holmes' tone and hard grey eyes. "But what else could it be Mr. Holmes?"

"If it is the Dark Arts, you have consulted the wrong professional. I deal in facts. If you are not amenable to a solution derived from facts, I suggest you consult a man of the cloth."

Our client was dispirited. "Mr. Holmes, I turn to you for an answer to this bewildering affair and to relive my mind."

"Then I suggest you go about your day, Mr. Norant, and I hope to call on you tomorrow with a solution to your puzzle."

Mr. Norant thanked Holmes profusely and left.

Holmes went back to his chair, curling up with his chin on his knees. "Dangerous fool," he muttered. I sat quietly and waited. After a time, Holmes roused himself from his reverie. "Well Watson, what do you make of our client's adventure?"

"I'm no expert Holmes, but surely a man of the Hebrew faith who is away from his business for such a lengthy period during the springtime, and is witnessed performing some sort of ritual, surely it is the holiday of Passover."

"Excellent Watson, correct on every point. You are a learned and intelligent man. Mr. Norant knows no more than carats, cuts and clarity."

"But Holmes, we must still discover who the Asschers were waiting for, and how the wine disappeared from the goblet."

Holmes raised an admonitory finger, "not disappeared Watson, drained. That is what our client stated. The question is how was the goblet drained?" Holmes stood, "I think we will pay a call on Mr. Asscher tonight. I'm sure once the situation is explained, he will be only too eager to clear up yesterday's events. Although I don't foresee this incident being anything serious."

Close to 11 that same night, we found ourselves in the Jewish quarter. Once Holmes had identified himself and his reason for coming, Mr. Asscher was indeed most willing to be of assistance.

"Mr. Holmes, what Mr. Norant witnessed was merely part of our telling of the story of the exodus of the Hebrews from Egypt. My son Berel opened the door so we might welcome in the Prophet Elijah, who visits the Jewish homes on Passover. Mr. Norant happened to arrive just in time." Mr. Asscher looked at my friend, "I suppose this is a strange custom to you, Mr. Holmes."

Holmes smiled, "No stranger than Saint Nicholas visiting all Christian homes in one night. Well, you've explained the open door, but not the drained goblet."

Mr. Asscher chuckled, "It is only a prank Mr. Holmes, a trick cup. It was given to me as a boy. Over the years, it has become a family tradition to use it on the first night of Passover. The children enjoy it." Mr. Asscher's smile faded. "It did not occur to me that Mr. Norant would be so troubled. I am sorry this prank has caused such a disturbance, and that you have been bothered over such a trifle."

"Not at all, Mr. Asscher, I appreciate a good theatrical prank, and it is pleasant on occasion not to have a criminal investigation. But I do believe we have taken enough of your time. We'd best be on our way Watson."

I spoke up quickly. "Mr. Asscher, if it is not too much trouble, I should very much like to see your welcoming of the Prophet Elijah"

"Ever the dramatist Watson," Holmes mocked gently. "That is the writer in Watson speaking,"

Holmes whispered to Mr. Asscher.

Mr. Asscher graciously invited us to stay.

"I will be outside, Watson." Holmes did not care for anything outside of the material and rational world.

I watched as the previous night's events were repeated. The family chanted as the youngest child opened the door. I watched in amazement as the wine in the goblet visibly diminished, as if some unseen person had quenched his thirst.

"That is quite the trick" I said jovially, only to frown in confusion at the expressions of astonishment on the faces of the Asscher family.

"Is this not the same goblet as yesterday?" I asked Mr. Asscher.

All I received as reply was a dazed shake of the head. I made my farewells as quickly as politeness permitted and left the house moments later. As I left the house through the open door I felt a draught pass me by. I hurried to where Holmes was waiting.

Holmes was whistling a light tune and appeared to be in good spirits, "Ah Watson, as you see there was no great mystery. The matter was cleared up with a simple and reasonable explanation; most things are. I'm sure our client will be most relieved." I opened my mouth, only to close it.

We walked down the street toward the main road where we might catch a cab home. As we walked down the street, doors began to open, throwing rays of light onto the dark street. The doors opened invitingly, but not for us.

"There are more things in heaven and earth than is dreamt of in our philosophy" I muttered under my breath.

"What was that, Watson?"

"I said, you're absolutely right, Holmes."

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I will not infer from your
black suit
and stiff blanched collar an
absolutist's stance
since moot distinctions were
your passion,
nor read prophecy into your
ashen beard
though your forehead, pale
as a candle, burned,
as did the bald dome be-
neath your silk skullcap.

Your terse lips questioned
transcendence,
your magnified eyes pon-
dered the invisible
from behind the flash of
spectacles.
Man of substance, you were
suspicious
of these captured appear-
ances on paper –
you who inhabited thought
and lived stateless.

The Last Yiddish Poet

Translated by Charles Heller
In memory of Leon Eisner z'l

This poem was found after clearing out a house in Bathurst Manor, and was translated with the kind assistance of the late Shmuel Pupko z'l

Here I sit.
The last poet.
No one comes to see me.
No one comes to read my books.

Not even a PhD student.
I sit alone.

Today someone knocked on my door.
At last! Someone wants to read a Jewish word.
No – it was the cleaning lady.
She wiped the dust off my shelves and all my books.
Now they are all clean.

Time to go.
I switch off the light.
I close the door.
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The Chocolate Orchard

Ellie Clavier

It was a bitterly cold evening in the small, modern German suburb; so cold that the usually bustling thoroughfare of the industrial park beyond their snow-laden fences, lay eerily still. It made seven-year-old Clara think of the Christmas carol *Schtille Nacht*. With her small nose pressed right up against her living room window, Clara could see large, lacy snowflakes drifting effortlessly down in the white light of the halogen street lamp. The road could not be more peaceful, more calm or more bright.

"Come away from the window. It's cold where you're sitting," her mother called.

"I like the cold!" Clara replied.

From the corner of the room, where she sat knitting by the electric heater, Clara's elderly grandmother softly murmured, "Let Clara be. There's something very special in the cold. Maybe if she watches very carefully, she will catch a glimpse of the harvesters trekking back home through the snow."

Clara's mother's ears picked up when she heard this. She stole a worried glance at the old woman. This was not the first time her words had seemed confused and misplaced. In fact, more and more often lately, the realities of her 2010 existence had seemed to blend with her memories of days long gone. Although she hated the thought, perhaps it was time to admit that senility had crept up on her.

As if reading her thoughts, the old lady continued, her voice gaining in strength as she spoke."One icy cold winter, many years ago, when I was just a young girl, not much older than you, Clara, our peaceful little village became filled with noisy soldiers that roamed the streets at all hours of the day and night and handsome, uniformed officers who would give us penny candies for shining their big black boots. At that time, there existed near a railway station at the outskirts of town, beyond a tall barbed-wire fence, a run-down group of snow covered shacks, where a small community of strangers came to live. I say live, but these men, women and children never stayed there for very long. They kept to themselves and were always being replaced so the townsfolk never really got to know any of them.

"Some people said they were a nomadic race who had been exiled from their country, refugees in search of a new homeland. Others said they were dangerous prisoners waiting for transportation to work camps. But the story I loved most and, if truth be told, most of us children wanted to believe, was that they were migrant farmers, here to harvest the chocolate crop.

"Chocolate, we were told, was a very delicate kind of fruit that grew in ancient orchards. These orchards were becoming fewer and farther between and it took a crew of specially trained workers, who were sworn to secrecy, to pick the rare delicacy off the trees. Being too fragile to be handled in the warmer months, it could only be picked in the dead of winter when it was in its most solid state. It was said that the children among them were their most valued workers, for only the smallest of hands could reach among the tangled branches.

"Beyond the edge of town," she continued, her voice quieter now yet somehow heavier, "not far from that train depot, stood a dark forest, so deep and dense that it was off-limits for any of us children to play in. Rumours abounded about what went on in that forest. Rumours that were sparked by the strange noises that escaped the thick foliage and drifted over to our quiet homes. I remember being told by a soldier that there was an ancient chocolate grove there and that the loud sharp sounds that reached us over the snow-laden fields were the echoes of the hard blocks of frozen chocolate as they hit the gatherers' baskets and that the cries and screams we heard were ones of joy as the farmers reaped their delicious bounty.

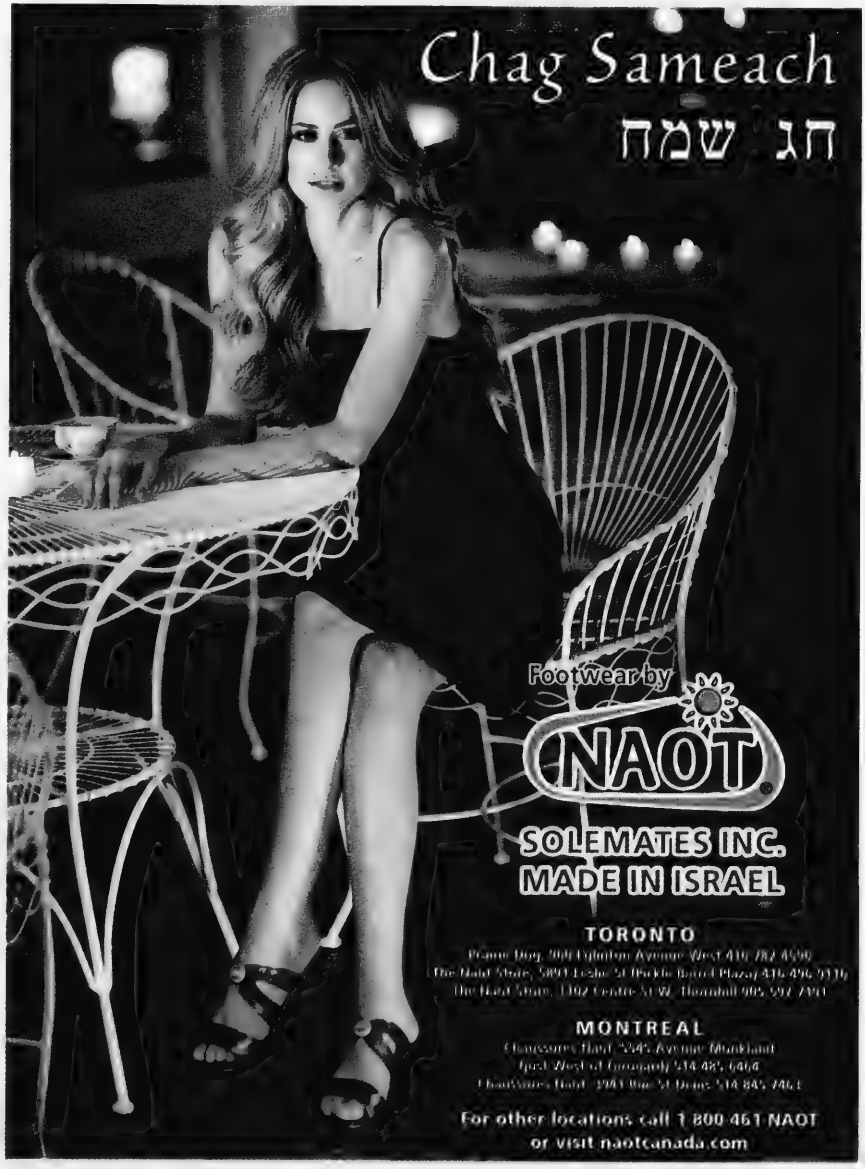
"Oh how we wished we could be part of that select group. Our own hands were small. Small and innocent. Small and innocent…"

Clara's grandmother's eyes filled with tears. Clara's mother's cheeks burned red as she watched Clara's face, reflected in the cold glass, as she eagerly looked out into the peaceful, silent night, hoping to catch a glimpse of the chocolate harvesters trekking through the deep, white snow.

Pesach

Miriam Malowitzky

Knowledge and vision
A burden to carry
Like leaving Egypt
With a sack on my back
Hunched over
And frail
The matzah rises
And empowers me
To prevail.



Breathing is optional

Jan Csillag

Jackie looked squarely into my eyes. I know he did. His were dark, vacuous and glassy. I looked intently into one eye. It was almost impossible to see both of his at the same time. He could hardly rotate his silvery, slimy body around the bathtub filled with his girth and lots of water. It must have been so difficult swimming in that environment, he being more than two feet long and weighing forty pounds or so. I remember thinking "does anyone take a bath here during the week Jackie is swimming, and what about going to the toilet with those empty but alive eyes watching you?" I was visiting my grandparents' house. And in this large, old tub swam a carp. His name was Jackie. In fact, every carp that swam in this bathtub was named Jackie. Who invented that name I couldn't tell you, but it stuck.

I can see, but only in my imagination, my grandmother getting up at 5 a.m. and taking the bus and then the streetcar to the fish shop in Kensington Market. They lived midtown so this must have been quite a feat. This trek for a live fish happened only once a year in my family, just before Passover. How did my grandmother carry him home on the bus and streetcar? Perhaps in a metal pail with Jackie's tail flapping – thud, thud, thud. My grandparents never owned a car nor would they have asked for help.

"Janis, you're going to fall in, you're leaning over too far," said my bubbie. She adjusted her apron and smoothed it over her dress. "You're getting all wet, he's not a toy you're playing with, come and eat something. All of you, come and eat something."

My bubbie always wore a dress and an apron. She was always cooking or cleaning or moving around her house in a brisk manner. I think the apron gave her an air of authority.

My three younger, male cousins and I were all crowded into the bathroom watching. This was a ritual. Come and see Jackie and then come and eat Jackie a few days later at the seder, miraculously turned into gefilte fish, a form of fish patty made by combining carp, egg, matzah meal and spices.

"Let's play school," I would say. I would dangle my hand in the water and noticed how cold it felt. If I was in a daring mood I'd touch Jackie's spine, bony and foreign.

"Do we have to?" asked my older cousin. Much later he became a rabbi, a writer and a professor. I'm sure he put my early teaching methods to good use.

"Yes," I would say. Protesting was useless and they knew it. I was the oldest of them.

Earlier in the day we had played in the backyard vegetable patch of our grandparents' home. The tangy smell of cucumber plants and tomatoes was intoxicating. "Touch them again!" we would shout when one of us dared to put a finger on a prized tomato hoping it would dislodge itself. Sometimes we were lucky and we all shared the juicy, red flesh. By the time we left the garden our clothes were muddy and stained. I remember this because pedal pushers, a type of capri pant were very popular that spring. Mine were black and I had an orange and black matching top. I felt quite sophisticated in this outfit. Black was not usually worn by ten-year-olds in those days. This was the origin of my love of clothes.

"Have you been eating my tomatoes again?" asked our zaide in mocked anger as we trooped into his bungalow trekking our muddy shoes on the clean clean carpet. How did he know? Surely the red, sloppy, juicy fruit was inside us, not outside.

"So what is six times six?" I'd ask in my best teacher's voice. We got out the little blackboard and white, gritty chalk kept in one of the bedrooms. My four-year-old cousin was useless at this so I would glare at the eight- year-old - all good methodology for my later use.

A week later we all arrived in the evening for the seder meal. The delicious aroma of knishes greeted us and we all ended up in the kitchen inhaling deeply the fragrant smells. Many pots were bubbling on the stove – one filled with the joy of chicken soup, one with stock giving life to the matzah balls and one with tzimmes, a warm mixture of prunes and carrots and sweet potatoes merging together and tasting as sweet as toffee.

My bubbie had a clean apron on over her shirtwaist dress. "Eat, eat," she'd say. As an immigrant food, and especially the lack of food, was always on her mind. And she was the best cook I knew of foods destined to kill you at an early age – chicken soup with chicken eggs floating delicately on top, chopped liver, gefilte fish with fiery, red horseradish, knishes, kishke, kreplach, succulent chicken and tzimmes. These were hard names to pronounce, and hard to digest, but not then to my ten-year-old self.

We all were encouraged to sit around the old table made beautiful with a long, white cloth and the flame from the candles dancing in the silver trays. The seder plate took centre stage. My zadie's smiling, gentle face would start to recite the Hebrew words, so well known to him. Eventually, the dinner could be eaten, starting with the chicken soup.

"He has more chicken eggs than I do."

"No I don't," my cousin would say as he popped another one into his mouth.

"Not fair."

"Stop fighting," said one uncle as he moved to turn the television off. Another uncle, the youngest one, was determined to watch the Stanley Cup playoffs at the same time as the seder was happening.

The gefilte fish would then be brought in on large platters. Here sat Jackie, just in another form.

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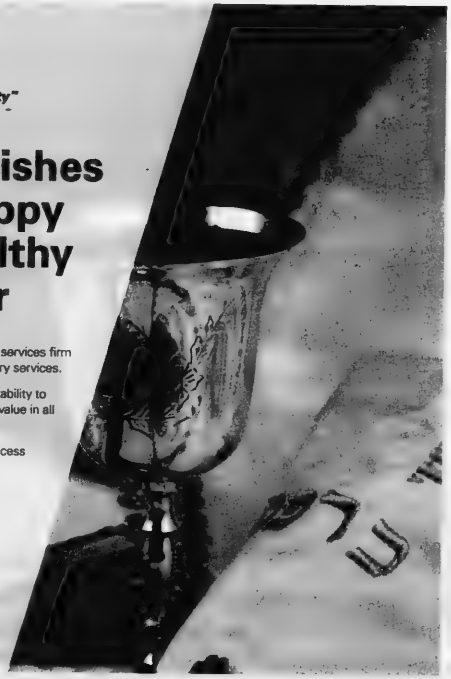

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Our Mother's Beitel

Aviva Ravel

Our mother's *beitel*
was small, black, and frayed,
it snapped shut with a click.
She kept it tucked in her apron
or in her black, frayed purse.
When it was swollen
with pennies, nickels, dimes,
or even a quarter or two,
we'd jump up and down
and clamour:

"Chewing gum, candy,
a comic book,
an ice cream cone."
Then she put coins carefully
into our sweaty palms
with a smile and a song
that followed us all the way
to Irving's candy store.
Often her *beitel* collapsed
like a punctured balloon,
and when we clamored for
"Chewing gum, candy

a comic book,
an ice cream cone,"
a tear glistened on her cheek
as she displayed
a few solitary coins.
"These we need for:
bread, potatoes,
a quarter pound of butter."
Then we sat on the stoop
and I told my sisters about
the magic golden *beitel*,
no matter how many coins

you took out, it always
remained full.
They believed my story
and went searching for it,
but all they found was
the small, black, frayed one,
that snapped shut with a click,
in our mother's frayed black purse.

beitel: change purse

Breathing is optional

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Did any of us have any qualms about eating Jackie? I don't know, it was never discussed, just thoroughly enjoyed. Much later I learned the process of making these fish patties. The carp would be killed by a heavy blow to the head. The head and bones were put in a pot with water and made into a stock. The flesh was mixed with egg, matzah meal and spices, formed into small round shapes and cooked in the stock. Many generations ago, the skin from the fish would be carefully peeled back and reserved. The cooked fish would be stuffed into the skin, hence the name gefilte which means stuffed. My grandmother didn't do this step but I always wonder which female in my past would have proudly presented her culinary skills in this way.

In the background hovered our grandmother, never sitting, always moving to get more food, the next course, the pop, (stuffing mouthfuls into herself, too busy to sit with us), making endless trips to the kitchen, breathless and happy to fulfill her destiny.

The starchy crinoline under my new dress was so annoying. But I was suffering for the sake of fashion. My mom, dad and brothers and I all wore our new clothes like badges of arrival. This too was a tradition – new clothes each year for the seder.

We would soon all pile into my dad's '58 Buick and make our way home, totally full and never questioning how bubbie killed Jackie for our consumption, never asked how many hours she must have worked to create all the food needed to feed all the relatives, never offered to help with the dishes because it was her kitchen and we would be trespassers.

A few years ago, I read about a wealthy business man who commissioned an artist to create a carp and bathtub sculpture for the lobby of his company. He never wanted to forget his roots. I understand.

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Belief in God

Jennifer (Jinks) Hoffmann

I am asked if I believe
in God? I say I believe
in Maples which know how to
bud at the end of a weary
winter, in the impatience
of the female swallow
calling to her partner.
I say I believe in crocuses
that push through
eager soil, in young farmers
who seed tomatoes
in basements in Winter's
waning days. I say
I believe in school-children
who organize bake sales
and who proudly announce
they have raised one hundred
and seven dollars to send
to school-children in Haiti.
I say I believe in the mother
who after a wretched night
of almost no sleep, sings
as she feeds her children
breakfast. I say I believe
in people who argue that there
are two or more sides
to the Middle East debacle
and who cheer the woman
who carries a Torah
to the Wall in Jerusalem.
I say I believe in heeding
our very lives as teachers:
our moments of unease,
our dreams, and our difficulties
in relationships.
I say I believe in silence
as well as music, in knowing
that for some, silence is God
while for others, God is the
hallelujah reaching the heavens.
I say I believe in everything
that anyone says is God,
except, I say, if they harm
others or themselves in
God's name.
For I believe, I say, that if
there is a God, that God
would desire respect: for
ourselves and for others.
I say I believe in love,
although, I say, sometimes
people get mixed up
about love.
Do I believe in God? I ask.
I say that I think the question
is more than my mind can answer.
But our lives, I say, our lives
can hold infinite clues
to the answer.

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Leap frog of infinity.
A child's game.
But a solid back,
is the only means with which
to move forward.
....that place where destiny finds its energy.

Questions of understanding,
of hope,
fills the cup of Elijah,
and,
holds measure of the fabric of time.
....laid out, and observed.

Leaping children of freedom
upon generations held fast.
Leap high and leap long,
but remember.
....from where that strength comes, and where
as it is your back that's turned, will
that strength come?

My Kaddish

--In memory of Jacob Adler, z"l
By Pearl Adler Saban

I've never stopped saying *Kaddish.*
Not really.

That Aramaic prose-poem,
with its rhythms and wordmusic
whispers to me
And I whisper right back. Under my breath.
Yisgadal v'yiskadash
Shmai raba.

The prayer's magical pull
enshrouds me in its holiness
consoles me with its cadence.

From the women's side of the Great Divide
I quietly say the words.

A chorus surrounds me.
A proclamation. A refrain.
Back and forth.
Backandforth.

A well-orchestrated,
very dignified liturgy
whose words magnify God's majesty and the world He has created.
They beckon to the truth and desire for peace
in this lifetime and for all days.

I yearned for peace for you in this lifetime.
I continue to yearn for peace for you for all days.
This is my *Kaddish* --
my spiritual hand-clasp for eternity.

I'm Rooting For You

Miriam Malowitzky

I'm rooting for you.
Yes you.
The one struggling
to get out of bed
each morning.
The one forcing himself
to put on Tefillin
because maybe, just maybe
it will make some difference.
I'm rooting for you.
Yes you.
The one aching to be heard
by someone who cares.
The one chastising herself
for messing up
yet another time.
I'm rooting for you.
each and every one of you,
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Left Behind

Brandon Marlon

From slavery to freedom
Though not for all
The truth casts a pall
Over popular elation

How many matzah balls
Will Pollard's spoon carve?
Which Haggadah edition
Will Gilad's fingertips peruse?

Freedom is a ruse
If restricted for some
Whose liberty comes and goes
While inept leaders dither

Still the caged wither
Wasting away in the dark
Dreaming of redemption
Not for most but for all

May it be their fate
To return and fulfill
Much promise and potential
May it be His will

My Father's Shabbat Memories

Judy Weinryb

Festive poignant melodies
dance gently in the air
Rich with flavour to be savoured
like a glass of fine red wine

Songs bud like spring flowers
They blossom in your soul
Set free once more to be reborn
Sweet dreams of long ago

Chanting niggunim from childhood
You lift your hands up high
Rejoice again with lost loved ones
Their voices now resound

You see your mother's loving face
father's pride and sister's glance
The ones whose lives were stolen
when time stood completely still

Your brother's laughter can be heard
You turn your head to listen now
Languish in your memories
Bring the past forward in time

They join with us and sing with us
melodies that will not die
Songs of happiness and pain
of hope and promise never gained

The Boy Who Could Fly

April Laufer

" Vayepach b'apav neshmat chaim…"
"And He blew into his nostrils the breath of life…" (Bereshit 2:7)
The word neshamah (soul) stems from the word neshimah (breath).

The thing about flying is, it is best not to think about it too much. A person can use up a tremendous amount of energy trying to understand what cannot be understood.

No matter how clever a person might be, no matter how many books they might read, some things can never be understood.

It is something that happened. End of story. But not quite of course. Not quite.

The ending. What might have been.

It was very important that he stop himself from thinking about what might have been. But sometimes…

Sometimes, when he least expected it, when his brain wandered and what if suddenly popped up, the story would come speeding out, no stop signs, no mile limits.

And then he was back at that moment. That moment that never ended.

That memory took away his breath every time. He knew many things that he tried very, very hard to forget, but of course, that was not possible.

That moment of flying was easily the moment in which his life had stopped. Except his heart was still beating. He was still breathing.

For him, life was always maybe or we'll see. And really, nobody ever blamed him. He knew that. But he was aware of their looks; their appraising gaze; the stare that lingered just that fraction too long; the one that told him that they knew that he had known how to fly. Once.

Nobody dared mention that.

But of course he did, mention it. Sometimes.

There were those occasions, those unexpected times that were not planned but just were, and then he did mention it and knew without bothering to look that others were gazing at him, over him, around him and really he could not dwell on that either.

Not today.

And yesterday, yesterday when all of it had happened, it was just about breathing, breathing in and breathing out, because if one did not just breathe, in and out, well, if someone stopped breathing, well that was dead wasn't it?

Wasn't he supposed to be dead?

Wasn't that the question that floated in his head in this oh well present-ness of I guess my life didn't quite end because I am still here, still breathing. And therefore…

He tried not to think of his flying. As in airborne. Without wings. Not like Icarus. Icarus, who had a father.

He had not known the story of Icarus and his wings that melted under the sun's hot glare. He had not heard that story. Not then. Not when he was just a six-year-old. Nor would he have believed it if he had been told that Greek myth of father-son.

That story did not exist for him. What existed for him was being all alone. No father. No mother. They were gone. They would not come back.

How did he know that?

So many mothers and fathers. Also sisters and brothers. Grandmothers, and grandfathers. Aunts and uncles. All gone. All gone. All gone.

Swallowed whole by a frenzy of death. But really and truly he did not know it then. He only knew later, much later, when after years and years and years of waiting, his mother, his father, they did not come back.

The woman who took him in was kind. He thought that is what he should think. He wasn't 100 per cent sure, but he hoped it was true.

She cried a lot and sometimes she seemed not to notice him. Except when she did and then she made sure to find him and feed him. And then she did not notice him again.

And it was OK. She was not his mother. He knew that she did not have to notice him. He did not expect the touch of her hand against his cheek. He did not expect his favourite meal. He did not expect the hug that wrapped him so that he felt safe and protected and just a little suffocated.

Flying. The sensation of moving up through the air, the ground below him. And if you are only six years old and you did not ever know that there was such a thing as a person flying, or that someday it might happen, then, after it happens, is it any surprise that you could hardly remember anything else?

In the air. And then back on the ground.

There was pain and numbness. There was anotherness. It was not him who had been flying in the air. Not him. Not the six-year-old boy, who knew too much, who had seen too much, who had more worries in his head than he could ever sort out. Not him.

He got up; he brushed himself off in a kind of numb awareness that he might possibly be hurt.

He had not understood what had happened, but when he took a breath he found that he was still breathing.

And never, never, never in a million years, or in six million moments, never would he understand why.

But still, there it was.

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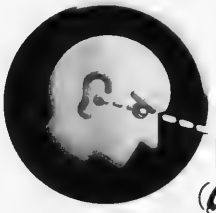

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The Boy Who Could Fly

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And that not knowing of the why of it was deep inside him his entire life.

No one to ask – the only person he would have trusted with this question was his mother – and she was gone. So what was the point of the why? What was ever the point of trying to understand?

And after all of the not understanding and the not thinking about flying, he was still breathing.

And that breathing, which he knew meant that he was alive, became all. Just like going to work became all; just like getting up in the morning. The moment was all.

To those who asked for his memories he could only answer, "I don't remember much. After all I was only six years old. I really don't remember." But then in the same breath, the breath that had told him he was still alive after flying through the air, in that very same breath he said, "I remember flying."

But of friends, school, his home, there was no memory. There was a curtain that remained shut on those memories. A curtain that would not be parted. Not a little, not even to peek.

The memory of everything, every tiny thing and every big thing and every in-between thing and not yet thing and thing that might have been or could have been or thing that would have been nice or thing that would have been wonderful or thing that brought a smile to his dimpled face. Every thing was gone. Taken from him.

Every day he worked so hard not to think about those things, those feelings, that knowing.

But still he knew. Inside him. In his heart that seemed to skip a beat if he dared to think of the things that were gone; in his legs that wanted to run away if he tried to remember the feelings that had vanished; in his head that became all blurry so that he could not focus on his breathing.

He had to focus. He had to remember that he was still breathing and therefore he was alive.

Six years old.

A time for silliness and fun and warm hugs and trying out new adventures and birthday surprises and becoming bigger and stronger and learning to do things by yourself.

Every year after that, every moment, and second and millisecond, become about breathing.

A cousin came and declared, "I will write a story for you. I will tell your story."

In a whispered voice he replied, "But I don't remember." What he might have said is "I don't want to remember." What he meant to say is "There is just too much pain to remember." And he listened to the sound of his breathing.

His memories? It was only a blink of the eye and he was there again.

His six-year-old self worrying about men in uniform marching through the town.

Coming to where he lived. Taking things. Taking mothers and fathers and sisters and brothers. They took things that were not theirs to take.

He worried about what food he was going to eat and where it might be found or if someone might actually offer food to him.

He worried about how he might find shelter at night so that he did not have to suffer from the cold.

He worried that the woman who took care of him might disappear one day too because she could be taken anytime, anywhere, even though it wasn't right to take things that didn't belong to you.

He knew that those men could do it, would do it because they had guns and they did what they wanted and took things.

Though he did not understand.

He worried whether the woman would continue to care for him but knew that this was something that neither she nor he would have any control over.

This was a little boy who knew that life and death were different sides of the coin. Knew that every day, every hour, every minute, it was one or the other.

That is why his smile, the innocence in that smile, the smile of the five-year-old before he knew the things he knew at six, was so remarkable.

That smile survived being six. That smile, with the deep dimples that appeared when there was something worth smiling about, that smile made him seem like everyone else, that smile believed the things that he knew and the things that he didn't know, the things that he had seen and the things that he would never see. That smile made those who gazed on him forget what they knew about him. Sometimes he pretended that he could forget what he knew too.

His story, sinewed to his bones.

He thought that he kept the story locked up and so he was always surprised at those occasions when the story took off, flying into the air around him, the bits and pieces of him remembering the moment. The story just sneaking past his lips, spoken out loud. But never in its entirety. That would break his heart. And there was the ache that he felt whenever he forgot to remember that it was only about breathing in and breathing out.

At age 70, the story has not faded. Not for him.

He remembers what was not. No birthdays, no presents, no friends, no laughing. No family.

The thing that he could not understand was that the world had turned itself upside down. And he had been caught in that. That is how he came to be flying. Airborne.

Which war was that? Which war was it that stole his childhood? Which conflict was it that placed him at the mercy of adults? Which took his parents from him when he was only just learning to tie his shoes? And which war never had an ending, no last chapter, because no one ever said this is where your parents were killed. This is their grave. This is their ending.

Wars don't have endings for six-year-old children who became orphans because adults have guns and boots. Boots that they use to kick a six-year-old child out of the truck because he takes up more room than is necessary or because someone is screaming please or because they like to see how their boots work.

When they kick a child and make him fly, is it like kicking a soccer ball?

The Package

Pearl Cojocaru

The warm, late summer afternoon was comfortably cool when Anita Bookbinder chose to trim the shrubs and hedges around her property. From the shed she retrieved her old clipping shears and the small wheelbarrow for collecting discarded twigs. Immersed in her task, Anita was startled as a courier swerved his bike to a sudden stop in front of her cottage, and pulled out a FedEx-encased package.

The messenger, perspiring and anxious to continue on with his deliveries, jostled from foot to foot, as he waited for the elderly Anita to initial his electronic clipboard. Swiftly mounting his bike, he raced off to his next destination, never looking back.

Receiving her first-ever FedEx parcel, and anxious to reveal its contents, Anita left her tools in the front yard under cover of some overgrowth. Back inside and seated on the plush sofa in her living room, Anita peeled open the adhesive plastic strip to reveal an unimpressive looking package wrapped in brown paper and tied with a double strand of twine. She wondered why anyone would bother to send it by special delivery. There was nothing to distinguish it from the numerous other packages daily passing through the regular postal system. Nevertheless, it was different – very different.

How unusual, thought Anita, peering through her reading glasses at the vintage paper and rough twine. Who sent this... is that German? Unable to further decipher the script, Anita pushed herself off the sofa. Taking the package with her, she searched for her large magnifying glass.

The German bomber, the Arado Ar 234 Blitz, pride of the Third Reich, thundered across the open air on a front line reconnaissance mission. Squinting skyward, Herr Jürgen Müller, postmaster (and sole postman) in the German town of Krüger, followed its path as it disappeared into the distance.

Herr Müller was a dedicated employee of die Deutsche Post AG. Neither Mother Nature's cold November days nor human nature's current mayhem would deter him from his duty-bound pledge to deliver the town's mail. Especially not now.

Some citizens of Krüger believed the situation would improve; the "troubles" would pass.

Herr Edgar Buchbinder, owner of the town's bookshop, did not share their optimism, and sent seven-year-old Ada to stay with "family friends."

There were others like him, cautious men and women. "We must save the children," they said, and sent them into hiding.

"*Schnell!...*" There was no time! Herr Buchbinder and the others quickly prepared packages, wrapped in butcher's brown paper and tied with twine – as that was all they had left. To the postmaster, they pleadingly entrusted their precious packages. "*Schnell!... Raus!*" And they were taken away...

With the coarse burlap sack slung over his shoulder, Herr Müller carefully descended the narrow steps to the cellar of his modest one-bedroom home, and proceeded to keep his word.

Years later, when the world was somewhat back to normal, Herr Müller retraced his steps down to the cellar. Finding the telltale spot he sought, Herr Müller used a crowbar to pry open the old floorboards... it was time.

As promised, the now retired postmaster transported the sack full of packages, left in his care in 1939, to Düsseldorf's main post office.

Great efforts were made to locate addressees. Eventually, most of the parcels were stamped "undeliverable," and remained stored in the "lost mail" centres on four of the world's continents. But not all... a handful were traced.

Rummaging through her crafts box, Anita found the magnifying glass among her partially completed embroidery projects. Carrying everything into the well-lit kitchen, she sat down at the formica grey, "cracked ice" patterned dinette table, and brought the lens up to the package.

Although faded, the writing on the wrapping paper was now sufficiently legible... it was indeed German:

Fräulein Ada Buchbinder...ins Ausland Verzogen 1950 – moved out of the country... die Deutsche Post AG – 1957. Bei Umzug Anschriftenbenachrichtigungskarte! - New address requested! If recipient has moved, send a change-of-address card!... Postfach 23447... America...

In disbelief, her eyes moistening and with trembling hands, Ada freed the twine – hastily tied 72 years earlier by her father – and opened the package.

Epilogue:

In Flatbush, Brooklyn, the driver double parked his brown UPS truck in the cul-de-sac. He rang the doorbell below the mezuzah.

In the London Borough of Camden, the mail carrier petted the barking dog as it came up to greet him, tail wagging. The door opened before he could knock.

Near Be'er Sheva, in the northern edge of the Negev Desert, the sabra children ran up to the postman's vehicle as he drove into the kibbutz.

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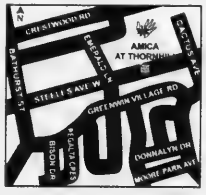

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God's Wonders

Lewis Lang

When skeptics say there is no God,
And others cast their doubt,
Their minds are sealed, and eyes are closed,
For proof lay all about.

When little David flung his stone,
T'was guided from above,
Which struck Goliath on his head,
He earned his people's love.

When the Israelites, in a foreign land,
Because enslaved by Pharaoh's hand,
God chose Moses, to lead the way,
Out of bondage and out of prey.

God blew his breath on Bitter Lake,
And split the water flow.
Which opened up a passage dry,
For Israelites to go.

When Daniel, thrown in a lion's den,
For hungry lions to eat,
God came down and calmed the lions.
Who lay down at his feet.

When the Temple lamp was lit,
With oil for just one day,
It lasted for another seven,
God's marvels to display.

When students pass through college gates,
And never see the light,
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That puts their fears to flight.

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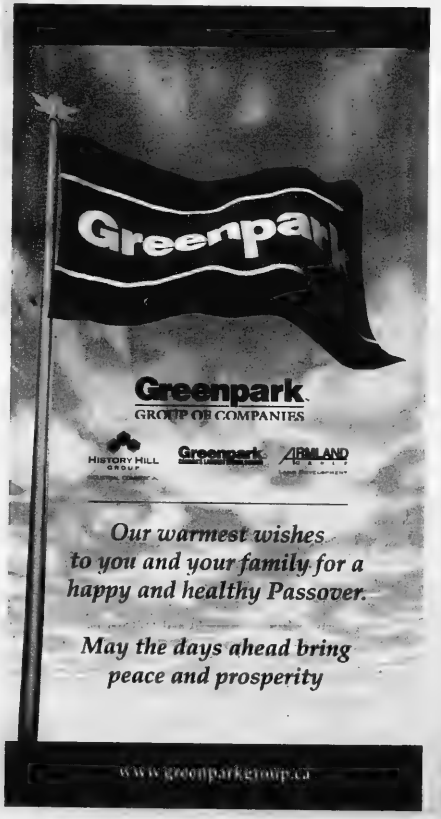
Surviving Hell

Stanley Herbert Weisberg

As I sit in my soft sofa chair
Watching the blizzard outside
I try to imagine
How anyone could have survived
Those German Death Camps.
I do know others
Who could answer
"How did you survive Hell
With your sanity intact?"

I cannot ask
I lack the courage
To invade the private
Memories of horror
The guilt of survival
That those who were there
That those who
Were witnesses
Have been forced
To live with.
God Bless them all.



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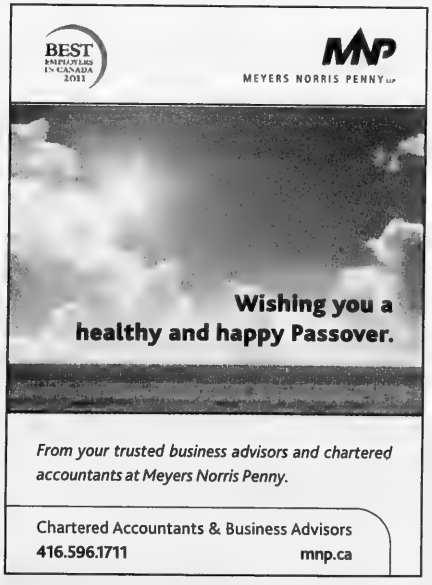
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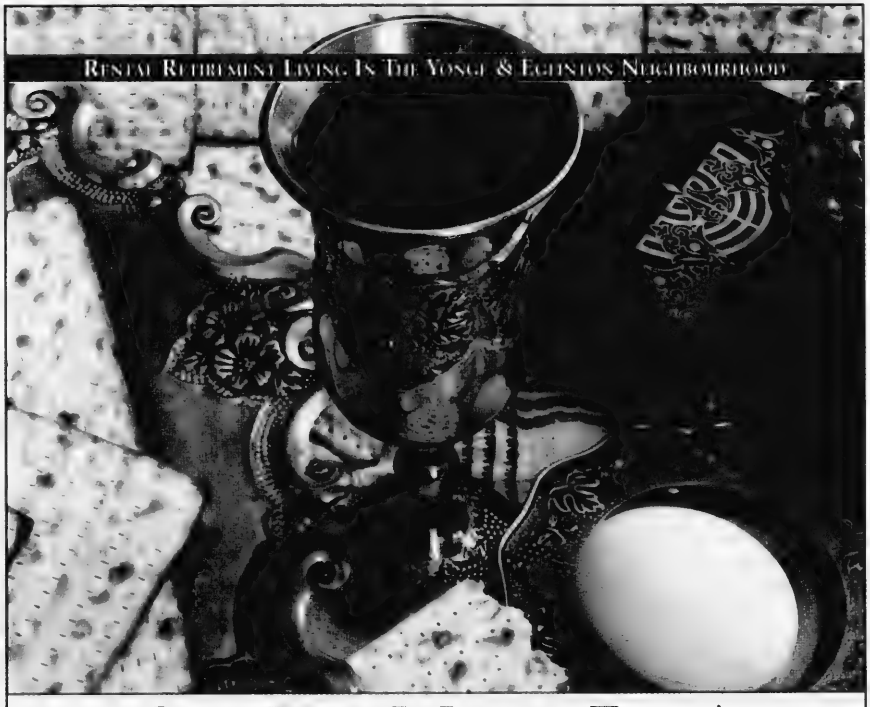
Jerusalem Blue

Pearl Adler Saban

The clear blue sky reminds me of the
stretched-out sea.
Not a cloud in sight to mar the beauty
of it all.
It is *techelet*,
the same shade of blue dye woven into
the clothing of the ancient High Priest,
and in the tapestries of the *Mishkan* –
and now solely in the *tzitzit* worn by
man.

How does one wake every day in this
jewel of a city
to stare at such a sky and not feel
humbled by this wondrous creation?

Techelet against Jerusalem stone.
Blue on white.
The Israeli flag.



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Will you rock me to sleep with lullabies of soothing breath calms?

Will you wake with me to greet the new day of all my now different days?

Will you be my forever peace and love of the love I've lost at sea?

Will you?

Will you, God?

Eliyahu the Judge

Marvin Zylber

For those amongst us who gain their accomplishments through
acts of fraud, extortion, threats, cheating and lies,
Your days of freedom shall soon be heavily limited
and your life with be filled aplenty with echoes of sadness and cries.

This should be the will of Eliyahu the judge.

For those amongst us whose life is currently filled with
loss, fraught and despair,
Your days ahead will soon be replenished with joy,
opportunity and repair.

This should be the will of Eliyahu the Judge.

For those amongst us who pursue
wisdom, knowledge and Torah,
You shall be blessed with a life full of love
and see all with a heart filled with happiness and the beauty of a flora.

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The Family Portrait

Ariela Cohen

There was no turning back now. Who would have ever thought I'd return to this place on my own free will? My adrenaline surged as we drove down the country road in the small farming village of Kolkow in Poland. My mind wandered as I watched the wheat fields whiz by like flowing strands of golden hair highlighted against the backdrop of lush green forests. As we got closer, I began to recognize my surroundings and suddenly the farm appeared in my sightline. My heart pounded so hard I felt the pulsating throughout my extremities. I clutched my 13-year-old grandson's hand, as our guide stopped the car on the dirt road in front of the farm's rusted iron gate.

Fixated on the barn beyond the fence, I was amazed it was unaffected by the 50 years that had passed since I last laid eyes on it. It was as though time stood still. There was a small clothesline stretched across its side with three pairs of white underwear held in place by old pegs. I heard dogs barking, and saw a few chickens pecking and scratching at the ground in front of the barn. I couldn't imagine what they were looking for, there was nothing but dirt and sand all around, no sign of growth within 100 feet of the barn. I thought how hungry those birds must be, just as I once was.

My thoughts were interrupted as a middle-aged man and woman came out of the farmhouse toward the gate with welcoming smiles on their faces. I looked at the man and realized this must be Kajik, the son who was only a child when I last saw him. He was lean, Slavic-looking, with a strong resemblance to his father. He worked quickly to open the gate and I could see his broken, brown teeth and weathered face from the car as he waved to me. Although we were strangers, our connection was strong. After all, I owe his family my life and that of my sisters and mother. Knowing their impoverished conditions, I had been sending him care packages and money every year as a gesture of gratitude. To be honest I was a little shocked he had not used the money to better his living conditions.

I wanted to step out of the car, but my legs felt so heavy and it seemed like the soles of my shoes were glued to the rubber floor mats. Jordan, my grandson, gently shook my shoulder and asked, "Are you OK Saba?"

I hoped Jordan could not feel my trembling, as I took his hand. I suddenly had an overwhelming impulse to protect him from the terrors this place held for me when I was just his age.

I looked into his bright, blue eyes and lied to him. "Yes Jordan, I'm all right. Let's get out of the car and I will show you where your Saba hid from the Nazis for 26 months."

I stood in silence for a minute as this man, Kajik Stronczyk, continued to unlock the gate. I took a deep breath to calm myself down, but couldn't help thinking this was the same air I breathed in 1942 when my mother, two sisters and I were hidden by the Stronczyks in this ominous, dilapidated barn that stood like a weary monument before me.

Surveying the familiar surroundings, flashes of memories began flooding my mind. I saw an old rusty pail lying near the rock pile at the side of the barn and for a moment wondered if it could possibly be the same pail we used to empty our feces and urine every night in the trees just beyond where it lay.

Stronczyk walked over to the car with a huge smile on his face. With his arms outstretched he called out, "David Gold". We embraced. I could feel my breathing quicken as I was filled with mixed emotions.

On the one hand, I would not be standing here today if it were not for this man's father hiding us, however I cannot forget this was a business deal. For an exorbitant monthly payment he would provide us with food and shelter. After seven months, the money ran out, and suddenly so did our food. By then, it was too late to turn us out, as the Stronczyks risked being shot as well. So we survived in that tiny crawl space under the hayloft, cold and starving until the end of the war.

[David Gold photo]

Stronczyk and I made our introductions, and he welcomed me once again to their home. He was clearly the head of the family now. I put my arm around Jordan's shoulders and guided him slowly towards the barn that served as our tomb for over 2 years. "Come, *mayn zees kind*, my sweet child, and I will tell you the story of how Saba survived the war."

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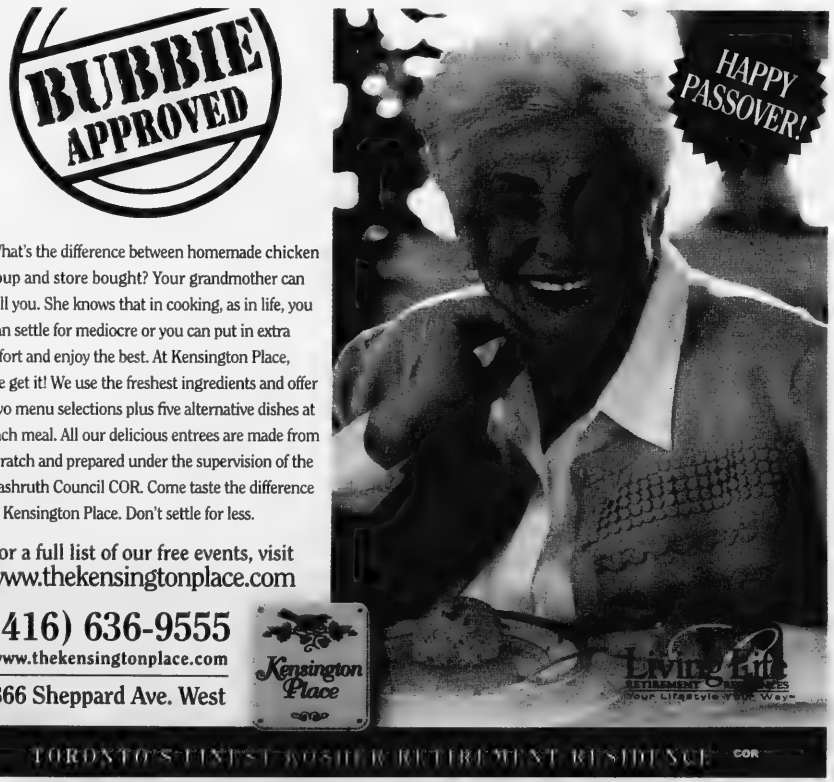
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Kenneth Sherman

His office, a late light burning
in the grey monolith
of the new university.
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"An afterthought of Albert Speer," he quipped.

Around his neck he wore an ancient
medallion engraved with the Goddess.

He praised the Greek islands, women, ouzo,
but the eyes that scanned your soul
were those of a Talmudist.

He welcomed me,
a neophyte with manuscript in trembling hand
and read my poems aloud,
making them credible to my ear.

"Don't question your talent.
Can't you see you're blessed
with Jewish anxiety?"

Once, after discussing poetry
and the Holocaust,
he lit a matchbox and together
we sat in silence
watching it flame into nothing
in the ashtray
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"I'm going home"
And perhaps he is
for anywhere he goes
is home to him with vacant mind

They shuffle as they walk,
and stir and wait for
dining room to open,
or children to come.
and the children come,
Middle aged, successful, ones,
dragging discontent teens
and ever teaching them
to tend the aging.
"Honour thy father and thy mother"
Honour all who live and wait to die.
By virtue of their years alone, they have...
seniority on earth,
we honour them
and on until the grave.
and even then, we must remember
"Son, you are my Kaddish,"

Herb, Abe, Sam, Leo
names that rang in marketplaces or poolrooms
four to seven decades ago
now ring in halls at Baycrest.

Characters, colourful in youth
And even more so now,
in their ungainly senility.
Laugh not, unless you cannot see yourself there too,
with the "children" on visiting days.

Watch the crumpled, emaciated, senseless form
as her niece wheels her down the hall.
She lived and loved, gave birth, sat shivah
All too often, yet someone
remains to honour her,
to push her through the halls.
It matters not anymore
if it is a niece or a volunteer.

She has a human hand in hers
and someone cares.
This is my people's creed,
Carried all the way by Moses on that mount.
And so we honour them,
and build a home to house them all.
We watch the others and our loved ones mean much more to us.
We dwell in other people's problems with a philosophy of
"Ours could be worse!"
And still we pray and praise
He who bade us honour them these ways.

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Spicy Kneidlach Anyone?

Rachel Ornoy

"I am so excited, Ema. I decided to do the Rosh Hashanah dinner at our house."

I was talking on the phone to my mother in Israel. She murmured something which I think was "my daughter is meshuge (crazy)."

Raising her voice, she asked, "You just moved in May from Johannesburg, you hardly settled down. Why do you take upon yourself so much work? Go be a guest at somebody else's house."

"I hardly know anyone here. These three couples I met when I picked up the boys from the summer camp are also from Johannesburg and arrived only three months before us. They each rented a small townhouse while we rented a bungalow in the Bathurst Manor. We have a large recreation room in the basement with an adjacent kitchen. The owner left us a ping- pong table there which Yuval and Yoav play on all the time. It's this table that gave me the idea that I can accommodate the three couples and their five children. Don't worry I will manage."

To ensure that I would manage and have everything ready in time, I went on with my preparations. I like to prepare ahead of time. A few times in the past when I was not so organized, I had all kind of things happening that caused me lots of anxiety and stress of last minute preparations.

Once when I made a cake, it was stuck and refused to come out of the baking sheet and it was too late to bake another one.

It did remind me of a bake sale for the Hadassah organization in Johannesburg the previous year. A woman baked a cheesecake that was too soft and it caved in. She baked it a short while before her friend came to pick it up and bring it to the venue. She quickly took out the inside of the cake, stuffed it with paper tissues and covered it with the pieces she took out from the middle. Nicely smoothed out and with shavings of chocolate it looked great.

She planned to come to the venue and buy the cake and no one would be the wiser. When she arrived there, the cake was gone. "Yes," said the lady behind the counter. "The president, Susan, bought it and even paid more because her family loves cheesecake."

This poor woman, Hannah, had to go to the president's house and apologize and suffered the humiliation of all the members in her chapter smiling and sneering, even if they did not say anything. I was not going to follow her example of course.

Another time, I left the chicken on the table in the dining room while I prepared the gravy in the kitchen. When I heard some strange noises I went to explore and found my dog Bonnie with her front paws on the table, enjoying a piece of chicken. I always admired how she ate so carefully and elegantly from the plate, without pulling it off the table. In previous cases, it was only a leftover sandwich or a potato, so I scolded her but I was also a bit amused.

But not this time. This time, I was furious. Guests were coming in an hour and I didn't have chicken to serve.

I called the "fire brigade" to put out the fire – meaning my husband, Jack, who rushed to the store to buy a barbecue chicken. He was also the one who had to rush to the store to buy a cake to replace the one that stuck in the pan.

He was unhappy and I was unhappy, so I decided from now on to do everything ahead of time.

A week before Rosh Hashanah, I prepared different types of vegetable pies and put them in the freezer. Three days before the dinner, I had the chicken soup ready and an apple crumble pie. The guests were bringing salads and a Moroccan carrot side dish, so less for me to do. I left only the kneidlach to prepare the day of the dinner. To be soft and fluffy they are best done the day of.

I had enough nice dishes and cutlery that I brought from Johannesburg, but I had to settle for a sheet, white with small red flowers, as even two tablecloths together did not cover the whole table. The boys thought it was funny that their Ping-Pong table was becoming a dining table, but they helped me set it. I accepted their suggestion to buy red paper napkins to match the red flowers on the sheet. It was agreed that large white candles would look more respectable than red ones.

At 3 p.m., I double-checked that everything was ready. The table looked lovely with the black and white dishes, crystal wine glasses, red napkins and tall white candles. Because the ping-pong table was wide, I even made two small flower arrangements with red and white carnations, on each side of the table.

In the kitchen, the soup was on the stove, smelling of garlic and pepper. The gefilte fish, which I made smaller than usual because of the children, looked like ping-pong balls, and we laughed at how appropriate they would look on the table. The chicken and the brisket were almost cooked and waiting in the fridge for before moving to the oven to finish cooking.

My oldest son, Yuval, who has been my helper in the kitchen from the age of four, promised me that now that he had more than six years experience he could do the kneidlach by himself. He showed me the two Manischewitz boxes and the large bowl he was going to use. He ladled some soup into a smaller pot which he was going to cook the kneidlach in. I showed him the parsley, garlic and olive oil mixture that he could insert into each kneidlach. I tried it once before and everybody agreed that it added a lot of flavour.

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Golan Landscape

Barbara S Davidson

The hills of the Golan
Slumber in silence amidst the trees;
Folded in their arms
What sacred secrets lie?
The echoes of generations long gone
Whisper in the breeze,
Whilst the Kinneret below
Reflects the clear, blue sky.
No sound is heard by those who pass;
Only the chirping of birds
Or the rustle of grass.
Hiding themselves in a veil of mystery,
The hills will not reveal their history.
They have felt the crush of marching feet;
Have heard the battle cry of warriors from the past;
But the invaders' victories were bitter-sweet;
Their short-lived triumphs did not last.
And still the waters of Kinneret flow
Unruffled and calm;
Its shores have seen much suffering and pain;
But time has healed, like a soothing balm.
The hills are peaceful once again.

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Spicy Kneidlach Anyone?

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I went to lie down and was pleased when I came back to the kitchen to see the kneidlach lying on the plate ready to be cooked.

The guests arrived bringing salads, bottles of wine and boxes of chocolate. The kids brought lots of noise and laughter.

Our friend Sharon, who was a teacher at the Jewish school King David in Johannesburg, brought a booklet they used there, which had a few blessings and also songs in Hebrew and English. She brought copies for each of us and suggested to have a singing period after the main course.

It was such a wonderful beginning to the evening when we all sat down and raised our glasses to health and success in the new country. My husband, Jack, did the blessing on the challah and the apple and honey.

Rosie, the cute four-year-old, insisted on singing a new song she learned just before they left Johannesburg. She stood on the chair and sang with her sweet voice and received a standing ovation from all of us.

Yuval and Yoav, who were six years old at the time, were the assistant waiters and served the gefilte fish. They also brought bowls with soup croutons while I served the hot soup and the kneidlach.

"Do you know who made these fluffy kneidlach?" I asked. "Can you believe it – Yuval did it all by himself while I was resting." Yuval smiled happily while everyone made noises of appreciation.

"Eat the soup while it's hot," I encouraged everyone.

"What a tantalizing smell" said Sharon, who always used nice words.

"This is good soup" said Jonah while his mother blew on each spoonful before he put it in his mouth.

Now we were all seated and I looked around with satisfaction. This was such a nice way to celebrate our first Rosh Hashanah in Toronto.

And then it happened! What a commotion!

All I heard was shouting and a loud bang. Morris, who was last to receive his soup, jumped high enough to cause his chair to fall over. He spat out a big piece of kneidel and it rolled on the table with a large spray of soup. His face was red and he yelled, "What is this… what is this?"

Jonah who had just tried his first kneidel started crying and rubbing his tongue.

For a second there was silence. Only the screaming and the swearing could be heard. More chairs were screeching and I stood up to see what had happened

"What did you put in the kneidlach?" shouted Morris. "Did you put wasabi? Who puts wasabi in kneidlach? It's not sushi." He reached for the water carafe and started drinking one glass after the other.

I stood there frozen. "Wasabi? What is wasabi? I did not put anything in my kneidlach." Then it dawned on me and I turned to look at Yuval who was sitting quietly to my right. I touched his shoulder and said, "Come with me to the kitchen."

There he explained that after a bit of thinking he concluded that maybe it was the "green stuff" in the fridge that was so spicy.

"What green stuff?" I asked bewildered.

"There was not enough of the parsley mixture for all the kneidlach so I found this green stuff in the fridge which looked quite similar to the parsley so I stuffed it in the last two kneidlach."

I looked in the fridge and there was the half empty container of schug. It is extremely spicy "green stuff" that my Moroccan friend gave me. It should be added in tiny quantities.

I laughed until tears rolled down my cheeks. Yuval was confused but relieved that I was laughing.

He was a good sport and went back to the room and told his story. Morris glared at him and did not talk for the next hour, which gave his wife more time to participate in the conversation. Other people laughed and asked Yuval if there was any other food he prepared so they should watch out for it.

It was close to midnight when every one left.

"What an evening" said Yuval. His father hit him lightly on his shoulder. "And you contributed quite a lot to it." We all laughed.

We never made that mistake again. Yuval glued the symbol of poison on each jar of schug that was in our fridge from that day on.

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Jennifer (Jinks) Hoffmann

Oseh Shalom, bi-me-ro-mav
hoo ya-aseh shalom aleynu…
May the One who grants peace
in the Heavens,
grant peace to all of us.
This refrain, found many times,
in the Hebrew liturgy of my people,
has been echoing,
in that still, small place within,
almost incessantly
in these troubled days.
I learn in my study of mysticism,
how God sometimes prays the prayers
in us.
My God, we pray for peace. We weep.
Are You praying and weeping too?

Pratt Park

Maurice Krystal

Tomorrow is my wedding day and my bride-to-be is advising me on what tie to wear.

"The dark brown," she says holding up two ties to the light streaming through our living room. "Goes well with the suit. But in the morning I think the yellow and beige one gives better contrast for the photos."

Tomorrow will be a busy day. There are photos in the early morning at Pratt Park, an afternoon wedding and banquet at the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue and a party at a friend's house in the evening. I keep telling myself I will make it through this weekend.

I tell her, after a kiss, that she is right about the ties.

"Don't just follow what I suggest. You have to want to do it. I want a husband who's an adult with a mind of his own. I don't need a shadow."

I smile.

Of all the places for a photo shoot she picks Pratt Park. I could have spoken up weeks ago saying I preferred a thousand other places, but then she would ask why and unwanted memories would come flooding back.

My friend Nathan lived a few streets away from Pratt Park and I often biked to his house. When the weather was decent we spent Sundays tossing a baseball or kicking a soccer ball back and forth. We purposely kept our distance from the artificial pond in the middle of the park where the ducks swam and ate the breadcrumbs passersby feed them. Sometimes the older boys would take our soccer ball and tease us into a game of Monkey in the Middle. When they got bored, they kicked the ball in the water. They would laugh and after a dozen times, we got used to it and didn't put up much resistance. It became part of the outing and the ball would eventually float to the area where the water drained. We had to use a tree branch to retrieve it. The worst part was cleaning the greenish scum off the ball.

One afternoon, as I was struggling at the water's edge, trying to get the ball back, I heard a girl say, "I think it's terrible what those boys just did."

I turned around and saw four girls our age, around 13, standing on the path near us. The girl who spoke was a slim redhead with a complexion that looked like my mother's fragile porcelain tea set. She smiled as she came closer and took some tissues from her pocket to wipe the ball. The other three held back. Our fingers lightly touched. She smiled and I was close enough to see the faint blue lines of veins at her temples. I knew my father was disappointed. Sometimes the rabbi would catch some of us playing street hockey after school and tried to recruit us for an evening minyan.

"I didn't have my bar yet!"

"Don't give me that Issie Fishman. You think I have lost my memory?"

We marched in line, leaving our hockey sticks at the door, so prayers could begin when 10 male adults were present.

We met again a week later and in the few minutes we had together. I learned what school she went to and about her love of Israeli dancing. I told her I would be back here next Sunday at the same time. We were reading *Romeo and Juliet* in English class. Families that didn't talk, maybe even hated each other. Somehow I identified.

"Why aren't you angry at them?" she softly asked.

All I could do was shrug my shoulders. I was mesmerized by her green eyes. I knew from her clothes that she was part of the ultra-Orthodox Jewish community. I think I grinned and she backed away to join her friends. She followed them away but soon turned and waved me a shy goodbye.

More chassidic and Lubavitch families were moving into the area every year, and on Sundays, they strolled along the paths that circled the lake. Some of the boys my age looked like half-grown men, dressed in black. Many of them seemed to be running or walking quickly somewhere. They had purpose and didn't waste time. They wore their hats and kippahs, and their fringes and forelocks always seemed to flutter in their wake.

The girls tended to walk in large groups, I assumed for protection of some sort. They wore long skirts that reached their ankles, and their arms and heads were always covered, even on the hottest of days. I felt sorry for them. They never made eye contact, even when we approached each other on the narrow paths. They reminded me of the horses that pulled the milk wagons with eyes that could only look ahead and not be distracted by life around them. They had goals, while Nathan and I aimlessly kicked a ball back and forth for hours. Part of me envied their commitment to their faith. Another part of me pitied their inability to relax and have fun.

We met at virtually the same spot two weeks later when, once again, Nathan and I were fishing out the soccer ball. Nathan tapped my shoulder and I turned to see her moving away from a half dozen other girls. I did not know if any were the same as last time.

"Hi Job. Still saving drowning soccer balls?"

Her voice sang like a bird. I was once again awestruck.

"My name is Maurice, not Job," I finally croaked.

"Ah, but you have the patience of Job."

One of her friends spoke to her in Yiddish. I heard her say Shaina. They seemed impatient to move on. She held up one finger towards them.

"Is your name Shaina?" I asked.

"You understand Yiddish? Are you Jewish?"

"Yes but not as devout as you."

She grinned.

"Don't put yourself down. Job was more righteous than almost anyone."

With that pronouncement, she skipped after her departing friends.

I'd had my bar mitzvah six months ago and stopped going to synagogue.

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Pratt Park

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I didn't see her though I kept going to the park, even alone, when Nathan couldn't join me. Weeks went by. I doubted if I would see her again. Someone must have squealed on her. She probably wasn't allowed to talk to people like me. I wondered if I should start attending our synagogue again. I felt I wasn't worthy.

It was a rainy Sunday. Summer was over and I was back in school. The park was empty and yellow and orange leaves were falling from the trees. I walked, kicking wet leaves, looking for something. I wasn't sure what, but I felt empty. Was I in love with a girl I barely exchanged a dozen sentences with?

I was by the pond and the ducks came close expecting a handout. The sun peeked out from behind a cloud. A young duck boldly left the water and waddled towards me, quacking away. I wished I had something to offer. Then I saw someone approaching on the other side of the lake under a large black umbrella. The umbrella lowered and Shaina waved from the other side.

"Job, it's good to see you."

Somehow I was not surprised. We ran towards the north end of the lake. She jumped into my arms as we met.

"Good to see you Juliet."

"Oh, and you're Romeo I presume."

We were still holding each other. She was cold. Her thin body trembled under her coat.

"I have been waiting for you here for months," I whispered.

"I wish I could have come. My family is upset with me. I don't have your freedom."

We walked around the lake over and over, under her umbrella, holding hands and talking non-stop. I had found my voice. We parted with a kiss. It was gentle and timid, just as I imagined Romeo and Juliet must have kissed hundreds of years ago. And then I watched her get smaller as she ran up the path toward Van Horne.

In October my trek to Pratt Park was part of my Sunday pilgrimage. She did not reappear. I sometimes saw a gaggle of religious girls walking together. I couldn't tell if they were some of Shaina's friends. They looked so alike, like young nuns in identical habits. There was a wall and I couldn't approach them.

In late November, Nathan sat next to me in the lunchroom with surprising news.

"I thought you would be interested in something I heard about that red-headed religious girl we met at Pratt Park."

I almost dropped my sandwich.

"You mean Shaina?

"Yah, Shaina Rosenbloom. My cousin teaches in the school she was attending."

"Was attending? What happened?"

"Seems like the family sent her to New York. She's promised to someone there."

"Promised! You mean to get married?" My voice was loud and others at the long table looked at us. "She's only 14, how can she be married?"

"They will wait until she's 18, but in the meantime they are keeping her out of trouble."

"Am I the trouble? Is it because of me she was taken away?"

"I don't even think they knew about you. She was a rebel and her school had no experience dealing with such a free spirit. Her parents are quite elderly. She is the youngest of 12 children and the eldest sisters sort of raised her, especially after the father began showing signs of dementia a few years ago. This is how that community protects their own. They are a tight-knit but closed entity. Freedom of choice for such girls is never an option."

After a long period of silence, all I could say was I liked her.

"Yes I know," Nathan said. "I know you kept going to the park alone. I wanted to tell you that you were chasing something impossible, but I didn't want to hurt your feelings."

We stood next to the yellow lilies and orange snapdragons growing in clumps around the lake. At 7:30 on a sunny Sunday morning we had Pratt Park all to ourselves. The photographer kept giving orders on how to stand, how to tilt our heads, and what to look at. He grimaced and said something I couldn't catch.

"What did he say?" I asked my future bride.

She looked at me intently.

"He said you don't look happy. He says you should pretend and to try smiling."

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After the Fire *(to the forests of the Carmel)*

Marina Mashaal

My body felt like a tree
falling to its wings, and rising.
I became bark upon bark,
my limbs all wind-blown muscle,
each like a twig, a radius knot.
I found knots done.
I found some undone,
others as if made not to be undone
for the Angel climbing the ladder.
My fingers like leaves at points of
Reckoning shimmered.
My belly spoke like a wheel.
My ears listened to this chatter with sun.
I felt my light catch the wind and touch
Stillness
as I made of the earth a prism of seed
with a prayer I can sing by.

Ha-Yarden (The Jordan River)

Marina Mashaal

I have learned from the star
that only an inner explosion
allows it to shine.

I have learned from the ocean
that water must flow around the
obstacles it encounters
less resistance mean destruction.

I have learned from the skies
to accept without complaint
the clouds that hinder the way
for the clouds are like stones
on a path
through the mountains.

I have learned from the river
no matter its storybook of ripples
that the strongest sword
in the world
cannot scar its surface.

I have learned from the moon
just as I do from the river
to never forget its one objective:
to move is to light one's way
to the sea.

So fragile at its Source, moon,
like water, like star,
and like cloud,
gradually gathers the strength
of the others bursts of star river
it encounters,

and after a certain point,
its power, just like Love,
is absolute.

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Remember Israel

Pearl Laufer

I ran to the sea when I first stepped
off the plane
To feel the water surround my feet
And get caught up in the mood again.

The memories cannot be erased
The fairy tale is real
The joy and sadness that I felt
I will always feel.

I've just come back and so you see
It is now the third time for me
A little has changed, after all it's
been a while
But I still remember fondly, sometimes with
sadness, sometimes with a smile.

One thing though has not changed
And that's the way I feel
I loved it then, I love it now
And love it I always will.

It's secure being back in stable
civilized Toronto
But I still have the Israeli Mediterranean Sea
pounding somewhere in my heart.

To The Holocaust Survivors

Felicity Mat

When you were feeling that your life
was hanging by a thread
Which was about to be cut
at any moment
Depending on the will of the torturer
the circumstances and destiny...
When you were witnessing the Nazis' cruelty
and their unheard of methods of genocide
The injustice, the terrorism
and the awful humiliation...
No room was left anymore for ignorance
for joy and optimism
For objection, for anger
for indignation and disobedience...
No place was ever left anywhere
for dignity, nobility and success
Nor even for revenge, resistance
escape or supremacy...
Room was left only for silence, tolerance, adjustment
patience and persistence
With a soul in awe
in horror and hopelessness...
And when you started feeling
that your moral strength was weakening,
Your courage was not deserting you, you
clenched your teeth
and your strength was returned...
Because you wanted to live
and to manifest
That injustice must not be forgotten
and that evil must be crushed down!
And though still the dreadful memories
mingle with your life,
Overwhelmed by a broken heart
And without illusions,
You are and always will be,
the Heroes of pain!
the Conquerors of time!
And all of us said together:
"NEVER AGAIN!"

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The Ice Cream Stand

Rachel Piuti

It was the beginning of May. The last of the snow was gone for some time. Here and there bits of grass were poking out their green shoots from the hard, brown earth. Some thicker clumps of grass were growing in the street close to the walls of the houses and fences where the earth was less trodden upon.

Joseph and his family were assembling a wooden stand in front of a building that was part of our property. My father had allowed them to use it during the summer for a number of years. I watched as the sticks, boards and some iron bars assumed the shape of a structure with a table and shelves and a canvas roof that, Joseph explained, could be folded and unfolded against rain or too much sun.

Pessa, his wife, was very obese and I wondered how she could move around at all. They had two daughters, Sally and Pola. Sally wasn't there that day, but I met Pola. She was tall and heavy, not really obese but strongly built, like a tree. Her legs were heavy; they were very straight and looked like two logs. Pola was only 12 years old but she had to work. There was also a boy, the youngest child, named Pelte. He was skinny, his legs like sticks. His shoes had no laces, and seemed much too big for him; they kept sliding off his heels. His nose was constantly running and he kept wiping it with his sleeve. He had many duties around the stall: he took away the garbage and ran all sorts of errands.

A few days later the stall was ready for business. Some apples and pears were displayed on the table, but this was still last year's crop. The great attraction was the four large cans of ice cream surrounded by ice in the cooler: vanilla, chocolate, orange and lemon. Children stood in line after school, each holding five groshy in a tight fist. Their faces eager and tense at the same time: how to decide which flavour to chose. Each gave up his coin and stood watching with beating heart as his cone was filled by the fat, generous Pessa. Finally, a lick. What delight.

Workers coming out from the factories bought bottles of lemonades or orange drinks. They opened the wired bottle tops to the hissing sound of escaping gas. The drink overflowed on their hands. They raised the bottle fast to their lips. How good it was, how cool, how sweet. Summer would be here soon.

Joseph, Pessa, Pola and Pelte worked all summer from morning till night putting out the merchandise in the morning, serving customers all day, churning ice cream, taking everything in for the night. The stall was overflowing with delicious seasonal fruit; pears, plums, blueberries, strawberries. Baskets of carrots, lettuce, potatoes, radishes, green onions, yellow onions all stood on the ground. The stall gave the street a festive look by day. When night came and the family took everything in, the place looked sad and abandoned.

The family lived in two rooms on the second floor of a building across the road. All the merchandise that hadn't been sold during the day had to be stored for the night in their tiny apartment. Pessa, Pola and Sally prepared the evening meal from the potatoes, carrots and other vegetables that weren't fit to be sold the next day. The same with the fruit. They couldn't afford to eat produce that they could sell. For all their hard work their profit was very small and their earnings were only seasonal. Joseph was a sickly man unable to hold a steady job. Seventeen-year-old Sally was the only one in the family who had a steady job. She worked for a dressmaker and brought home her wage. Her mother allotted her some money for clothes and cosmetics because she needed to be presentable at work. Sally had brown wavy hair, soft black eyes set in an oval face with a silky ivory complexion. She was slim and had lovely legs. She was engaged to a very handsome young man who worked as a mechanic. They were hoping to accumulate some money and get married. It didn't look like it would happen soon. In the meantime they were going out together every evening, Sally wore a green fitted suit with a white blouse and black pumps. Her fiance wore a grey suit, a white shirt and black and white shoes. They always wore the same outfits. They simply didn't have anything else. When they came out into the street they looked like the most handsome and happiest couple.

On Saturdays and Sundays the stall stood empty and the family was transformed. The parents went to Shul on Saturday. They walked slowly and greeted neighbours with a smile. Joseph wore a dark suit, the same that he wore on his wedding day. Pessa waddled along beside him in a print dress with a blue silk shawl thrown over her shoulders. Pola and Pelte stayed behind and played in the street with other children. Pola looked neat in a navy skirt and a white blouse, Pelte wore shoes that fitted and his nose wasn't running.

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What Is Chutzpah?

Masha Rutitsky

It is one simple question with many Jewish answers.

What is chutzpah?

It is when you survive in childhood beyond family's expectations, in the post World War II Soviet Union, amid destruction, hunger and hardships.

What is chutzpah?

It is when you grow up behind the Iron Curtain, being called "dirty Jew", but stubbornly dream about living in the sunny Jewish State called Israel.

What is chutzpah?

It is when, after the 1972 Munich massacre of the Israeli Olympic team, you come to work one morning and blurt out to your co-worker, a known wife of the KGB officer, that the athletes were murdered with the Soviet made Kalashnikovs. Then, you wait with fear what happens to you.

What is chutzpah?

It is when you apply for an emigration visa in the early '70s to go to Israel, and are invited to OVIR for questioning. You look the KGB officer straight in the eye (hiding your fears), and play naïve and stupid when answering his threatening questions. All you want from him is to let you go, to give you a ticket to freedom. And eventually he does!

What is chutzpah?

It is when you are new in Canada, divorced, penniless, raising young child, and go to the job interview for the position that you had never done before in your life. You believe you have no chance but you still ask the question: "What in this job is so complicated that I cannot learn and perform?"

And you get it right there, on the spot!

What is chutzpah?

It is when you meet (through friends) a man and are attracted to him, and think that you might be good for each other. So, during the conversation, you ask him a straight question if he would like to spend his life with you. And the answer is – yes, he would. And he still does.

What is chutzpah?

It is when your family friend is a cancer patient and the doctors give him less than a month to survive, and you decide to help him cheat the death and try to save his life.

How can you do it? How can you convince a person who is sick and exhausted of the hospital staying and is ready to die at home?

You trick him into believing that he is going into a rehabilitation centre for recovery treatments. And he agrees! Yes, out of desperation, you go to the top authorities to make arrangements for saving a human life. You place him into the hospital which is extremely hard to get into. And God is probably a partner in this joined venture.

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What is chutzpah?

It is when you fall sick, and are not in the capacity to be as active and sociable as before, you still do not surrender.

You open the door to the world of poetry and imagination, dare to start writing your own and think that it is good!

What is chutzpah?

It is when you love life with all your heart and have guts to fight for all your goals and for all that is dear to you!

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Vashti - Banished...or Vanished?

Lorynne Schreiber

How dare he? Vashti thought. He knows I'm with the ladies. We're occupied. Why is that drunken fool calling for me?

"Come quickly and wear your crown."

Ha, it's not me he wants to parade around; it's my crown he wants to show off. He wants the whole kingdom to see how rich he is. He's not interested in me at all, just my money.

He's only king because he married me. And he only married me because I was forced into it. How could he think I love him? Love him? I loathe him. His father killed my father and then kidnapped me and forced me to marry this good for nothing, can't get a job on his own, never worked a day in his life, sot.

Everyone knows I'm the queen, I'm the royal one, the rightful ruler of Babylon. Without me, Hashi would still be a poor stable boy smelling like horse dung. Come to think of it, he's not poor anymore, but he still smells like horse dung. Nasty liquor breath. Drunk all the time. Party, party, party. That's all he does, all day, every day. I can't stand to have him near me. The sight of his red puffy face makes me want to retch, and the thought of those filthy hands touching me makes my skin crawl. Who knows where they've been!

He thinks I don't see those harlots sneaking out, but I do. Every night a different woman. Never enough for him. And here I am, lovely as can be. Everyone says so. That wretched Persian is a disgrace to everything Babylonian. Can't even think for himself. It's a joke. His eunuchs make all the decisions. He's too drunk to think straight.

Well, I've had enough, enough I say. No more of this "beck and call" crap. I won't have it. I just won't. He wants to see my crown, he'll just have to come here to see it. I'll show him my crown all right. I'm a lady, not some hooker who does the King's bidding. No one tells Vashti what to do! I'm staying right here at my party. I'm not leaving till I'm good and ready. And then I'm leaving for good and I'm taking my crown with me!

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The Boy Who Hated Potato Latkes

Mark Binder

It was Chanukah, and we were making latkes. They are so good! We were having latkes for dinner. That's all we had. We just had lots and lots of latkes. It was an oil fest. We went through three gallons that night. There were a lot of people.

Everybody was having latkes, except my son, Max.

Max doesn't like food that has flavour. He doesn't like to have sauce on his spaghetti. He doesn't like to have ketchup on his french fries. When I make pizza, and I make a really good pizza, I have to make a special one for him without any sauce or cheese. Some people call that bread.

He wasn't eating the latkes, and there was nothing else to eat except sour cream and applesauce, and those both have too much flavour.

But I'm the Dad, right? And you know how Dads can be. I took a small piece of a latke, about the size of a caterpillar, and I put it on his plate.

He looked at it and said, "What's that?"

"It's a latke," I answered.

"I know it's a latke," he said. "But what is it doing on my plate?"

I told him, "It's resting there on its way to your mouth."

He nudged it with his finger. "I'm not going to eat it."

"Yes you are," I said.

"No I'm not," he replied.

"Yes," I insisted, "you are."

"No," he crossed his arms, "I'm not."

Ever have this sort of conversation at home? It doesn't go well. We went back and forth for a while until he stomped his feet and said, "I'm not going to eat it and you can't make me."

"Max," I said, shaking my head, "I can make you eat it."

"Yeah?" His eyes were wide. "And I can call child services!"

I glared at my son. By now, everybody was watching. My mom and dad were watching me parenting my kid, and it wasn't going well. It's a script that every parent has gone through, but I didn't know that at the time.

"Max," I said, "you're going to eat that latke, or else!"

He stared me down. "Or else what?"

"Or else no dessert!"

His answer was inevitable. "What's for dessert?"

"Sufganiyot – jelly doughnuts, and chocolate gelt coins!"

"I don't care. I don't want dessert anyway."

Now what? I was stumped. And then I decided to make a stand.

"Max," I told him, "if you don't eat that latke, you're not going to have dessert for a really, really, really long time."

"How long?"

"Until you're 13 years old!"

"What?"

He was six. His bar mitzvah was seven years away.

"That's right," I told him, "no dessert until you're 13, unless you eat that really little piece of latke."

He frowned at me. "You're mean."

I wanted to pull a huge demonic face and laugh, but I didn't dare. Instead I said, "No, listen, Max. You like french fries, you like fried foods, you like potatoes, you like salt and you like grease! That's all it is."

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The Boy Who Hated Potato Latkes

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He started whimpering. "I don't care. I'm not going to eat it and you can't make me – so there."

By now, everyone else was clearing the dishes.

"Fine," I said, "no jelly doughnuts. No chocolate gelt. No chocolate cake. No ice cream. No chocolate chip cookies. No Christmas cookies, no Kwanzaa cookies, no hot chocolate. No fruit roll ups!"

He informed me that, "Fruit roll ups aren't dessert!"

"Read the label, kid. You're not getting anything with sugar unti you're 13 years old."

He looked so sad. He looked like he was going to cry.

We sat there for a long time.

He finally said, "Dad?"

"What?" I grunted.

"I've got an idea."

"What?"

He said in a quiet voice, "What if I lost TV?"

I stared at him. "You want to lose TV and dessert? You're going to be the smartest and healthiest kid in your school."

"No no no!" he said. "What if instead of losing dessert, I lost TV?"

"You'll eat it?" I asked.

"Yeah." He nodded.

"Okay," I said. I'd been wondering how this was going to turn out, and I figured that this was a way both of us could win. Sort of.

"Max, if you don't eat that latke, you're going to lose all TV and video games until you're 13!"

He gasped. "What about dessert?"

"You can have dessert," I said.

[Trevor Miller Illustration]

"Okay," he said.

He picked it up with his fingers. I was not going to make a big deal about him not using a fork at this point. He put it in his mouth.

"Dad," he said through clenched teeth, "can I go to the bathroom, please?"

"No, Max." I shook my head. "Chew it up."

"Awww," he moaned.

He started to chew and his face began to contort. It twisted and bent. It frowned and grimaced. I saw flickers of revulsion, distaste and nausea.

He groaned and moaned and gagged. His eyes fluttered closed and then opened up, rolling back in his head as if he was about to have a seizure. His chewing was tiny and tentative and prolonged the entire agonizing experience.

"No faces, Max," I said.

He froze for a moment, and then, like a queasy squirrel began gnawing at the speck of latke left in his mouth.

At last he swallowed, shuddered, gasped, feigned vomiting, wiped his tongue on his napkin, reached for a glass of water, chugged it down, and slammed it on the table.

"Now can I have dessert?"

"Wait a second," I said. "How was it?"

"Not bad," he said. Then he shouted, "I DON'T WANT ANY MORE."

I laughed and said, "OK. Fine."

So he had his jelly doughnuts and his chocolate gelt.

And to this day, he refuses to have latkes.

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Matzah and Breadfruit

Anna Gersman

The tiny advertisement consists of a Star of David and underneath it a sentence: "Anyone wanting to attend a Passover seder call Bernie, 46-3940."

We are living the free spirit life on our sailboat in the Caribbean. My husband points to the ad buried at the back of *The Liming Times*, the weekly paper that announced upcoming events. It took us awhile to figure out *liming* is West Indian for "hanging out."

"I'm going to call him," Syd says.

"Really? Are you sure?" I feel a quiver of fear. I wasn't Jewish. I knew nothing of Jewish life. I was outside the circle of knowledge, ignorant of the customs and traditions. I could feel the barriers, the wall, the exclusion from the inner circle.

"Yeah sure, it'll be fun," he says.

I grit my teeth.

So here I am balancing a cake in one hand and helping my two-year- old out of our old Toyota Tercel. We're parked in a line of cars on a road high above Cane Garden Bay in the British Virgin Islands. A thick tangle of tropical jungle falls away obscuring the hairpin bends that zigzag up the mountain side. We can hear car engines screaming below us.

"Is it a party, daddy?" our daughter Ariel asks.

"It's better than a party, it's a seder," he tells her with a smile.

"What's that?" She asks.

"It's an old story. You'll see," he says. "It's fun."

I decide to relax and take my cue from her. She is excited and all set to make new friends. After all, most of us are strangers new to the island. We have been living here for the last year since our arrival from South Africa. We follow a stream of people along the road to the front door carrying bowls, trays and Tupperware containers. The house is a stone bungalow set into the mountain side. A vibrant purple bougainvillea grows up over the entrance. Inside the foyer it's cool and everyone is drawn across the large main room to the view. The sun is setting over distant islands that are deep indigo. Slivers of white sandy beaches glow against a sapphire sea.

I leave Syd and Ariel and head for the kitchen with the cake I brought. The kitchen is crowded with women reaching into cupboards, rummaging through drawers, stirring pots on the stove, and ladling food onto platters. I shrink back against the wall as a woman flies past with a huge stack of soup bowls.

"Hi, I'm Stephanie," she smiles at me. I stick out my hand and she juggles the dishes to give it a little squeeze.

"I brought a cake, where should I put it?"

"Oh just stick it on the counter if you can find a spot. Wow how did you find matzah meal?" she asks over her shoulder as she heads out into the main room.

Oh no, I think. Is this the wrong kind of cake? Syd told me Bernie asked for a sponge cake so I made one. Now I panic. I want to hide it, or ask someone quickly about what kind of cake this should be. I better admit my guilt, but before I can open my mouth, someone grabs it. I watch my sponge cake whip away into the chaotic frenzy of the kitchen. I feel sick. I don't understand Passover rules – kosher or not.

A white-haired woman in a full apron stands in the middle of the kitchen answering the endless stream of questions from the women crowding in to help. "Where are the pots and the cutlery? Have you got a big knife?"

This must be our hostess, Mrs. Nusinowitz. Her husband died recently and when she saw Bernie's ad, she offered her beautiful mountaintop home as the venue.

"Have you got paper plates?" someone asks her.

"I won't use paper," she yells out in a strong eastern European accent.

"Oh God," a woman beside me moans quietly. "We'll be here all night washing dishes." She rolls her eyes dramatically and opens a cupboard to find more china plates. A bearded man comes into the kitchen.

"Oh my God," he says. Is that chicken soup?"

"Yes, Bernie," says Mrs. Nusinowitz. "That's my contribution."

"Are those matzah balls?" he asks giving her a big hug.

"You bet, just like your grandmother used to make. Thanks for organizing this Bernie," she says.

"Thank you for hosting." He kisses her.

I'm touched by kind, generous Mrs. Nusinowitz sharing her home and by the crowd of strangers helping in the kitchen, laughing and joking. It feels like a real family.

"Thanks to everyone for coming and bringing something and helping," Bernie announces to the room. "The only thing I was worried about," he tells us, "was the matzot. But they finally got here Thursday on the boat from Miami."

"Can I help with something?" I ask. I want to lose this awkward outsider feeling, and maybe ask someone quietly about my sponge cake.

"Sure, grab some glasses from the cupboard and help me with the table," Stephanie says.

I follow her flowing red dress out into the dining room. Her jewelled sandals tap on the tile floor. She's from California and teaches yoga at Prospect Reef Resort.

"How many people are coming?" I ask her.

"Over 50 and counting! Can you believe it? Who would have thought there were so many Jews living on this small island?" She is folding napkins and tucking them under the cutlery. People are opening folding chairs and placing them alongside a string of tables covered in white tablecloths. I wave at Syd and Ariel seated at the far end of tables. Ariel is wearing a white and gold kippah that was Syd's father's. She has a big smile on her face. Around the room men are wearing kippot and flip-flops. I wonder if like Syd they keep their Jewish treasures tucked in a red velvet bag at the bottom of a drawer, waiting for a special night to take them out. I wave at our friend Bennett. He has come from his boat in Trellis Bay. Giving me a hug he whispers, "I hope they don't ask me to do anything, I'm the Jew that had a Christmas tree."

Finally, Bernie and Mrs. Nusinowitz start ushering the crowd to the table. I recognize faces I have seen here and there around the island. There is the red-haired Australian woman who owns the kooky hot pink boutique on Main Street.

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She is here with her partner, a local man, and their son. A warm tropical breeze wafts up from the sea and a hush falls over the crowded room. Mrs. Nusinowitz and a few women stand at a side table and light candles. They cover their eyes and circle their hands above the flames chanting a blessing. Syd puts his arms around Ariel and I and draws us close.

A man stands up. "I'm Murray. I'm new to the island. I teach at the college. My father was a cantor in Ireland. Mrs. Nusinowitz asked me to lead the seder. I hope I can do a good job for all of you." There is a burst of applause and cheers. "Bernie has done a count. It seems we have representation from over 14 countries here tonight." There are more whistles and clapping. "It's all thanks to Mrs. Nusinowitz and Bernie; he's not just a diver. He's an event planner."

Murray smiles holds up a glass of wine and begins to chant a Hebrew blessing. I don't understand the words, but feel the connection between our mountaintop celebration and Jews all over the world. As the story unfolds, there is a rumbling of collective memories, laughter and voices singing along to familiar tunes. Syd's face beams with memories of other seder tables full of family. I get a glimpse of how important this is to him. We have been married for 10 years, but Judaism has been buried deep inside him.

Ariel is the youngest and they ask her to do the four questions. She can't read, but a teenage boy Josh comes and sits beside her and they chant together.

"Why on this night do we lean on pillows?" they ask.

"To enjoy the wonderful view from this mountain," someone yells out.

Murray talks of bondage and suffering. Matzah, the bread of affliction, is explained and blessed, as are the bitter herbs and the charoset. Then Moses the great prophet leads the people out of Egypt. God's outstretched hand splits the sea, and everyone sings *Dayeinu*.

In a few months we will celebrate Carnival here on the island, the annual party commemorating the abolition of slavery on Aug. 1, 1834. What a powerful way to remind ourselves year after year of the deep universal yearning for freedom. The Hebrew words are mysterious and the dramatic story goes straight into my soul. What does it all mean? Long ago the people were freed, they must never forget, never take freedom for granted. I want to be free too. Free to explore my spirituality in a personal way. I feel an awakening to the beauty of religious experience. I am tired of living in the black hole of atheism in which I was raised.

"Do the short version," someone calls out to Murray.

"Yeah skip to the good part, let's eat."

"No take your time," someone else yells.

Finally the Passover meal is served. First, there is chicken soup and matzah balls. Then come the gefilte fish and liver. People are moving back and forth from the kitchen to the tables with platters piled high with food. Serving spoons are stuck into casseroles of West Indian fish curry, and eggplant salad. There is brisket, and chicken with ginger, bowls of pumpkin, yarrow breadfruit and yams. We introduce ourselves to each other. There are slaps on the back, and lots of hugs and kisses. Strangers before, now we are friends.

The dream of becoming Jewish took root inside me there on that mountaintop as we ate, and prayed and shared the great gift of being Jewish.

Just when I am lulled into a blissful reverie, out comes dessert. There are fruit salads and ice cream – mango, guava, banana, papaya and ginger. Then my cake is marched in with other cakes. My heart stops with fear. I want to hide, run down the mountain.

"This is the lightest Passover cake I've ever had," someone says stuffing a big piece in his mouth. I just smile. The four glasses of wine have gone straight to my head. Syd winks at me. He shrugs and laughs.

"No one cares," he whispers.

Later, Syd and I tuck Ariel into the car for the ride down the mountain. I smell the heavy scent of frangipani and hear the distant rumble of sea shells in the surf. I smile. During that crazy Passover seder in paradise I was witness to the miracle of Judaism. It truly was a night different from all other nights, and one in which I was forever changed.

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My Uncle's Secret

Alvin Abram

I was asleep when the telephone rang in the middle of the night, so I groped for the telephone with my eyes shut.

"Are you Marilyn Epstein?"

"Yes," I mumbled.

"Do you have an uncle named Louis Epstein?"

My eyes opened wide and I quickly swung my legs over the side of the bed. "Yes. Has something happened to him?"

"My name is Detective Garshowitz. Your uncle apparently died several days ago in his apartment and his body was only discovered late this evening."

I hesitated a moment before asking, "May I ask what was the cause of death?"

"The medical examiner has listed your uncle's death as being the result of personal neglect."

My first reaction was to blame myself. He was my father's younger brother, a bachelor and a loner. He was known to talk to an invisible person. Before my father died he asked me to look after him. I agreed but I never did make the time.

I arranged to have a graveside service at Pardes Shalom the next day, placing a small announcement in the newspaper as a courtesy, but didn't expect anyone to show up. When I arrived at the burial site, I was stunned to find hundreds of people had come to my uncle's funeral and, surprisingly, many of them were in tears. When the service ended, I watched in wonder as many came up to the grave and gently tossed a small circular object into the opening. I didn't understand what they were doing. When almost everyone had dispersed, a young, black man in a well-tailored suit solemnly remained near the grave. I approached him.

"Did you know my Uncle Lou?" I asked.

He turned to me with tears on his cheeks. "No," he said. "My mother did. She's dead so I came in her place." Then he abruptly walked away.

I paid for the funeral because I had no idea whether my uncle had money or not. Somehow I doubted it. He lived in a small bachelor apartment on Wilson Avenue near Bathurst Street. He often appeared unwashed, his clothes were always dishevelled and he could easily be mistaken for a street person. When I asked my father how his brother made a living, he told me, "He's been taken care of."

After the funeral, I went to his apartment and uncovered a treasure of junk. The messy apartment was full of books – wall-to-wall books, on the floor, on the furniture and in the bathtub; books on philosophy, on religion and on the occult. The walls were bare, with not one photograph anywhere. There was a sense of loneliness in the air. I realized that my uncle lived in an apartment that had no memories. Over the next few days, I gave all his belongings away to several charities.

Although I had many questions, I soon went back to my own life. I'm 26, a police officer and I love what I do. My beat is the Danforth, a section of the city known for its many Greek restaurants but is really heavily multicultural with Greeks, Chinese, Muslims, Jews and Italians living in harmony.

Toronto is a world within itself where everyone has a story. Take Emma Spokes, for example. She is a young black woman from Haiti, a single parent with an 18-month-old child. She came to Canada with her father who became ill and died. She got pregnant and became a statistic. She never finished high school and is on welfare, living in a low-income housing project in a one-bedroom apartment off the Danforth. I see her often when walking my beat. Whenever I talk to her, I can tell she has a natural curiosity about everything and likes to read.

I have my own story. My parents separated early into their marriage. My mother didn't want a child, so my father, a security officer for a construction company raised me. He had always wanted to be a policeman but his weak heart put an end to his dream and he encouraged me to become one. He was so proud of me when I did.

A week after the funeral, I received a letter from a lawyer representing my uncle's estate. I was surprised to hear my uncle had an estate. I arranged to see him the next day and was ushered into the office of an elderly man who looked to be in his 80s. He introduced himself as Samuel Bernstein.

I sat down.

"I am long retired but I am here today not only to represent your uncle but to repay a personal debt."

"A debt?"

The smile slowly left Samuel's face. "When my son became aware of Louis Epstein's death, he notified everyone on his list. They too, had a debt to repay." He reached across the desk and slid two envelopes towards me. "Inside this envelope," he said, pointing to the one on the left "is a cheque for $150,000. It is a gift to you from your uncle."

"What…?" I began.

"You can leave now and take the cheque with you or you can read the contents in the other envelope, promising never to reveal what you learn in this office. If you do reveal what you have learned, you forfeit the money."

"What is this all about, Mr. Bernstein?"

"I can only tell you that before you were born, your uncle had a promising future as a tool-and die designer. Unfortunately, a tragedy took away the person he loved." He paused. "The night he and his fiancée were celebrating their engagement, he had a few drinks too many, lost control of his car and crossed the centre line, hitting a mother and her child on the sidewalk before striking a hydro pole. His fiancée and the child were killed and your uncle suffered a head injury. He was charged and went to jail."

"I didn't know any of this," I said.

"This information is a matter of public record. I want you to take both envelopes home and decide what you want to do. If you open the second envelope and agree to the terms of the contract inside, then return the signed contract to this office and my son will explain everything. This is my son's office."

"I don't understand."

"I know, Ms. Epstein. This is all that can be revealed until you sign the contract." He put his hand into his jacket pocket and removed a small circular object.

"What is that?"

Samuel Bernstein looked solemnly at the object. "That… is a reminder that I almost lost everything I hold dear."

"Can I have one?"

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Bernstein shook his head. "You don't ever want to possess one of these."

I sat at my kitchen table, the $150,000 cheque in front of me, but it was the other envelope that held my focus. I don't know why but I suspected my father was a part of what was happening. Slowly, I opened the envelope. There were two sheets of paper inside. I read the contents several times, trying to decide if I could really do what was being asked of me.

The next day, after a restless night of soul searching, I returned to Ralph Bernstein's office. "I've signed the contract," I told him as I handed the middle-aged man who was Samuel Bernstein's son the envelope.

"Are you sure?"

"Yes. I spent the night struggling with my thoughts. Then I had a long conversation with my father and knew I had to agree."

He looked at me with surprise. "I'm sorry, but I believe your father died several years ago."

"He did. But I had to talk to someone. There was too much at stake. Everything is very clear now. I understand why my father wanted me to be a cop. I was being groomed for this moment."

Ralph Bernstein nodded.

I cleared my throat. "Since I signed the contract, will you tell me why your father was given the keepsake?"

"I see no reason why I can't. My father and I were law partners. One day, your uncle came into our office and asked to see my father. I asked him what he wanted. Your uncle casually told me that he knew my father had borrowed money from several of his clients' trust accounts to pay his gambling debts and he was unable to put the money back. I was furious and ordered him to leave. But he sat down and told me to tell my father what he had just told me. Then he added, 'If your father says so, I will go.'

"As I was going into my father's office, I heard your uncle having a conversation with an invisible person. He sounded very pleased with himself. I thought he was mad. I told my father what your uncle had said, and I knew by the way he looked at me that your uncle had told the truth. He told me let him in. I don't know how he found out about what my father had done but, by the time he left the office, he had given my father the money to replace what he had stolen and swore him to a lifelong commitment to help others also in need. Your uncle gave him a keepsake and told him it was to be returned upon your uncle's death, at which time my father's debt would be paid in full.

"We became Lou Epstein's lawyers and confidants. And we took care of his needs. For 30 years, your uncle helped all kinds of people. Colour or religion never entered into the equation. He paid rent, paid for university educations and paid personal debts. The list of what he did is endless. Some were battered and in need of professional help – he paid for everything. People came here and signed contracts and cried when told their problems would be taken care of. But they had to promise never to tell anyone what had been done for them. Your uncle was never here for the signing. That was my father's job; then it became mine. Each person was given a keepsake as a reminder of their debt and to promise to help others."

"It's called doing tzedakah, a good deed," I said.

"Yes, but with your uncle, what he was doing was performing tzedakah without personal reward." Ralph opened the centre drawer of his desk, brought out the keepsake his father had shown me yesterday and placed it before me. "I'm returning this to you. This releases my father. He was unable to come to the funeral."

The keepsake had an image of a woman engraved on it. "Who is this?" I asked.

"His fiancée."

Everything now made sense. "So my function is to find people in need," I said.

"Yes, but more importantly, you must find people who are willing to help others in need too, and no one must ever know that you were responsible for the help they receive. Your name can never come up. When you find such a person, let me know and I'll do the rest."

"I understand Mr. Bernstein." I pushed a piece of paper across the desk to him.

"What's this?" he asked.

"It's my first assignment. She's a single mother from Haiti. I believe if you can convince her to go back to school, she will be an investment that will pay my uncle great returns. All she needs is financial support."

We shook hands and I left the building.

I stood on the street and looked at the world that was suddenly very different. "Well, Dad, I think now I know who Uncle Lou was always talking to and I hope the two of them are finally together again." I began walking to the subway. "My shift starts in half an hour, Dad, and I have a promise I want to keep."

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Among the major Jewish holiday feasts and family assemblies, the Passover seder is, for many of us, the most memorable. We often recall, with growing satisfaction, many seders from our past. With its unique blend of history and mitzvot, family and friends, food and wine, the seder is clearly a favourite ritual, and rightfully so.

There is, however, one feature of this event, entirely of our own making, which is not to be encouraged. For lack of a better name, it could be called "seder one-upmanship" or the "mine is better than yours" syndrome. It seems that as soon as the topic of the latest seder comes up, participants inevitably try to outdo each other in extolling the virtues of their own experiences.

Contrary to the current trend in technology where smaller, simpler, faster and leaner are desirable goals, the Passover seder is following that grand old American tradition of bigger is better. Did we borrow this from our ancient foes, the Egyptians? Let me illustrate this trend more specifically.

It is the third or fourth day of Passover and you are with a small group of friends. Casually mention that the dozen or so at your seder managed to fit around one table. Immediately someone will disdainfully inform you that the 32 at his seder needed three tables and four highchairs. But he, in turn, will quickly be trumped by someone else who boasts that the 56 at their seder were seated on three different floors, all co-ordinated by a professional sound system, and we're not even talking about rented ballrooms and auditoriums yet.

Probably the next area of comparison will be the variety and quantity of food served (weight watching and healthy eating are exempted on Jewish holidays). Three meat dishes are a bare minimum. Refills of fish, soup, salads and desserts often match the required cups of wine. Just mention that you really enjoyed the kugel at your seder, whereupon a friend will say that she couldn't pick a favourite from among the matzah kugel, the vegetable kugel, the fruit kugel or the sweet kugel served at their seder.

Merit also seems to be awarded for exotic foods or "new recipes," edible or not. "We had Bolivian turnips stuffed with lamb kidneys in caramel sauce covered with shredded coconut."

By thinking quickly, you can counter this with something like, "Well, since the ancient Sumerians made leavened biscuits from dried turnip flour, we would never serve that on Passover."

Of course, all this excess supply of calories requires lengthy preparation and also room for competition. If one hostess says she starts seder preparations right after Purim, another will tell of filling the two Passover freezers from Chanukah onward. Note: no points are awarded for catered dishes. On the other hand, after-seder cleanup must be very rapid to show how well-organized one's kitchen is.

Besides actual numbers, the type and variety of seder guests are very important. Generally, the more exotic the better. A partial ranking guide of guests, from lowest to highest, may look like this:

10. out of town relative (farther is better);
9. local non-Jewish friend or neighbour;
8. two or more rabbis;
7. one rabbi;
6. Israeli minister;
5. member of another race and religion;
4. spiritual leader of another religion;
3. cannibal shaman from Bora Bora;
2. member of the Taliban;
1. in-laws you haven't spoken to in 30 years.

The sages in the Haggadah tell us that it is praiseworthy to discuss the events of the Exodus from Egypt. Most of us would agree. Yet, there must be a reasonable duration for the seder and all its rituals. Has length of time spent become confused with the quality of the evening? Among one's peers, going home after midnight (later than some of us do at New Year's Eve) gets no points at all. Many children stay up later. Walking home at 2:30 a.m. is merely average. Dragging yourself in the door at daylight gets an honourable mention.

What is it about seders that brings on the urge to outdo? Merely mention that your seder concluded with five songs and someone will say they did 10. If one of your singers had a good voice, they had clones of Pavarotti or Kusevitsky. Your afikoman cost you $10, they

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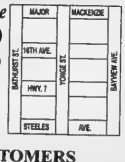

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paid 20, and so on. And don't even get started on the child prodigies who asked the Four Questions in three languages, at two years of age.

The pre-Passover home preparations are also grounds for comparisons. Did you merely char a few token breadcrumbs over a lit paper in the fireplace?

Well, my neighbour burns all his chametz in a huge bonfire in the backyard. Upping the ante, is it true that some are renting commercial incinerators to atomize their leavened leftovers at 2,000 degrees?

Certainly, house cleaning and related rituals are very important, but surely there are limits. Your traditional thorough spring cleaning pales in comparison with others who repaint, re-floor or totally renovate just before Passover. Then there is the whole issue of kashering procedures that seem to expand every year. We finally know what we are supposed to do with the dishwasher and microwave. But what if I carry my iPad in the same bag as my lunch sandwich; can I still use it on Passover?

On the other hand, as Tevye the dairy mogul would say, there may be room to expand or modernize the Passover topics that we are supposed to discuss at the seder. Perhaps these suggestions may cause other ideas to ferment (oops—wrong word).

1. Is Allah involved in the current uprising in Egypt?
2. Was "bad press" the reason Hillel never got due credit for inventing the sandwich, long before that lazy Earl?
3. With our aging population, why not have a set of questions for the eldest present to ask?

By the way, the old issue of why we need a second seder has been solved: you go to the in-laws for seder No. 2.

In conclusion, remember to take the above with a few grains of kosher salt. Enjoy your seders, family, friends and Passover. As for the best health food on this holiday, our sages tell us that a long life is granted to those who eat many, many afikomans.

The Wandering Jew

Sharon Miller

From our ancient homeland we were expelled
To roam the earth for lands to dwell
Our host nations not often kind
To return to Zion we did pine
The twelve tribes scattered like the dust
But in our God we kept our trust
Keeping truth to our faith, customs and traditions
The promised land we did always envision
Without our own country for two thousand years
We wept and shed bitter tears
"You cannot live amongst us as Jews
You cannot live amongst us
You cannot live"
Strangers in strange lands
The Yellow Star became a brand
In the ovens of Auschwitz we were burned
With blood, sweat and tears we have returned
From the ashes of history we did rise
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Matzah — The Bread of Affliction

Saul Friedman

I was a 6 year old kid living on The Main back in the '40s. One day in spring, mom put a hard,dry rectangular wafer on my bread plate and told me,"This is bread for Pesach"

Days before my taste of matzah, I was witness to a bizarre ritual. Mom replaced the two sets of dishes and cutlery by another . I recall Beefeaters and Royal regalia decorated one set.

I didn't understand why 2 sets of dishes all year but on Pesach another 2 sets ?

Before Pesach, mom "made an order" at Tennenbaum's grocery and all the food in the ice box and pantry was put away somewhere. Mom cleaned up for days. The day that Pesach arrived, I saw a clean house with boxes and cans of food never seen during the rest of the year. The boxes and cans of food arrived, brought up to the second floor of a flat on Clark Street by a hulking young man from Tennenbaum's Grocery.

One day,in place of moist and delicious Weston's sliced bread,I bit into my first slice of matzo. It crumbled all over the table,a tasteless,dry experience.I knew then,as a 6-year-old-child, the reason why matzah is called the bread of affliction!

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The Exodus Has Come

Jonathan Balofsky

The time of exodus has come
And we have been raised up by heaven

Taken out of bondage then
And now we remember those trials

We shall sing the songs of the ages
And retell the stories of old again

The wine we drink shall bring us peace
And bring us closer above

Only the food of the exodus shall be consumed
To once again be brought forth from our bondage

We were slaves to mere mortals then
Until the Almighty brought us forth to Him.

And now we wait to be redeemed once more
And sing Leshana Haba B'Yerushalayim

Honey Cake and Flowers

Oritte Rudski

Every year, when the days
Begin to shorten
And summer camp ends
Lilac coloured flowers
Bloom in my garden.
The King in His glory
Comes down to the field.
I am sure He has come
To enjoy my flowers
And comfort me as I
Struggle to bid summer goodbye.

"Your majesty, please wait a moment.
I'll come out to greet you,
Perhaps invite you for a cup of tea
And a freshly baked muffin" I beg.
The King smiles as I explain
"I just have to change the baby's diaper,
sweep the kitchen floor
And wipe Yankee's nose.
Then I can don my new peach silk suit
and long Shabbos sheitel, to receive you
In a manner befitting your majesty."

The King is holding a pad and pencil.
He is sweating in the heat
Of the Indian summer.
He removes his crown
And casts aside his purple cloak,
Hiding them behind the bushes.
I see him writing something
And humming softly as he writes.
I try to take a peek at His notes
But the pad disappears into
The pocket of his vest.

The phone rings.
Malka's mom is in the hospital.
Could I please watch Mendy and Esty
while she brings her a hot kosher lunch?
I hesitate long enough to realize
That my date with the King will have to wait.

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Honey cake and flowers

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In my stained gray housecoat
I prepare macaroni and cheese.
"Maybe tomorrow, Your Majesty"
I mumble with a sigh
I wonder what He's written
About me in His pad.

Next day I'm so busy
Buying school supplies
That I nearly forget the King.
Paper is on sale at Canadian Tire
At 29 cents a pack.
They also have 2-inch blue binders
But Miri's teacher demands one
That is three inches wide
So off we go to Bureau en Gross.
Brochy needs coloured pencils,
Berry needs markers, and Ricky
Must have a package of 24 crayons.
Tomorrow is the first full day of school.
Yippee! I hope the King will wait.

My new mixer is missing a beater.
Oh, there it is, under the instruction manual.
Just in time to bake a honey chiffon cake.
Oh, no! There is no honey left in my pantry.
I dress the baby and run to strap him into the car seat.
The car is gone. I forgot that today is Thursday.
Gershon always drives to work on Thursdays
so he can be on time after hearing the Torah reading.
I grab my Peg Perego and start pushing uphill.
I run home, sweating in the late summer heat.
The King is waiting in my garden,
Scribbling in His little book.

Tomorrow I'll surely invite Him in
and serve Him some fresh honey cake.
I'll apologize and explain how busy I've been.
I'll ask for His forgiveness
for ignoring Him so long.
Perhaps if I sing his praises
He'll reward me
With a smile,
a golden coin,
or a royal blessing.

The King waits patiently in my garden.
The flowers begin to wilt.
Every day is filled to the brim.
Somehow there is no time
For me to welcome Him.

One day He takes His crown out
From behind the bushes.
He puts His pad and pencil
into His pocket
and dons His Royal cloak.

After a brief conversation
On his BlackBerry phone
A coach pulls up.
I run to my car and follow Him.
"Please, please, come back."
The tall gate opens
And the coach disappears.
I pound on the door and beg to be admitted.
"Please let me apologize to the King.
Please show me what's written in His little book"

A messenger returns.
The King is on His throne.
He cannot come back.
Within 10 days He will send you an email.

I wipe my brow and get back into
my stuffy Toyota.
I drive home and pray
for the King's forgiveness.

Ten days pass. Long days.
My clicking finger trembles.
That's strange. The King's letter
Is entitled "Thank you "
The King is busy.
His email is short.
"Thank you my daughter
for helping me take care of my world.
You're doing a great job.
You need not serve Me honey cake.
Each time you take care of your family
you are serving Me.
You are inscribed for a sweet new year.
As sweet as your honey cake."

I cut the remaining flowers
And bring them in from my garden
It is time to say goodbye to summer,
And greet the new year.

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Why?

Joseph Peretz

I wonder, little man, in this world of madness
Why, for what reason, for whom
Must we suffer this heavy penitence
Which like a horrible and immense flail
Beat down on us, in our innocence
And tore us from our calm and peaceful life
Inflicting on us a painful separation
From our beloved, be it wife or fiancée
Be it mother, father or child
Did I commit so much tort to my fellow man
To have merited this castigation
To see happiness suddenly collapse
To be evicted from my home
Why does it reign, this horrible hatred
This most vile of feelings

The other day, a beautiful spring day, I spoke
To my enemy of whom I am the prisoner
I am defeated, he is the conqueror
And yet, in our chest, beats the same heart
He is also tormented in order to find
How to re-conquer his own freedom
For he too has become a victim
Without being able to grasp the real why?
This gigantic battle, massacres without end
Where nobody tallies the losses nor the gains
Is it to serve the fatherland with his blood
For the glory of an idolized omnipotent megalomaniac leader
Is it to establish a better life?
Is it not the means, not for me nor for him
And when the day will come, this long awaited tomorrow
When freedom will be finally restored
To return home, to regain our domicile
What will I find at my return
Of what I left so long ago
The house, if at least, will still be there
Will be empty and again I ask why?
All those beloved beings
To whom I was attached
All the furnishings that once filled the house
Removed, stolen, what ignoble harvest
The ruin will be mine and my tormented heart
Will not cease to ask
As long as I shall live and my heart will beat
WHY? WHY? WHY?

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Three Mothers

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A virtue of the highest absurdity

For the first time, three devout mothers met.

They met online, in one of the many rising sun, jihadi forums.

Unhappy with the endless "Revenge!" "Killing!" and "Destruction!"

The three opened a chat room of their own. Joking, laughing and having fun…

Sharing their pride in the achievement of their sons. Until…Oy! Oy! Oy!

Until they spelled their names and the names of their sons.

My son Isaac, said Sarah: is the son of my beloved husband Abraham.

My son Ishmael, said Hagar: is the son of my lover, your husband Abraham.

My son Jesus, said Maria: though millennia later, is too the descendant of Abraham.

Lightning, storm and winds overwhelmed the screen.

You are The infidels! The enemy! yelled Hagar: You must be eradicated from the face of this earth!

Calm down Hagar! pleaded Sarah: We are relatives, we should look forward, talk!

Sarah is right! chimed Maria: We should learn from my son Jesus to forgive.

Dark clouds and heavy hail crossed the screen.

To forgive? Raged Hagar: You, Sarah, threw me into the wilderness with my son! Remember?

A millennia-old story and you're still angry? wondered Sarah: It is the 21st century now.

Things have changed indeed, stated Maria: Why don't we examine the numbers?

They three Googled: "What are the numbers of our descendants?" Click…on screen:

The descendants of Jesus, the Christians, number about 2.1 billion people around the globe.

The descendants of Ishmael and Mohammed, the Muslims, about 1.5 billion people around the globe.

The descendants of Abraham, the Jews, number about 15 million people around the globe.

The argument between the three devout mothers heated up.

I know why only 15 million Jews survived, said Hagar: Punished for your endless sins.

Enough! suggested Maria: Only an intermediary like our Pope could help us.

The Pope? Over my dead body, interrupted Hagar: We need our highest Imam.

Hagar and Maria continued their debate until Sarah joined in, saying:

Neither your Pope nor your Imam would be fair to us. We should turn to our Rabbis.

What a joke! Said Hagar: A mere minority, soon to disappear. To consult your Rabbis? Ha! Ha! Ha!

If as a minority, we are insignificant, said Sarah: How come our ten commandments adopted by all?

An Angel on the screen, baby face, piercing eyes and long, split beard hanging on his open wings.

Shame on you Mothers! Shame! Shame!

What should we do? Cried the three.

Turn to The President! Suggested the Angel.

Clouds and silent pose.

Which one? The three asked. And The Angel answered:

The one who respects people, religious or not, of all faiths and beliefs.

The one who honours all minorities and people of all colors.

Clouds and silent pose.

Is he real? Or is he a vision? Asked the three mothers. And the Angel answered:

He is the only one capable of realizing Isaiah's prophecy.

What prophecy? Asked the three.

On screen, behind the Angel, the sun rises when he answers:

"And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb."

He sounds like the right one, Yes! The three mothers agreed and typed:

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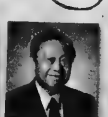

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Another year, another Pesach in captivity

Israeli president Shimon Peres met on Sunday with Noam and Aviva Schalit, the parents of captured Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit, in a support tent calling for Gilad's release outside of the prime minister's residence in Jerusalem. The number 1758 refers to the number of days Gilad has been held captive by Hamas. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met with the Schalits earlier in the day in the prime minister's residence to update them on the status of negotiations and on the appointment of a new negotiator for their son's release. [*Flash90 photo*]

Census call goes out to community

Frances Kraft and
David Lazarus
Staff Reporters

Jewish leaders who relied on the old long form census to do community planning are urging Jews to fill out its replacement – the new voluntary National Household Survey (NHS) – which demographers say will only be reliable at response rates of 80 per cent or more.

The NHS – to be sent to one-third of Canadian households – replaced the mandatory long-form of the national census, which had more than 50 questions, after the latter was scrapped last year in a controversial move by the federal government. The mandatory short census form, comprising fewer than 10 questions, will remain the same.

'Critical' to complete optional long form

In Montreal, demographer Charles Shahar, Federation CJA's chief researcher for national census analysis, said a "massive census promotion campaign" for the 2011 census is taking place May 2 to 9.

During that time, a census package will be mailed to Canadian households, and people who fill out the short census form online can complete the NHS online, too, if they've been selected to receive it.

A paper version of the NHS will be sent out in June, and the deadline for completing it is Aug. 15.

Shahar said it's "critical" for people who receive the NHS long form to complete it and also to identify themselves as Jewish, either by ethnicity or religion.

"Preferably, both," he said.

"The Jewish community usually comes through for such things, but we're not going to take any chances," Shahar said. "We're a stronger community when people fill out the census, because our numbers tell the tale.

"In order for us to continue to have a certain political clout, in order for the government to take us seriously, we need to have a certain critical mass of people, so we need to be counted. It's as simple as that."

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Walnut Warning

OTTAWA — The Canadian Food Inspection Agency widened its public warning and recall last week regarding MK-hechshered walnuts distributed between Jan. 1 and April 4 by Montreal-based Amira Enterprises Inc. that may be contaminated with E. coli bacteria. Food contaminated with E. coli may not look or smell spoiled, but can cause serious illness. Symptoms include severe stomach pain and bloody diarrhea. The raw, shelled walnuts – branded Amira, Tia and Merit Selection – hail from the United States and were originally said to have been distributed in Atlantic Canada, Quebec and Ontario, but later showed up in Alberta as well. Retailers may also have sold the walnuts unlabelled in bulk bins, so consumers are advised to contact retailers about the source of walnuts they've purchased. Walnuts are a mainstay of charoset and other Passover dishes.

WORLD

Mag Owner Dies

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sidney Harman, a Jewish entrepreneur who bought *Newsweek* magazine last year, died April 12 in Washington, D.C., at age 92, one month after being diagnosed with leukemia. Harman also founded Harman Kardon Inc., a pioneering stereo equipment maker that he left in 2007.

Repeal Sought

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Bills urging the United Nations to rescind the Goldstone report are circulating in both houses of the U.S. Congress. A Senate resolution, tabled April 8 by Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) and James Risch (R-Idaho), calls on the UN Human Rights Council to "reflect the author's repudiation of the Goldstone report's central findings, rescind the report, and reconsider further council actions with respect to the report's findings." In an April 2 *Washington Post* opinion piece, retired South African judge Richard Goldstone said the 2009 report he helped author on the Gaza war erred in concluding Israel purposely targeted civilians. But Goldstone, who is Jewish, didn't rescind demands for probes into the report's findings that individual soldiers may have committed war crimes, and says he won't work to retract the report. In the House of Representatives, Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-Fla.), chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, is also seeking support for a UN accountability act that would to include demands to revoke the report.

CJC Seeks Hate Charges Against Website

TORONTO — Criminal hate charges are being sought by Canadian Jewish Congress against a Toronto-based Muslim website that posted a video address by former U.S. Ku Klux Klan Grand Wizard David Duke.

David Duke

The video was scrubbed from the COSMO.ca site April 13, but Congress is pursuing charges under Canada's hate crimes laws. In its letter to police, Congress calls for a probe of COSMO.ca, which describes itself as the "national platform of Shia Muslims in Canada."

Congress noted that the 12-minute video, in which Duke espoused conspiracy theories about "Zionist running dogs," remained on the site for two days after the *National Post* exposed it. In fact, for a brief period on April 13, a second Duke video was posted to the site.

"The decision to remove the video two days late doesn't hold much water," Congress CEO Bernie Farber told the *Post*. "In fact, they put up a second video and I can only assume they were getting some inside pressure, not the least of which was a police complaint."

On the site, the Muslim group says it "supports multiculturalism" and "interfaith dialogue."

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QuAIA quits Pride Parade

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

The controversial group Queers Against Israeli Apartheid (QuAIA) said late last week that it's pulling out of the 2011 Pride Parade to deny Toronto Mayor Rob Ford a "pretext" to refuse city funding for the event.

Justine Apple

The group accused Ford of having a "homophobic, right-wing agenda," which it said would be exposed by its decision to leave the parade.

The news came as a pleasant surprise to Jewish community leaders, who had just finished denouncing a Toronto city manager's report released earlier in the week that said the term "Israeli apartheid" is not hate speech. The ruling that the term, therefore, does not contravene city anti-discrimination guidelines left the door open for the city to continue funding the parade, despite QuAIA's annual participation.

Justine Apple, executive director of Kulanu Toronto, the city's main Jewish gay and lesbian advocacy group, said she's looking forward to the parade "getting back to what it once was... safe, welcoming, inclusive, and open to everyone who wants to march with pride and with gay-positive messaging."

Apple said she hopes the community will now come out in force to the July 3 parade to celebrate with her organization.

In a statement, Canadian Jewish Congress CEO Bernie Farber called QuAIA's withdrawal a "positive step."

"The Pride Parade should be about openness and inclusivity and not about divisive, inflammatory messaging, which serves only to create a hostile and toxic environment," Farber said.

Ever since the mayoral campaign, Ford has consistently pledged not to provide city funding to Pride as long as QuAIA is allowed to participate. Calls to the mayor's office asking if he would now support funding the parade weren't returned by *The CJN*'s deadline.

Pride Toronto received a $123,807 grant from the city last year, plus $245,000 worth of services for the parade, such as garbage cleanup and police security details.

UJA Federation of Greater Toronto spokesperson Howard English said his organization was "really pleased" by QuAIA's announcement, because "hatred won't be part of the [Pride parade] this year."

In an April 15 *Toronto Star* report, Ward 10 Councillor James Pasternak called QuAIA's announcement a "great relief for Toronto" and said he would support funding the parade as long as the group doesn't change its mind.

As of last week, Pride was not yet accepting applications for this year's parade, leaving open the possibility that QuAIA might still decide to apply.

Citing concerns of a possible last-minute about-face by the group, Ward 7 Councillor George Mammoliti asked last week that Pride put in writing a guarantee that it would exclude QuAIA from this year's parade in order for the city to fund the event.

Pride refused, saying its new dispute resolution process – by which complaints about last year's participants or 2011 prospective participants are to be heard – is the only way of achieving such an outcome.

In a statement on its website, QuAIA said it plans to organize an independent Pride Week event in which it will urge the gay and lesbian community to promote boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel.

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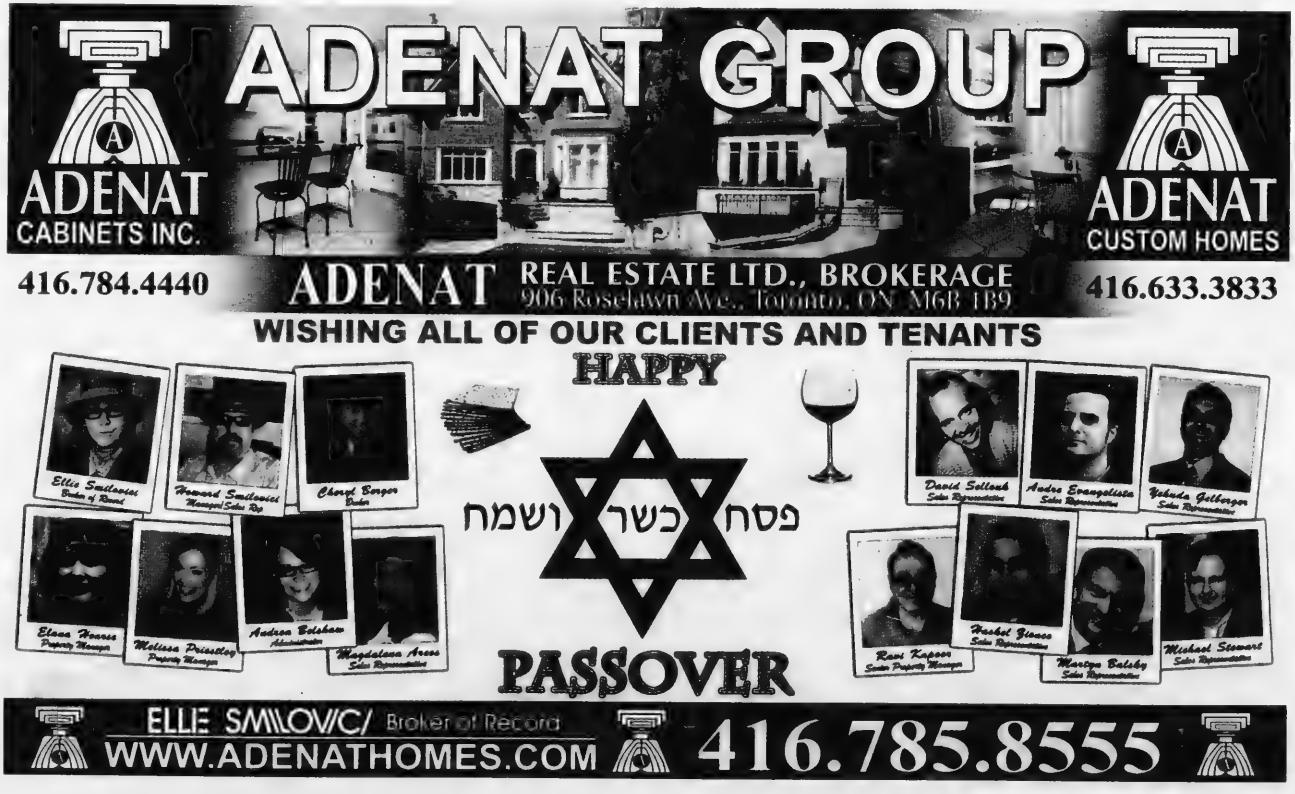

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A tale of two armies

The essay by Leslie Susser on the Perspectives page is extremely important. I emphasize it in this space in order to draw attention to it. I urge our readers to read it, take note of its substance and understand its deeper significance.

Susser writes about the changes that the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) has introduced into its battle doctrine as a result of the army's experiences fighting in Gaza against Hamas in 2009, when it fought an enemy that waged war from among bystanders, hid among and behind their own civilians, and considered Israel's civilians to be appropriate military targets.

The terrorists' preferred theatre of battle is not an open field or other uninhabited space where uniformed armies clash against each other. Rather, it is the crowded alleyway, preferably in a densely populated neighbourhood. The command centre is often in the basement of a hospital. Ammunition storage depots are frequently in mosques or schools.

How does one defend one's own citizens while engaging a heavily armed urban terrorist enemy without also killing civilians caught innocently in the crossfire who, as often as not, were placed there deliberately by the operational preferences of the terrorists?

It is a conundrum requiring safety to bend perilously toward risk. How far does Israel endanger the lives of its soldiers – indeed the lives of its own people – for the sake of minimizing casualties among the civilians of the other side?

The IDF has been obsessed with this question since the very first uniform bearing the acronym of the IDF (*Tzahal*) was worn by a soldier of Israel. The obsession found iteration and reiteration in the IDF's legendary doctrine of *tohar haneshek* (purity of arms) that imbued the defence of the Jewish state with uncompromisable moral underpinnings.

It is the overarching paramountcy of moral values in all military confrontations that has caused the IDF to adopt these new policies. There is one reason alone for these new rules: to ensure, as far as possible, that innocent civilian lives are not lost when the IDF must fight the enemy.

Susser cites some examples of the new rules. "The new doctrine requires that after efforts have been made to warn the civilian population to leave, the incoming troops first fire warning shots and give the remaining civilians a chance to leave safely."

He adds: "Another step the IDF has taken to help minimize civilian casualties and humanitarian distress on the other side is to attach humanitarian liaison officers to troops in the field... Their task in the event of hostilities is to help co-ordinate humanitarian needs on the Palestinian side and to point out locations of sensitive facilities like hospitals, schools and UN aid centres."

These self-imposed rules of engagement are likely unprecedented among armies in the western world. And it must be stated and restated again and again that the singular justification of these quite onerous regulations is the saving of innocent life.

In his infamous recanting of the aspersions against Israel in the report that has become known by his name, Judge Richard Goldstone admitted, finally, that the IDF did not deliberately target civilians.

Of course, he did not recant his conclusions regarding Hamas. "That the crimes allegedly committed by Hamas were intentional," Goldstone wrote last month, "goes without saying – its rockets were purposefully and indiscriminately aimed at civilian targets."

Two years after the Gaza war, nothing has changed about the principles underlying the rules of warfare that guide the parties: Israel tries ever harder to save civilian lives. Hamas tries ever harder to take civilian lives.

Last week, Israel's President Shimon Peres denounced Hamas for targeting Israeli civilians, saying that Hamas was "a terror group devoid of all humanity." He was referring, of course, to the missile attack by Hamas thugs on an Israeli school bus in the south of the country. According to Peres, the strike was "another proof of [Hamas'] cruelty and clear intentions to murder Israeli children, women, and infants in cold blood." *(See According to Reports.)*

Can there be more persuasive, more eloquent proof of the differences between the methods and purposes of Hamas and those of Israel?

Sadly, the truth about Hamas seems not to bother the consciences of its defenders. The Gaza flotilla sponsors, including the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, are indifferent to Hamas' genocidal policies toward Israel and its citizens. The Gaza flotilla participants are willing accomplices in the ugly, contemptible campaign to dismantle and destroy the only Jewish state on earth.

Thankfully, the Jewish state has an army. It is as unique in the world as it is excellent in the field and in the sky. And it operates according to values whose aim is the saving of lives. Those values of course are antithetical to the values of Hamas. We have here an illuminating tale of two armies. – ***MBD***

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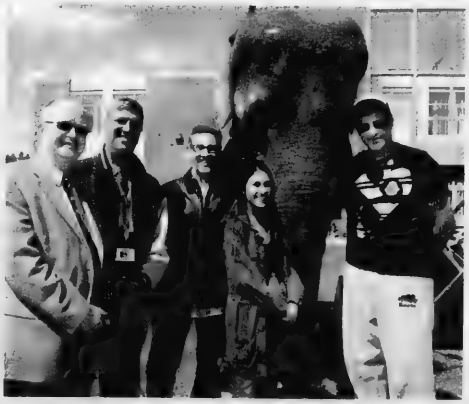

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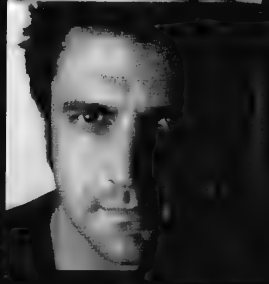

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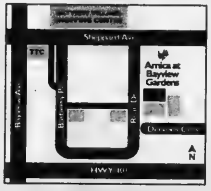

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B'nai Brith audit reports increase in antisemitism

'Public appears to be getting desensitized to incidents'

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

"Antisemitism continues to gain traction" in Canada, spurred by "global influences" and disseminated by new technologies, says a report released last week by B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights.

The 2010 Audit of Antisemitic Incidents, the 29th iteration of the report, also finds that the impact of these incidents are lessening over time. "With several notable exceptions, the general public appears to be getting desensitized to everyday expressions of antisemitism, while members of the Jewish community appear to have internalized this message, becoming increasingly hesitant to report anti-Jewish incidents," the report states.

Despite that concern, the report noted that 1,306 incidents were reported to the League in 2010, an increase of 3.3 per cent over the year before. The vast majority of cases were categorized as "harassment" (74 per cent), while 24 per cent were considered vandalism and only two per cent – 24 incidents in all – were marked by violence.

Frank Dimant

"Despite attempts currently in vogue to dismiss harassment as mere harmless name calling, it should be noted that the language used in the cases classified as harassment in this audit included 80 cases of explicit threats of violence, including threats or genocide or imminent harm," the report stated.

Of the 1,306 incidents, 564 (43 per cent) were reports "of web-based hate activity with a Canadian connection." These included statements on blogs, online videos and social networking sites such as Facebook.

The audit's findings indicate reports of antisemitism have been increasing substantially since 2001, when less than 300 incidents were reported. The next year, the number jumped to around 450 and incidents have been increasing every year since with the exception of 2005, when a small decrease was recorded.

The audit's numbers far exceed police findings. In 2006, for example, the League reported more than 900 antisemitic events, while police from across Canada reported 137 incidents involving Jews. Police, however, limit their findings to violations of the Criminal Code, while the audit includes many other incidents that aren't criminal in nature.

Frank Dimant, B'nai Brith's chief executive officer, said the audit's findings demonstrate "a continuing trend of growth. The demonization of Israel, the delegitimization of the Jewish homeland, leads people to make the quantum jump that Israel is the personification of the Jews. So politically correct people cannot be antisemitic, per se, so it's under the guise of the demonization of Israel."

While criticism of Israel can be legitimate if the same standards applied to it are applied to other states, Canada is not called an apartheid state in connection to its treatment of aboriginal people, he said.

Incidents involving Jews always spike when tensions are high in the Middle East, he continued. "You see a coalition of players who don't get together except to attack Israel." These include churches, radical leftist groups, academics, neo-Nazis, Islamic organizations and trade unionists "who have little in common other than hatred of Israel and the Jewish people."

The audit found the greatest number of incidents took place in March and June.

"As noted in the 2009 audit, an increase in antisemitic incidents is often seen around the time of Israeli Apartheid Week in March... The year 2010 was no different. The inflammatory anti-Zionist rhetoric customarily used spilled over into anti-Jewish expression of various kinds: intimidation, harassment, vandalism and even assault," the audit stated. "The spike in June appears to have been spurred by a renewed focus on the Israel-Palestinian conflict, with the Gaza flotilla being a major media storyline. This increased attention focused public attention not just on events half-way around the world, but on the Jewish community here in Canada."

Dimant said with the development of new technologies such as Twitter and Facebook, "cyberbullying is becoming more and more insidious" as well as easier. No longer do hatemongers have to print and distribute flyers attacking Jews. "Now they can bring hate directly to a person's smartphone."

Election delays Yom Hashoah ceremony

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

The National Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremony in Ottawa won't be held on Yom Hashoah this year, because the latter falls on the same day as the federal election.

The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem said this year's ceremony has been bumped to June 14 because of the May 2 vote.

Moving the ceremony back nearly six weeks after Yom Hashoah was the only way for organizers to ensure they get the participants they want at the event, society representatives said.

"Since the raison d'etre of the national ceremony is to have our nation's leaders and parliamentarians honour the victims and Canadian survivors of the Holocaust, and this is clearly not possible given the understandable reality of election day, [we] decided that the date for the... ceremony be moved to the earliest date possible after May 2, 2011," Fran Sonshine and Yaron Ashkenazi – the organization's national chair and executive director, respectively – said in an e-mail to *The CJN*.

Fran Sonshine

"Furthermore, we believed that a date change for the ceremony was necessary so as not to interfere with the civic duty of the hundreds of guests coming from across the country who would be casting their vote on election day."

Sonshine and Ashkenazi said they chose June 14 as the date in order to issue invitations to newly elected MPs and give them and other dignitaries enough time to reply and confirm their attendance.

The date change also allows enough time to "arrange to have an official program prepared which would acknowledge their participation," they wrote.

Canada passed its Holocaust Memorial Day Act in 2003. It stipulates that Yom Hashoah, as determined in each year by the Jewish lunar calendar, will annually be proclaimed as the country's Holocaust Memorial Day. This year, Yom Hashoah falls on May 2.

Asked whether their organization had considered rescheduling the ceremony to May 1, Sonshine and Ashkenazi said that date would have conflicted with Toronto's annual community Holocaust commemoration ceremony in Earl Bales Park that the society is co-hosting with UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre.

That event is expected to draw more than 2,000 people, they said.

Additionally, they said MPs, senators and supreme court judges are usually not available to attend weekend ceremonies.

For more on the federal election, see page 24

Jewish War Veterans take part in National Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremonies in Ottawa in 2004. *[CJN file photo]*

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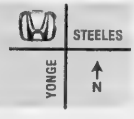

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PA's real game: duplicity

The Palestinian Authority (PA) leaders are unequalled as prevaricators and double-talkers. If there were any doubt to the contrary one need merely listen to the patently dishonest statement by the PA's spokesman at the United Nations last week on the subject of negotiations with Israel.

Riyad Mansour, the Palestinian UN observer, was reported in *Ha'aretz* to have told the Associated Press that "the Palestinian leadership have indicated a willingness to go back to negotiations" with Israel if the Quartet — made up of the U.S., United Nations, European Union and Russia — agreed on the outlines of a final peace proposal by Britain, France and Germany.

According to the AP report, Mansour added: "We want them to adopt parameters as a contribution to *removing obstacle (sic) from the path of going back to direct negotiations*, and we hope that the Quartet would succeed in doing so as soon as possible." (Our emphasis)

No one should be fooled. Mansour's remarks are public relations pap, larded with indigestible deceit and devoid of sincerity or substance.

When he made the statement last Thursday, he already knew that the United States, one of the quartet's key members had rejected the European proposal as being counter-productive to restarting peace talks. Coming from this American administration, which has not been reluctant to publicly upbraid or pressure Israel, one can only imagine that the Europeans' new "parameters," to use Mansour's words, were really a suggested pre-determining of an outcome.

Moreover and more to the point of unwrapping the truth from Mansour's tissue of lies, it is the PA - not Israel - that has placed obstacles on the "path of going back to direct negotiations."

Countless times in the past two years, publicly and privately, Israel has essentially pleaded with the PA to return to the negotiating table. But PA leaders have refused, cleverly, slyly hanging their refusal on the pretext of Israel's construction in the West Bank and Jerusalem. It does not matter that new construction in the West Bank has effectively come to a halt over the past weeks. Nor does it matter that the same PA leadership had never refused to negotiate under similar circumstances before the election two years ago of Barack Obama and Benjamin Netanyahu.

The real strategy of the PA is clear: pretend to want to negotiate with Israel, but avoid it at all costs. Instead, mobilize a majority of countries in the UN General Assembly in September to recognize an independent state of Palestine.

The PA's real game is duplicity. But we will no longer be duped. We have learned from Yasser Arafat's ruse in signing the Oslo accords and from the unrestrained violence that greeted the unilateral withdrawal from Gaza. Neither should the rest of the world be duped. Without negotiations with Israel, there cannot be peace.

25 years ago in *The CJN*

Pittsburgh police had few leads in the shooting death of Toronto Rabbi Neil Rosenblum, 24, who was killed by an unknown assailant while returning home from shul in a Jewish area of the Pennsylvania city. The Ner Israel graduate was in Pittsburgh visiting his in-laws for Passover.

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Men's club fails grade on democracy

I am appalled to learn that the Beth Tzedec Men's Club decided to follow the ruling from Canadian Broadcasting Consortium to exclude the Green Party of Canada from their candidates debate ("Bennett looking to hold St. Paul's for Liberals," April 7). I must clarify that I am not a Green party member or partisan and that I will not vote for the Green party, but I find it hypocritical that, on one hand, we stand up to defend Israel as the only true democracy in the Middle East and defend the democratic rights of oppressed people in other countries, but we fail the grade in our own backyard.

The club seem to have forgotten the rabbinic tradition of respecting an opposing point of view, and the value of discussing and bringing new ideas and different interpretations to the fore. The Green party is a national party. It fields candidates in most ridings across our country and has close to 10 per cent of popular support. In Saint Paul's riding in Toronto, where Beth Tzedec Congregation is located, the Green party came in fourth in the last federal election. Too bad the club did not reconsider its decision, recognizing that another point of view – from Green party candidate Jim McGarva – would highlight issues not known to the residents of Saint Paul's and that the ideas would enrich the democratic process.

Alberto Quiroz
Toronto

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Pride Toronto sponsorship

Why did we demonstrate at the TD Bank? ("Pride Toronto policy changes a sham: activist," April 14). TD Bank has decided to remain the main sponsor of Pride Toronto whether or not Pride organizers allow Queers Against Israeli Apartheid (QuAIA) to participate in the Pride Parade. Other corporations, and hopefully the City of Toronto, have agreed to support Pride, but with the proviso that the group is not included as an official participant. QuAIA spreads hatred directed toward Israel. Given that Israel is the only Jewish state in the world, this hate will inevitably spread antisemitism.

Where does one see evidence of apartheid in Israel? Arabs and Jews work together, play together and are treated together in Israeli hospitals. Arabs attend Israel's universities in direct proportion to their population size, too. Israel was the first country in the world to enact legislation that is gay friendly. All we're asking TD Bank to do is to agree to sponsor Pride only if Pride organizers do not permit QuAIA to participate.

H. C. Tenenbaum
Toronto

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Give genocides equal treatment

Misrepresenting where the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association (UCCLA) stands with respect to the taxpayer-funded Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR) is impious ("Postcard suggests Jews as pigs, critics say," April 14). UCCLA wants all 12 CMHR galleries to be thematic, comparative and inclusive. We have never opposed the inclusion of the Shoah in a gallery recalling the many incidents of genocide and crimes against humanity that have befouled history. We are against any group's suffering being elevated above all others in this national museum. UCCLA has not asked for a Holodomor gallery. And we have never equated the Holocaust with the Holodomor, the genocidal Great Famine of 1932-1933 in Soviet Ukraine, or any other genocide. We reject having any "hierarchy of suffering" implied or advocated in this museum's galleries and exhibits.

Our postcard does not "paint Jews as pigs." Introducing the offensive remarks of Islamic extremists and, implying we share their views is dishonest. The orchestrated outcry about the *Animal Farm* postcard reflects the desperation of those who, having failed to counter UCCLA's legitimate concerns over the proposed contents and ongoing governance of this national institution, are now resorting to bully-boy tactics and name-calling to obfuscate the truth – which is that most Canadians (60.3 per cent) want this publicly funded museum to focus on Canadian stories and human rights, not human wrongs.

Genuine dialogue can still reconcile this controversy. We're ready to engage. We're not trying to reopen old wounds or promote the species of distemper that the writer's misleading commentary did. Israel Asper had a genuinely decent vision of what this museum could become, for Canada and the world. We believe his dream can still be achieved. But it won't be if all we do is fall upon each other. The distinguished Holocaust scholar, Prof. Michael Marrus, has said recently that the CMHR "needs a rethink." Exactly right. We've been saying so all along.

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Israeli army embraces new 'smart' warfare

Leslie Susser
JTA

Despite Israel's rejection of the Goldstone report on the war in Gaza 1-1/2 years ago, the international criticism it engendered has led the Israel Defence Forces to make a number of significant changes in policy and doctrine.

And the changes will remain, even though former judge Richard Goldstone has recanted one of the most significant findings of his committee's report – that Israel intentionally targeted civilians and may have perpetrated war crimes and crimes against humanity in Gaza.

Among the changes made by the IDF were modifying the way soldiers fight in urban areas, teaching relatively low-level combat officers nuances of the laws of war, attaching humanitarian liaison officers to active forces and making media relations a priority.

Last May, eight months after the Goldstone report was released, the IDF issued a new document defining the rules of engagement in urban warfare. Although the ideas elaborated had long been standard practice, putting them down in writing was tantamount to introducing a new doctrine for fighting in built-up areas.

The document noted that during the Gaza operation, even after every effort had been made to induce civilians to evacuate areas where combat was expected – for example, by dropping fliers and making direct telephone calls to area residents – more often than not some non-combatants stayed behind.

The new doctrine requires that after efforts have been made to warn the civilian population to leave, the incoming troops first fire warning shots and give the remaining civilians a chance to leave safely. Then, to minimize casualties among civilians who nevertheless choose to stay, IDF fighters and commanders must use the most accurate weapons at their disposal and choose munitions of relatively low impact.

The IDF also has taken significant legal steps.

Officer training courses at company, battalion and brigade levels now include detailed study of international law, with special reference to the rules of war. The Military Advocate General's Headquarters and the Foreign Ministry consult regularly with foreign governments and international organizations to ensure that all IDF operations conform to accepted legal norms.

During the month-long war in Gaza in the winter of 2008-09, legal advisers from the Military Advocate General's Headquarters served with combat forces, advising commanders in real time of what might constitute a breach of law. In January 2010, then-chief of staff Lt.-Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi standardized this practice, instructing commanders to consult with legal advisers, not only in the planning stages of military operations, but also during the actual fighting.

To prevent possible loss of military focus, however, Ashkenazi ordered that the legal advisers be sent to divisional headquarters rather than battalions or brigades, as is common in some other western armies.

Another step the IDF has taken to help minimize civilian casualties and humanitarian distress on the other side is to attach humanitarian liaison officers to troops in the field. The officers come from a pool set up by the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories and are in regular contact with the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank and international aid organizations in Gaza.

Their task in the event of hostilities is to help co-ordinate humanitarian needs on the Palestinian side and to point out locations of sensitive facilities like hospitals, schools and UN aid centres to ensure that they are not mistakenly targeted. Such officers were assigned during the Gaza war on an ad hoc basis and, according to the IDF, proved very effective.

As a result, Ashkenazi decided in February 2010 to refine and institutionalize the system.

The most radical change in IDF thinking since Goldstone has been in the realm of media relations. Now there is a firm consensus in the army that the way military actions are perceived is at least as important as their physical impact.

Israeli paratroopers fought against Hamas in Gaza in January 2009. Their experiences in Gaza have led to changes in the army's methods of urban warfare.
(Israel Sun photos)

Brig.-Gen. Avi Benayahu, the Israeli army's outgoing spokesman, is fond of quoting the U.S. joint chiefs of staff chairman Adm. Mike Mullen's dictum that whereas public relations once was supplemental to battle, now battle is supplemental to PR.

More than ever, IDF generals agree, all operations must now be planned with media, legal and international legitimacy aspects in mind. To instil more media savvy, the IDF spokesperson's office routinely sends its mobile communications school unit from one combat unit to the next teaching officers to get their messages across in 20-second sound bites. More important, trained media officers are now attached to combat units.

This means that in future combat situations, commanders will have legal, humanitarian and media advice on tap.

Not everyone is happy with the changes. Some say it will make it difficult for the Israeli army to operate in combat situations and won't prevent the next Goldstone report because, they say, war is always ugly, brutal and destructive.

Nevertheless, it seems that in the post-Goldstone era, with Israel under severe international scrutiny, the IDF is determined to do all it can to uphold the strictest standards of international law.

Moreover, the IDF is collaborating with some of the human rights organizations critical of its actions to make sure cases of alleged IDF misconduct are handled appropriately. Last July, the military advocate general, Avichai Mendelblit, singled out B'Tselem, which monitors Israeli actions against Palestinians, for thanks.

"Between the military and various human rights organizations, there is constant dialogue," IDF spokesperson Capt. Barak Raz told the *Forward* newspaper last year.

Another inkling of the IDF's heightened legal sensitivity came earlier this month, when the Israeli army notified the Supreme Court that any Palestinian civilian deaths in the West Bank caused by the IDF in non-combat situations will now automatically spark a criminal investigation.

Under the old policy, the army first conducted a fact-finding field inquiry to decide whether or not to open a criminal file, laying itself open to charges that the "fact-finding" often was simply a ruse to block criminal proceedings. Now such criminal investigations will be mandatory.

In what American military strategist Edward Luttwak has dubbed "the post-heroic era," the IDF finds itself hampered by two major constraints: care not to conduct operations that might incur international censure or operations that could lead to heavy Israeli military casualties.

Sometimes the two principles are at odds, as when Israeli ground forces used heavy fire in the Gaza war to avoid casualties, and in so doing, put Palestinian civilian lives at risk. But often they are complementary, as in the IDF's reluctance to commit ground troops unless absolutely necessary.

Part of the solution to the post-Goldstone dilemma lies in technology. For example, using super-accurate munitions that can pinpoint terrorist targets, pilotless planes that can identify and attack would-be rocket launchers, and active defence systems like the Iron Dome – anti-missile batteries that last week downed several Grad rockets launched from Gaza. The system simultaneously located their launch points, enabling immediate attacks on the militiamen firing them.

These capabilities enabled Israel to cool the latest Gaza flare-up without incurring international opprobrium or risking soldiers' lives.

In other words, the Goldstone report and its international ramifications have pushed the IDF into a process of self-examination resulting in a new doctrine of "fighting smart" from operational, legal, humanitarian and media points of view.

IAW gives real leaders a chance to lead

The annual week that anti-Zionists devoted to perpetuating the lie linking Israel and the discredited South African apartheid regime – we should call it "Anti-Israel Week" – was a bust, worldwide. In Canada, it triggered remarkable pro-Israel blowback. The organizers' own website couldn't even back up their claim of 55 cities participating – anyone who clicked on some of the cities mentioned saw no actual events listed. In Canada, the excesses of Israel's critics unwittingly induced powerful testimonials supporting Israel and denouncing this intellectual abomination.

Gill Troy

in Montreal

For Canada's leading political figures, condemning this week has become as Canadian as maple syrup. Prime Minister Stephen Harper continued to show bold global leadership on this issue, refusing to join the international pile-on against Israel. "At one time, friends, we could've expected threatening behaviour toward Jewish students to be rejected in any form at institutions of higher learning," Harper said in condemning the new antisemitism. "Unfortunately, it is now often the behaviour of the anti-Israeli mob that is allowed to prevail."

Opposition leader Michael Ignatieff was just as eloquent and definitive. "Israeli Apartheid Week is an attack on the mutual respect that holds our society together. It is a dangerous cocktail of ignorance and intolerance, both of which stand in the way of peace."

Both these statements go far beyond boilerplate condemnations to score political points. They reflect an understanding of how ugly the situation can get, and how harmful it is to core Canadian values.

Academic leaders defended those values and the fundamental academic values under assault when a big lie is given so much play by radical professors, extremist students and outside agitators.

Lloyd Axworthy, a former foreign minister who now heads the University of Winnipeg, reminded academics that universities should provide forums for learning and dialogue rather than serve as factories for sloganeering and lies. "It is the responsibility of a university to ensure that an issue [the Israeli-Palestinian conflict] that's as important as this be given a full and fair hearing as opposed to a one-sided hearing," Axworthy said. "We felt the most effective way to respond to Israeli Apartheid Week was to organize a series of opportunities in March for Arab-Jewish dialogue" that were "respectful, more open and fair."

Similarly, McGill University principal Heather Munroe-Blum showed leadership when a student tweeted hateful anti-Zionist messages during anti-Israel week, but not at a formal event connected to the week. "As an institution of highest learning, McGill University stands steadfastly for tolerance, understanding, diversity and community engagement, and resolutely against any promotion of hatred, racism or intolerance," Munroe-Blum proclaimed as she celebrated the "civilizing influence of knowledge."

Just a few weeks later, when the *McGill Daily* condemned the university's fruitful collaboration with Hebrew University, McGill's principled principal responded: "The suggestion that McGill cease to engage with another bona fide university – any bona fide university – because of political controversy in that university's geo-political environment goes against everything McGill stands for. It suggests a cowardice that I, as principal of this great university, categorically reject."

Most Canadian students voted with their feet and didn't attend the few anti-Israel activities that activists mounted. But at Queen's University, when the student rector claimed to represent students in denouncing Israel along with condemning Ignatieff for condemning IAW, more than 2,700 students voted to impeach the intolerant and presumptuous rector.

Less than 10 years ago, when Jean Chrétien was prime minister, the Canadian government – and much of the leadership class – rarely defended Israel or these values. There are still many hacks and haters, especially on campuses, who single out Israel for disproportionate, delegitimizing demonization. The attack on Israel has done great damage, reducing defining academic and political ideals into billyclubs misused by intellectual hooligans while feeding a blindness toward abuses in the Arab world that only now people are noticing because of the internal populist revolts in Libya, Egypt, and elsewhere.

Reading the various statements made by Harper, Ignatieff, Axworthy, and Munroe-Blum, we can see that we need to make a case for consistency in human rights talk, not because it's good for Israel but because it is good for Canada. And we should thank these heroes, not because they were nice to Israel or good to the Jews, but because they did their jobs, stood their ground and defended democracy.

The lost principle of *kvod harav*

I've just returned from the annual conference of Reform rabbis. More than 400 rabbis participated this year – young and old, male and female, congregational rabbis and organizational rabbis, from small towns and from large cities all over North America. While we may differ in our politics, personalities and predilections, we have this in common: an intense desire to serve the Jewish people, model a committed Jewish life, help people mark Jewish time, and open a pathway to God for everyone we meet. It's refreshing beyond imagination to spend a few days with others who "get it" and get you.

There were, of course, many workshops that were professionally helpful and many moments of worship together that were personally meaningful. But there was one small instance, unplanned and unprogrammed, that was the most powerful of all for me.

During the Thursday morning service, when the Torah was being read, different rabbis were called to the bimah for aliyot. The last aliyah went to rabbis who have served in the rabbinate for 50 years. A hush fell over us as four men walked forward proudly: one held onto the arm of a younger colleague, one had a walker, and two walked on their own.

As they approached the bimah, the entire room rose to its feet. Hundreds of rabbis, most much younger than me, who may never have heard these four rabbis speak or known their names before, spontaneously rose in honour, respect and deference. Not because these four had "survived" the rabbinate for 50 years. Not because they were old. Rather, because they represented a lifetime of commitment to an ideal, and they hadn't let themselves become jaded or "burned-out." They didn't flee the rabbinate when it was frustrating, and they didn't feel despair over the personal sacrifices many of them made to remain in the rabbinate for so long.

We all rose, I think, because for us, these four rabbis deserve the old-fashioned and increasingly unpopular "*kvod harav*" – respect for the title, learning, and position of the rabbi in a community— that few of us receive today. Yes, it's more common in the modern Orthodox and haredi communities for people to rise when a rabbi or their rebbe enters the room. But even in those communities there's still plenty of "rabbi-shopping" to find the rav who answers your questions in the way you want, and plenty of quitting the shul if you don't "like" the rabbi, as well as plenty of rabbis disrespecting other rabbis in public.

I remember one of my rabbinic mentors once telling me, "When I die I don't care if people say I was a loved rabbi. I care if they say I was a respected rabbi." Today, rabbis are expected to be popular, liked, accessible, warm, friendly, people-pleasers. We have to be equally great with little kids, teens, young parents, boomers, zoomers, empty-nesters and seniors. We have to preach well, teach well, console well, celebrate well, officiate well, eulogize well, listen well, organize well, plan well, be financially responsible, understand budgets, report to boards, find donors and inspire people we don't see very often.

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein

in Toronto

We're often treated like employees or managers, like commodities or a checklist item. (Flowers? Check. Caterer? Check. Rabbi? Oops, forgot. Let's call around and find one available for the date we've already chosen.) We're asked to be very modern and very traditional at the same time, to represent history but to live in the present. We have big name rabbis, best-selling rabbis, rabbis on TV and rabbis to the stars that we can emulate.

But there are also rent-a-rabbis who will do anything you ask – with a Jewish flavour, for a fee. There are rabbis who offer counselling without credentials, rabbis who say yes because that's what the "customer" wants (and for some odd reason, female rabbis are expected to say yes to things their male counterparts are never even asked to do). And there are, to my utter dismay, rabbis who sully the title with scandals.

For those of us who entered the rabbinate with fear and trembling, who believed the title would be something to earn every day of our career, who hoped that the community would respect us even more than love us, who believed that the rabbinate was a sacred calling, those four men may be a dying breed. We rose in hope that they're not.

Israel's nuclear opacity

Iran's burgeoning nuclear program has reawakened primal fears in Israel that its very existence is at stake. Israel, however, is still the only country in the Middle East that possesses nuclear weapons, even if Israel officially declines to acknowledge that fact. Israel's long-standing policy of nuclear opacity, known in Hebrew as *amimut*, has allowed Israel to build a nuclear arsenal while minimizing tensions with its Arab neighbours and the United States, its superpower ally.

Amimut, says Avner Cohen in *The Worst-Kept Secret: Israel's Bargain with the Bomb* (Columbia University Press), has been strategically and politically useful, having been clear enough to deter enemies yet opaque enough to be tolerated.

Cohen, a specialist on the subject and the author of *Israel and the Bomb*, published in 1998, believes that while *amimut* has greatly contributed to Israel's defence, it has outlived its usefulness. In his view, this "helpful fiction" has become "increasingly incompatible with contemporary democratic values at home and with the growth of international norms of transparency." It is thus time, he argues, for Israel to reconsider its policy of nuclear ambiguity.

In this thoughtful and impressive work, Cohen – a senior fellow at the Monterey Institute of International Studies – revisits the origins of Israel's nuclear program and explains Israel's unwritten understanding with the United States concerning such weapons before launching into a discussion of why the concept of *amimut* has become outmoded. By analyzing these important and timely topics, Cohen leaves us with a deeper appreciation of vital security issues in the Mideast.

David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, was the guiding force behind its momentous decision to acquire a nuclear arsenal. In 1955, shortly after coming to power for the second time, he decided that Israel's future as a Jewish state could only be assured with the acquisition of such a formidable capability.

Ben-Gurion settled on the bomb as Israel's "ultimate guarantee for survival in a hostile environment," Cohen writes, citing his "never again" philosophy in the wake of the Holocaust. "Today, almost universally, Israelis believe that this fateful decision was the perhaps the wisest he ever made."

According to Cohen, Ben-Gurion's rationale for building a bomb was rooted in his pessimism about Israel's long-term conventional capabilities vis-a-vis the Arabs and his optimism regarding its technological prowess. Cohen claims that Ben-Gurion launched Israel's nuclear project virtually alone and in utmost secrecy.

Working in league with France,

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

then its closest ally, Israel began construction of the Dimona reactor in 1958.

On Dec. 21, 1960, Ben-Gurion delivered what would be his only public statement about Dimona, deceptively describing it as a strictly civilian nuclear research centre. He assured the United States that Dimona was exclusively designed for "peaceful purposes." But Washington knew better.

For U.S. diplomacy, Dimona was a vexing challenge. On the one hand, Israel was a small and pro-American nation surrounded by enemies that had vowed to destroy it. On the other hand, the notion of a nuclear-armed Israel was seen as antithetical to U.S. global and regional interests.

"President John F. Kennedy was fearful that without decisive international action to curb nuclear proliferation, the number of nuclear-weapon states would inevitably rise," Cohen writes.

Kennedy also feared that Israeli nuclearization would touch off another Arab-Israeli war. On the basis of these concerns, he demanded annual access to Dimona to verify the nature of Israel's nuclear program. Kennedy, in toughly worded letters to Israel's prime minister, Levi Eshkol, warned that Washington's commitment to Israel's security "would be seriously jeopardized" if his inspection demands were spurned.

With his back to the wall, Eshkol acceded to U.S. pressure in August 1963. American visits to Dimona were, Cohen says, "ineffectual." Kennedy's successor, Lyndon Johnson, was "less adamant" on nuclear non-proliferation in general and on Israel's nuclear program in particular, Cohen observes.

Perhaps, as Cohen suggests, Israel mollified the Johnson administration by privately and publicly pledging "not to be the first to introduce nuclear weapons to the Middle East." By the mid-1960s, he says, Israel had completed the necessary research and development to build an atomic weapon. The director of the Israel Atomic Energy Commission at that time was Israel Dostrovsky, who died last autumn.

During Richard Nixon's presidency, the United States urged Israel to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, but Israel resisted.

Urging caution, Henry Kissinger, Nixon's national security adviser, wrote a memo proposing toleration of "Israeli activity" if Israel did not assemble "a completed nuclear device." Kissinger added that no Israeli prime minister could "give up completely an advantage deemed vital and achieved at considerable cost." Nor, he noted, could the United States force Israel to destroy "any nuclear devices or components it may now have."

Cutting to the core of the issue, Kissinger wrote, "Our interest is in preventing Israel's possession of nuclear weapons. But since we cannot – and may not want to try – to control... Israel's nuclear program and since Israel may already have nuclear weapons, the objective we might achieve is to persuade them to keep what they have secret."

In short, Kissinger's memo laid the groundwork for the United States' historic agreement with Israel on nuclear weapons.

At a White House meeting in September 1969, Golda Meir, then Israel's prime minister, told Nixon that Israel had a nuclear arsenal and promised to keep it untested and undeclared. In return, the United States agreed to end its visits to Dimona and apparently agreed not to pressure Israel to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Richard Nixon

Golda Meir

These oral understandings, Cohen says, were formalized in a secret exchange of letters between Kissinger and Meir's successor, Yitzhak Rabin.

In 1998, Bill Clinton, the U.S. president, promised Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli prime minister, that the United States remained committed to Israel's preservation of its "strategic deterrent capabilities." A decade later, Clinton's successor, George W. Bush, reaffirmed the Nixon-Meir accord.

In Cohen's opinion, *amimut* no longer benefits Israel. As he puts it, "The bottom line is that *amimut* is costly for the democratic spirit, not only because it constitutes reluctance by governments to take public responsibility for its actions, but also because it sends the wrong signal about how [Israel] ought to conduct its most existential affairs."

Amimut, he adds, implies that Israel's case for possessing the bomb is weaker than those of declared nuclear states. "This exceptionalism is unfair to Israel's own interests today."

Nor has *amimut* deterred Iran or Syria from trying to acquire the bomb, he points out.

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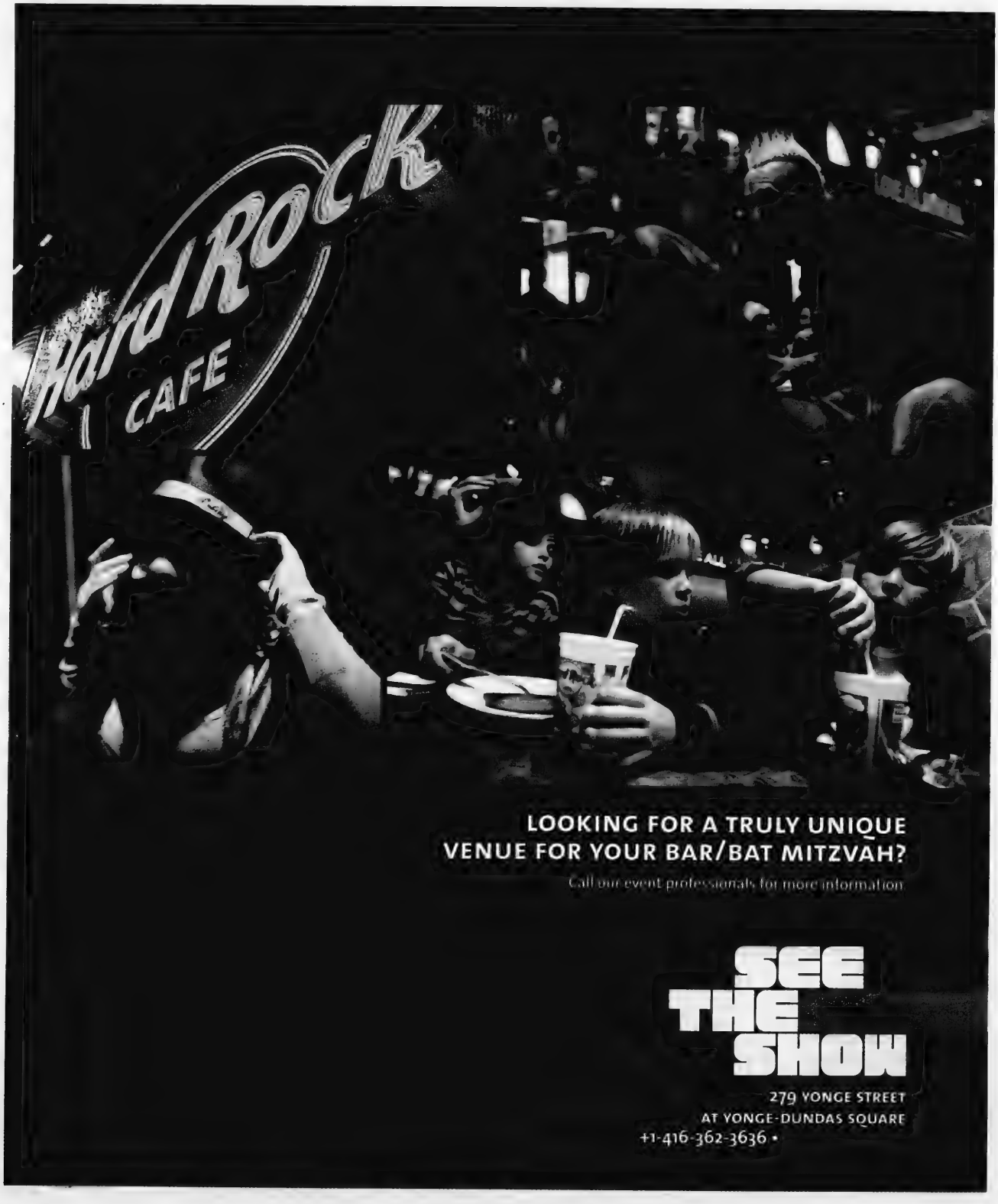
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Young adults get involved in social action

Over 250 learn about volunteer opportunities

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More than 250 people recently attended The Projects launch party to learn about volunteer opportunities and get involved in Jewish social action.

Dave Goodman and Jessica Taylor are Top 20 Under 40 volunteer nominees. *(Cara Edell photo)*

Held on April 10 at 6 Degrees nightclub, the event encouraged guests to donate time instead of money to make a change in the community. More than 2,000 volunteer hours were raised for 15 different Jewish social service agencies.

The Projects is a collaboration of seven major Jewish organizations in Toronto: The House, Annex Shul, Impact Toronto, Birthright Alumni Community, UJA's Community Connect, Jewish Urban Meeting Place and Hillel Toronto.

"This collaboration was a result of all the agencies wanting to create a robust social-action portfolio, offering young adults the opportunities to volunteer as much as possible," said Alana Kayfetz, manager of volunteer initiatives at Community Connect.

"The Projects allows all of the organizations to work together in equal partnership. Helping those in need is incredibly important for us as young Jewish adults and is at the heart of Jewish values and belief. By working together, we will strengthen this community and allow for it to prosper in a way that is truly meaningful."

Kayfetz said she hopes The Projects "will become the central address for young Jewish Torontonians to get involved and know that they will make a difference for the betterment of the local community and society."

The Projects also featured some of Toronto's best and brightest young Jewish volunteers, who were nominated for the Top 20 Under 40 for UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's agencies.

"This was an opportunity to give honour and to celebrate those who have been dedicated to giving back their time and have set great examples of how to live generously," Kayfetz said.

Justin Lebofsky, who volunteers for Jewish Addiction Counselling Services Toronto, and Yoelit Lipinsky, who volunteers for Mount Sinai Hospital, were both presented with awards at the party.

"Volunteering feels great. Those who are dedicated leaders are modest and do not really have an opportunity to be recognized by their friends. This was an opportunity to give them a chance to shine, give them the honour they deserve and allow them to act as role models for the young Jewish community at large," Kayfetz said.

Jessica Taylor, who was nominated for her volunteer work with the Birthright Alumni Community, said she was "truly honoured to be included amongst a group of people who do such great work in the community. I know most of us volunteer because we have causes we care about, and we're not looking for praise or recognition, but it's great to see that the community appreciates the work being done."

This year, Taylor is one of the chairs for BAC2FASHION, a charity fashion show that raise money for vulnerable seniors. She is also a mentor in the Birthright leadership training program and will be chaperoning the Young Adult March of the Living.

"I think The Projects launch party is such an important event as there are so many great volunteer opportunities in the community, but people don't necessarily know that they exist or how to get involved," Taylor said.

"Recognizing the top volunteers also helps show the community that the volunteer work being done is valuable, needed and appreciated."

Aside from being a time-raiser, the party also had a dessert and candy buffet, live art by Jessica Gorlicky, a performance by the band Little Black Dress and raffle prizes.

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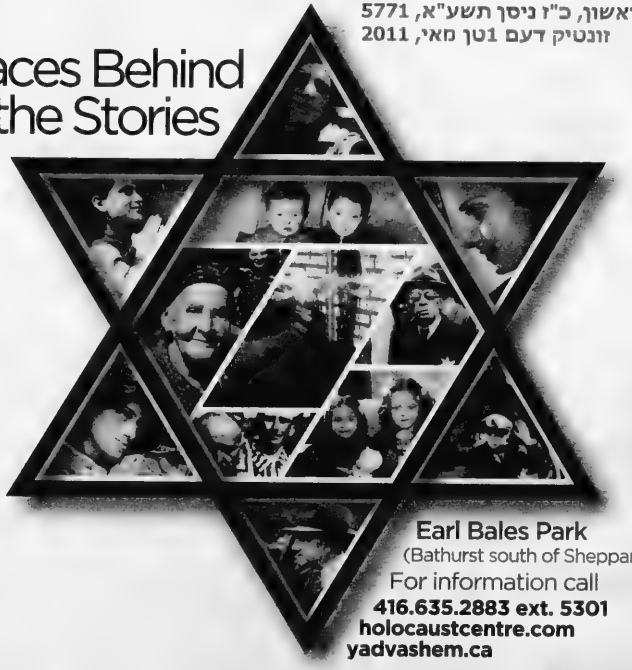

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Below: Elyte Barzilay, left, and Elyssa Greenbaum *[Stephanie Paisley photos]*

Young professionals help raise $37,000 for ICRF

Cara Edell
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More than 200 young professionals recently networked and socialized with industry leaders at ICRF Next Generation's Revolving Tables.

The April 7 event, held at the Toronto Board of Trade, raised $37,000 for the Israeli Cancer Research Fund (ICRF).

The evening was structured around a three-course meal, at which each participant was assigned to a table hosted by a top Toronto executive. As moderators and mentors, the executives answered questions and told inspiring stories. After each course, guests switched tables for a new networking opportunity.

Participants were asked to prioritize their areas of interest so they could be placed at tables with the appropriate mentors. The categories included law, entertainment, consulting, real estate, sports, media and authors.

Some of the executives involved in the event were Warren Kimel, general manager and vice-president of Fabricland; Cherry Tabb, CEO and co-founder of Herzig Eye Institute; Ken Aber, co-founder and owner of Blueprint Business Architecture; Ellen Schwartz, founder of Project Give Back and Jacob's Ladder; Warren Bongard, vice-president and co-founder of ZSA Legal Recruitment.

"The executives were chosen because their personal and professional experience is such that the attendees could learn from their successes and be inspired by their journey," said Joy Wagner, ICRF executive director.

"Their combined experience and prominence in their industry is admirable, and the opportunity for guests to hear their stories and learn from their expertise was a selling feature of the event."

Kyle Lichtman, event co-chair along with Lianne Vineberg, said the event was "an overwhelming success." The mentors enjoyed communicating with the young professionals, and the participants appreciated the opportunity to get up close and personal with the business leaders.

Elyte Barzilay, an MBA candidate at the University of Toronto, said she decided to take part in Revolving Tables "not only because it was in support of a great cause but because it presented the opportunity to network with other young professionals in a sophisticated setting."

Barzilay said the event allowed her to converse with interesting people of diverse backgrounds. "I most enjoyed the time I spent speaking with the CEOs. It is rare to be granted access to such accomplished individuals who want to share their knowledge and successes with you."

The executives are not only leaders in the business world but also in the Jewish community, said Lichtman. "It is inspirational for the next generation to see how important it is to give back and to be involved."

Many of the executives are supporters of ICRF, said Wagner. "To be able to utilize their passion for philanthropy... correlates very much to ICRF's modus operandi of recognizing potential and fostering it in leaders."

Philanthropy is fundamental to the Jewish community, Wagner said. "This event not only raises money for charity, but is a real-life manifestation of our shared values. Each executive is not only a professional mentor or adviser but rather, they physically prove that involvement in community and ongoing investment in the next generation is just good practice."

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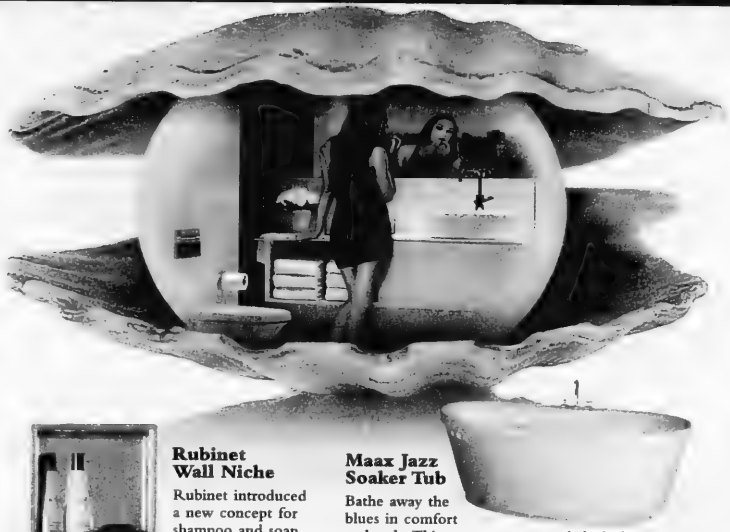

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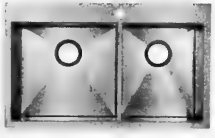

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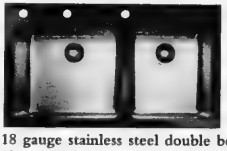

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Progressive Judaism growing in Israel, says rabbi

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Many people who visit Israel have noticed a strange phenomenon. A good number of Israelis, although they live in the land of the Bible, aren't particularly knowledgeable about Judaism or Jewish traditions.

Ask them why their familiarity with Judaism is lacking or why they rarely attend synagogue and you might find they bring up the haredim.

To put it delicately, they don't really see themselves as having much in common with the Orthodox, who have a monopoly on state-sanctioned religious life in Israel.

But, according to Rabbi Gilad Kariv, "the dichotomy between the Orthodox and the secular" is changing. "The Israeli Reform movement, together with other partners, is changing this paradigm."

Rabbi Kariv, executive director of the Israeli Movement for Progressive Judaism, believes Israeli society is beginning to embrace alternative ways to living a Jewish life. Secular Jews are turning to Judaism and more and indicators of Jewish life, such as attending synagogue and giving their children a Jewish education, are increasing.

Rabbi Kariv was in Toronto earlier this month as a guest of ARZA Canada. While here, he addressed Reform congregations and attended a weekend *kallah*, a gathering in which participants discussed political, social, cultural and religious developments in Israel.

Israelis' skittishness at anything religious is fading as more and more of them search for meaningful ways of expressing their spirituality, he said.

It's part of a global trend toward faith and spirituality, and in Israel, which has succeeded in achieving many of Zionism's goals of building the country, it's part of a search for a new collective identity.

The Canadian Reform movement is playing a key role in the religious renaissance embracing Israel, Rabbi Kariv said. Not only are local congregations twinned with Israeli counterparts – leading to visits and various exchanges – they help finance the "ganim," preschools that they hope will draw more and more families to the Reform orbit.

Currently, the data show Israelis are taking to Progressive Judaism, albeit in modest numbers. There are 25 Reform congregations in Israel, but in the last two years, 10 new ones have been added.

Some 10,000 families are "affiliated with us," said Rabbi Kariv, and another 50,000 come in contact with Reform through schools, cultural centres, seminars or in other ways.

The movement operates 60 preschools,

Rabbi Gilad Kariv

along with eight elementary and high schools. It also supports a youth movement, pre- and post-army programs and various cultural offerings.

Reform rabbis officiate at hundreds of weddings each year, but the couples fly abroad for the foreign wedding certificates that are recognized at home.

Hundreds of people – many from the former Soviet Union – are converted by Reform rabbis, although these, too, are not recognized as legitimate by the establishment rabbanut, he said.

Rabbi Kariv believes the prognosis for the future growth of Reform is encouraging. A survey taken three years ago showed about half the Israeli population "experienced more than once our spiritual or educational services."

Non-Orthodox Judaism is becoming more and more normalized in Israel, he continued. Many viewers of Israel's most popular television show, *A Star is Born*, a sort of *American Idol* program, watched a female cantor perform. In an exchange with the show's hosts, she told viewers she leads services in a liberal, egalitarian congregation in Tel Aviv. "The entire audience applauded," Rabbi Kariv noted.

Another example of normalized non-Orthodox Judaism occurred on a popular sitcom in which a family discussed plans for a boy's bar mitzvah. The family considered holding it in a Reform synagogue so the mother could sit with her son, Rabbi Kariv said.

Reform Judaism satisfies the needs of many Israelis seeking a spiritual outlet, he said. "Our congregations are established by young families who want to educate their children in a communal Jewish framework and attend services.

"We offer education, cultural, and intellectual experience, Jewish music and art, literature, social action – tikkun olam." Those are the aspects of Judaism that engage people and ensure they remain committed to their Jewish identity, he said.

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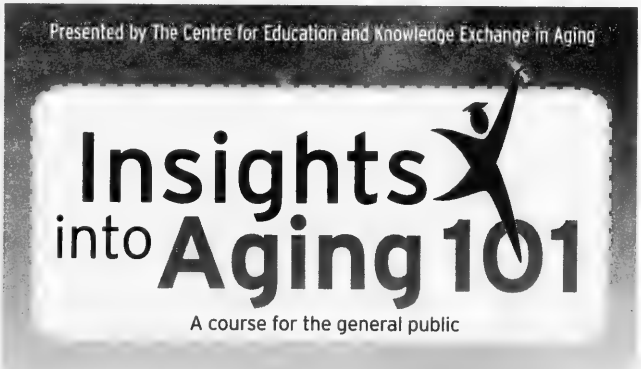
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'Renewal' rabbi brings message to Toronto

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Google "Reb Zalman," and you'll find about 250,000 hits for the founder of the Jewish Renewal movement, which combines elements of mysticism and Chassidism with newer concepts like feminism and eco-kashrut.

Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, 86, says he has "mostly retired from leadership," and doesn't travel much any more.

In an interview last week at the Toronto home of his son Rabbi Shalom Schachter, the Colorado-based Reb Zalman (as he is commonly known) said his participation this Shabbat morning, April 23, at Darchei Noam is "a very exceptional thing."

Rabbi Schachter-Shalomi – who hyphenated his name following the signing of the 1978 Camp David accords, with the idea that he would drop the "Schachter" once there was peace – will lead Torah study from 9 to 10 a.m. He will also take part in services and share insights with the congregation. His son, whom he ordained in 2005, will be involved in the service as well.

Earlier this month, father and son were in Calgary, Alta. where Shalom's brother lives, for an intergenerational Shabbat weekend at two congregations.

Rabbi Schachter-Shalomi, who taught at the University of Manitoba from the mid-1950s to the mid-1970s, now spends much of his time writing – completing what he calls his "December work" because of his age and the approach of life's end. He is retired from Naropa University, where he taught contemplative Judaism and ecumenical spirituality.

Aside from Renewal – in which the late Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach also played a key role – Rabbi Schachter-Shalomi's other focus in recent years has been "Spiritual Eldering." Its philosophy is reflected in the title of his 1995 book *From Age-ing to Sage-ing: A Profound New Vision of Growing Older.*

Born in Poland and raised mostly in Austria before his family made its way to New York in 1941, the future rabbi was educated in both a "leftist" Zionist high school and an Orthodox yeshiva. His father was a Belzer Chassid with liberal tendencies, according to the rabbi's website (rzlp.org).

An online chronology of his life euphemistically refers to his 1966 "graduation" from Lubavitch, following experimentation with LSD and subsequent writings about the psychedelic drug.

Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, left, with his son Rabbi Shalom Schachter. *[Frances Kraft photo]*

He educated himself about other paths as well, among them Sufism and Buddhism.

As a result, he now believes that Judaism is "organismic.

"To start saying that one religion has it all is like saying that the whole body could be made of kidney."

He says Jewish Renewal offers what Jewish seekers may look for or have found elsewhere – including meditation, singing, and repetition of mantras.

Personally, he said, he found Chassidism "very satisfying," and considered himself a "card-carrying" Lubavitcher. In the late 1940s, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, directed him and Rabbi Carlebach to reach out to college students.

However, with time, he found there were things about Chassidism that "didn't belong to the new paradigm," like the separation of men and women, and the necessity for "a great deal of observance."

Given his exploration of other paths and the resulting censure he faced from Chassidim, what led him toward Renewal rather than disenchantment with Chassidism, or even with Judaism altogether?

"Let me ask this inside," he said, closing his eyes for a moment to ponder the answer.

Religions are disappointing, he said, "but God is not... while I may have given up on a form of Judaism, I didn't give up on God. To me, the issue of living a godly life is the important thing."

The rabbi has no objection to people calling Jewish Renewal a denomination – "Let them do it, gesunterheit!" he says – but he sees it more as "a method" than a fifth denomination.

There is only one congregation in Canada listed on the website of Aleph: Alliance for Jewish Renewal, although others have a Renewal approach, and elements of Renewal can be found in synagogues of other denominations including Darchei Noam, which is Reconstructionist.

Worldwide, Renewal communities can be found in nine countries.

Although the rabbi said he didn't know yet what he would be focusing on when he speaks at Darchei Noam, he would like to help people with what he calls "davenology."

Explaining the term, Rabbi Schachter-Shalomi said that to become closer to God, people need to open their hearts and minds and learn to use the siddur "as a road map for an inner journey."

Reciting a prayer is not going to help them get closer to God, he added.

His message for the Jewish community? "Every Jew is a Jew by choice. Make sure you live your choice, and love your fellow Jew regardless of his affiliation."

Correction

In the article "Clergy to lead faith groups on mission to Israel" (April 14), the Israel Government Tourism Office was incorrectly listed as a trip organizer. The interfaith trip is being organized solely by Aufgang Travel, Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, Judy Csillag and a committee of faith-based community leaders.

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Omission

In the article "Bike-a-thon to aid trauma victims in Israel" (April 14), the writer's name, Susan Minuk, was omitted.

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Israeli singer to make Toronto debut

Yosef Tastassa
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The popular Israeli singer Einat Sarouf makes her Toronto debut next month.

She promises the audience "a big Israeli party" at Kachol-Lavan school's annual fundraiser on May 15.

"Coming to Toronto makes me feel good," Sarouf told *The CJN*. "Performing outside Israel is always very exciting. The Israeli crowd is wonderful. People open their hearts during the show. They are filled with enthusiasm and accept me with open arms.

"I come from a Zionist home and performing abroad is a *shlichut* for me. I bring a cultural message to the crowd. The words, music and atmosphere remind the Israelis so much of the country they really miss and love."

Sarouf invited the local Israeli and the Jewish community to the show. "Everyone from the ages of zero to 120 and over are invited. The repertoire will include classic Israeli songs, modern songs, and I will sing both in Hebrew and in English," she said.

She said that the presence of Kachol-Lavan: The School For Hebrew And Israeli Studies, which has two locations in Toronto, means that the Israeli children here are "educated in the Israeli way.

"In our modern world, adults find themselves living in many places around the world for many reasons. No matter where people live, the education their children are given is very important… That gives them language, culture, values and of course identity, which is so important for the future.

Einat Sarouf

"I am honoured to perform in Toronto for that cause," she added.

The Kachol-Lavan fundraising evening is being organized by Avi Bogler and Lani Gozlan. The Consul General of Israel in Toronto and Western Canada, Amir Gissin, and the president and CEO of the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, Ted Sokolsky, will be the evening's honoured guests.

Kachol-Lavan school was founded more than five years ago and is now a solid part of Toronto's Israeli community. The school operates on Sundays at two Jewish school campuses. A third campus is scheduled to open in Thornhill Woods next year, to meet the demand of many young Israeli families living in the area.

The fundraiser take place at the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, 929 Bayview Ave. at 7:30 p.m. For more information about the school and/or the event, contact 905-482-1818, ext. 208, or info@kachol-lavan.com.

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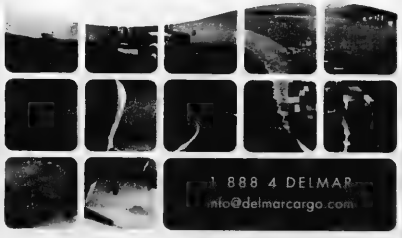

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People with Alzheimer's 'celebrate life'

Cara Edell
Special to The CJN

People with Alzheimer's are viewed through a lens that highlights their capacity to engage in activities, relate to others and express emotion, in Celebrating Life, the photography exhibit now on at Baycrest.

Sponsored by Alzheimer's Disease International, the exhibit, by photographer and sociologist Cathy Greenblat, combines uplifting photographs of people around the world with text by international care partners, researchers, medical experts, care providers, activists and people with dementia themselves. It will be on display at Baycrest until May 25.

"Cultural and arts activities offer a vehicle for expression for not only the person with Alzheimer's, but also their caregivers, and so both the act of photographing and the activities photographed are evidence of what is possible, even with a devastating illness," said Aviva Babins, creative projects and museum co-ordinator at Baycrest.

Ashwani and Didi

Mrs. Morimoto singing

Greenblat has been engaged in the cross-cultural project on aging, dementia and end-of-life care since 2001. Through her images, she aims to help viewers find ways to make loving care and laughter more frequent, and to reduce the fear and stigma that surround dementia.

"The images in the exhibit demonstrate how the arts can contribute toward enhancing quality of life. The countries in focus are global – Japan, France, India and the U.S.A. – but the message is the same," Babins said.

"At Baycrest we recognize the importance of enlivening our environment with meaningful cultural and arts displays for the benefit of our residents, families and staff," she added.

"We were approached by Alzheimer's Disease International to display Cathy Greenblat's work to coincide with their conference [late last month]. Cathy's imagery is both powerful and compassionate and speaks to the continued need for social connection, creativity and life engagement despite the Alzheimer diagnosis."

Babins said the exhibit reinforces Baycrest's message of health and wellness promotion.

Greenblat's photography shows that while the losses created by degenerative brain disease are real, people with Alzheimer's can continue to engage meaningfully with others in their lives, wherever they live.

One of the images shows a Japanese woman, Mrs. Morimoto, singing in her group home in Kyoto. The text beside it reads: "Though she could no longer speak clear sentences, she loved singing. Whenever old songs from her childhood were sung, she clearly articulated all the words."

Another image shows an Indian woman, Mandakini, chanting with her granddaughter, Srushti. The text reads: "Mandakini could no longer live alone as she became more confused. Her third son, Satish, and his wife brought her into their home, where they take care of her with the assistance of a professional caregiver. Their two-year-old shows no fear, and eight-year-old Srushti has found that her grandmother enjoys the religious chants that have been important to her throughout her life."

Jeanette

The Baycrest community has responded positively to the colourful images, Babins said. "Both the photos on display and the accompanying text serve as springboards for conversation. Residents have commented on what has resonated for them in this exhibit."

One resident, while looking at the photo of people with Alzheimer's visiting the Louvre museum in Paris, commented on the last time he visited France with his late wife. Another spoke of the positive message of hope that the photographs depict.

"Baycrest staff have reflected on the message of looking for the person behind the disease label. Family members have recognized positive attributes of their own loved ones as they viewed the display. Every image seems to form a new meaning for each viewer," Babins said.

Celebrating Life can been seen at Baycrest in the Water Cooler, open Sunday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information about photographer Cathy Greenblat, visit www.cathygreenblat.com.

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Sokatch, a dynamic speaker, has also served as Executive Director of the San Francisco Federation and has been named to the Forward newspaper's list of notable leaders on four separate occasions.

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We need to accept each other

Rabbi Eleanor Steinman

Do you remember being a teenager? No matter how far back we go in our memory, in addition to the fun memories, we may recall some hurtful, scarring moments when we were reminded that, in some way, we were not the same as everyone else.

As adults, we know that peer pressure and the desire to fit in are a part of the growing up process, as hard as it can be. There are times, though, when this teasing or harassment is taken to an extreme. This we call bullying.

This doesn't mean those instances when someone may have once felt left out unintentionally. Bullying is humiliating, shaming, threatening or intimidating someone into acting or thinking a certain way. Too many of us are bullied because the way we live as Jews doesn't meet or match someone else's expectations. It feels like some sort of contest with unwritten rules that leaves some on the inside and far too many on the outside.

Instead of seeing our fellows for the things that they do, the actions they take, the tzedakah they donate, the foods they eat, the festivals they mark, far too much time is spent telling people they don't do enough. Their prayers aren't valid, their rabbis aren't "real," their conversions aren't kosher, their prayers go unheard. Those among us who claim to have God on speed dial or a hidden measure of quantity versus quality use their knowledge to shame others.

The bullying must cease.

Our tradition teaches that all Jews have the potential to be holy. It is for this reason that God

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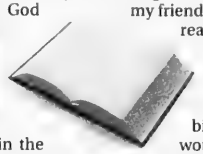

addresses the Israelites in the second person plural. It is clear that for Jews to be holy, they need a community around them. This was true for Noah and Abraham and it is true for us. Holiness is heightened when we can stand together as a community.

We challenge the desire for holiness when, instead of welcoming another Jew with open arms, we pass judgment. It is imperative that we all respect one another enough to tolerate our differences. The Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism said it correctly in its ad campaign: "There's more than one way to be Jewish."

Rabbi Edythe Menscher recounts this story: "A rabbi was accosted by a group of pro-Nazi thugs. One of the teens held a bird cupped in his hand and said, 'Tell me, rabbi, since you Jews are supposed to be so wise and holy – is the bird I am holding alive or dead? I will show my friends how stupid you Jews really are!'

"The rabbi thought carefully before he responded. He knew that if he said, 'The bird is dead,' the bully would release it and affirm for his followers that Jews are fools, inciting more aggression; and if he said, 'The bird is alive,' the bully would squeeze it to death. The rabbi said softly, 'The answer, my son, is in your hands.'"

The bullying must end. We need one another in order to maintain a thriving Jewish community.

Rabbi Eleanor Steinman serves Temple Sinai Congregation of Toronto.

The tension within Pesach

The holiday of Pesach is known to be the time of our redemption. It ushers in spring, so it's also the time of rebirth. In ancient Israel, it was one of the three pilgrimage festivals that united the whole country. We celebrate with seders, family meals, ritual and symbolism.

Within all the celebrations of Pesach lies a keen awareness of the two realities that create a tension within the holiday. While we're gaining redemption and rebirth, thousands of Egyptians are experiencing suffering and death. These two opposites are recognized by Pesach, and it's worth reminding ourselves of their tension.

Midrashic Moments

Rachel Turkienicz

It begins with the plagues in Egypt. Each plague is viewed from both sides of the event: by the Israelites and by the Egyptians. For example, the first plague, turning the Nile into blood, sends different messages to the different peoples. On the one hand, the Nile was viewed by the Egyptians as a source of life, keeping the land fertile during famine. Turning it into blood sends the message that God is the master of life, not the Nile. Only the master of life can turn it into blood, the symbol of death, in an instant.

But to the Israelites, this first plague sends a different message. Pharaoh had decreed that all baby boys were to be thrown into the Nile. What cloaked itself as religious sacrifice – giving the baby to the Nile god – was indeed murder. From the view of the Israelites, the Nile was already filled with blood, the blood of their baby boys. God turning the Nile into blood was just stating the obvious and forcing the Egyptians to see what they'd done.

This two-sided perspective is maintained all the way through the plagues, culminating at the Red Sea. While fleeing the Egyptians, the Israelites are backed into a corner at the Red Sea. Moses facilitates the parting of the water so that the Israelites can pass safely in the middle. Once they're safe, the Egyptians chase them into the parted water, at which point it returns to its proper place, drowning the Egyptians. The double statement is not subtle. The event that is the threshold for our rebirth, a threshold for life, is simultaneously the threshold for death to the Egyptians.

When we recite the plagues at the seder, we reduce the amount of wine in our cups as a symbol of reducing our joy. We're aware of the cost in human suffering that was involved with our freedom. It's a beautiful moment of Jewish philosophy.

Even at the utmost moment of our despair, we're not allowed to ignore the suffering of others. When celebrating our moment, we also mourn for our enemies, who could not change their behaviours and save themselves.

There's a powerful midrash that teaches us this important lesson. When the Israelites arrive safely on the other side of the Red Sea, they begin to sing a song of praise to God. It's a beautiful song describing how we were saved and the enemy was vanquished. The midrash states that at that moment, the angels also joined in with the song of praise. God immediately turns to the angels and commands them to stop singing. God's words in this midrash are: "My children are drowning in the sea and you sing me praises?"

Pesach is not just about our celebration. It's also about celebrating our sensitivities.

Rachael Turkienicz is director of rachaelscentre.org.

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Archeology has revealed evidence of an early Aegean presence in Canaan by the second millennium BCE. Amazingly, at Tel Kabri, four miles east of the Mediterranean, a Minoan-style palace has been found with the miraculous remnants of Minoan frescoes still visible.

The Minoan civilization was centred on the island of Crete and flourished in the first half of the second millennium BCE. Its largest site, Knossos, was excavated in the first decades of the 20th century by the legendary English archeologist Sir Arthur Evans. Evans found an amazing culture built around large, airy, spacious and monumental palaces. Evans called the culture "Minoan" after the legendary king of Crete, Minos. He also found a number of scripts, but the one associated with the Minoans, which he called Linear A, has yet to be deciphered.

The most famous Minoan discovery of modern times has been the town of Akrotiri on the island of Santorini, or ancient Thera. Today, Santorini is a major stop on the Mediterranean cruise itinerary. It is a scenic wonder whose enchanting beauty has been used in numerous films. More importantly for archeologists, Santorini has proven to be a modern Minoan Pompeii, with the remains of buildings three storeys high still standing. Beautiful frescoes have been found on its inside walls, giving us a rare glimpse of life in the Aegean world more than 3,500 years ago.

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It was probably artisans from this culture who designed the palace at Tel Kabri during the middle part of the Middle Bronze Age (circa 2000-1500 BCE). This was a high point in the history of ancient Canaan, when its culture held sway from the Nile to the Euphrates rivers. It is even thought that a group of Canaanites, whom the Egyptians called the Hyksos, ruled part of the land of the Nile.

Magnificent remains from this period have been found throughout Israel. One that particularly stands out is a monumental gate found at Tel Dan in northern Israel that dates from the Middle Bronze Age. Archeologists digging at Tel Dan also found a spectacular tomb full of Mycenean pottery.

The Myceneans came from the Greek mainland getting their name from the mighty citadel of Mycenae in northern Peloponessus. It was the Myceneans who took over the Minoan culture on Crete after 1500 BCE. Their script, based on Minoan Linear A, was called Linear B and was deciphered as an archaic form of Greek in 1952 by an amateur English scholar, Michael Ventris, in one of the greatest feats of modern scholarship.

Despite the fact that our faith was forged in the crucible of Sinai, the Mediterranean and its various regions, such as the Aegean, have also left their mark on ancient Israel. It is such traces that tantalize the archeologist with their possibilities.

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Jewish wedding music

Traditionally, weddings are not held during Passover. Who could take the additional stress over food? And though there are differing customs, fewer weddings are held between Passover and Shavuot, a period of semi-mourning. But after Shavuot, the Jewish wedding dam bursts. That means that right now, there are countless couples counting down the days as they plan special ceremony. And that means choosing perfect music. Here's some help.

As the *chatan* – and then his *kallah* – make their way to the chupah, the right music can help create a sublime atmosphere. Rabbi Andrea Frank has put together a marvellous page with full-length songs, including *Erev Shel Shoshanim, Eshet Chayil, Zemer Atik* and *L'chi Lach* by the late Debbie Friedman. As well, there is a lovely introduction to the importance of music in Jewish religious ceremonies from days of King David all the way to contemporary synagogues. **[http://bit.ly/jwed01]**

WedAlert also provides some great music samplings. These are not full renditions, but the first minute or so of classics such as *Siman Tov, Bei Mir Bist Du Schoen* and a large helping of *Fiddler on the Roof*. You've probably heard them all a million times before, but if you hadn't, they wouldn't be classics. **[http://bit.ly/jwed02]**

One of the highlights of a Jewish wedding ceremony is the singing of the *Sheva Brachot*, the blessings during which the *chatan* and *kallah* are wished *"gila, rina, ditza v'chedva, ahava v'achva, v'shalom v'reut,"* rejoicing, jubilation, pleasure and delight, love and brotherhood, peace and friendship. If you are going to being honoured with reciting one of the blessings,

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here is a site where you can listen to a performance, and read the brachot in Hebrew, in English and in English transliteration. **[http://bit.ly/jwed04]**

Chazzanut.com provides sheet music for the *Sheva Brachot*. According to the site, the fifth blessing, *Samayach Tesamach*, is set to a tune from Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte!* **[http://bit.ly/jwed14]**

Is it me or it getting a bit noisy in here? I enjoyed this discussion about whether Jewish wedding music is getting too loud. One argument: "Music is meant to be listened to and enjoyed... not digested by every pore in the body." And a response: "lol... us young folk thrive on booming loud music... just don't stand too close to the speakers!" **[http://bit.ly/jwed08]**

If you'd like to try out some less familiar melodies on your special day, visit the Wedding section of the Zemerl website. You can listen to renditions of about a dozen Yiddish, Hebrew and Bukharian songs, and read the lyrics and translations of about 20 others. **[http://bit.ly/jwed11]**

Even if you're not planning a wedding – or yours was ages ago – you can still celebrate vicariously. Many couples have posted videos of the wonderful music that helped make their day special. **[http://bit.ly/jwed12]**

But let's leave the last word to Rabbi Eliezer Azikri, a well-known kabbalist from the 16th century. "One of the main expressions of fervent love is that the lover sings songs of love – so we should sing before God." **[http://bit.ly/jwed13]**

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North York resident Debbie Rose, who has been fervently researching her family tree for the past several years, has located a trove of old Yiddish letters of historic and family significance that she hopes to get translated into English.

The letters, some dating back to the end of the 19th century, belong to a relative in Albany, N.Y., who inherited them from his grandfather, Leon Malmed, who was Rose's great-great-uncle – the uncle of her grandmother.

Malmed was an Albany delicatessen owner and a close associate and lover to anarchist Emma Goldman. The letters were sent to him from his friends in various places.

"There may be a thousand letters in all, maybe more," Rose said. "They haven't been counted. There are just boxes and boxes of them."

Another 450 letters, postcards and telegrams from the same collection, most from Goldman to Malmed, were donated some years ago to the Schlesinger Library at Harvard. (An avid correspondent, Malmed didn't save copies of his own letters, most of which are presumably lost.)

Malmed's grandson sent Rose an assortment of 15 letters, which she had professionally translated. One was written by a soldier stationed in San Antonio, Texas, in 1898 during the Spanish-American War, just before he was to be shipped to Manila. Another came from a friend about to get married, who apologized that he would have to stop writing because his wife was kissing him and he had to kiss her back.

Debbie Rose with Yiddish letters

"Some of them are personal family letters," Rose said. "They're good for genealogy. From one letter I was able to reconstruct the entire branch of the family tree."

But she contends the letters have a universal appeal as well because they provide a privileged glimpse into the radical Jewish milieu of about 75 to 100 years ago.

A Russian-born Jew, Malmed came to the United States about 1895 and was variously a cigarmaker, delicatessen operator, and proprietor of a hosiery store in Albany. Despite his business activities, he was an anarchist at heart and became swept up in the radical movement.

Even though he had a wife and three kids at home, he went on the road with Goldman and had an affair with her that lasted years. He died in 1956.

"He was a very colourful character," Rose said. "He got up and left his wife and family to travel all over the United States [and Canada] with Emma Goldman. His poor wife, you can see the amount of stress she was under in the letters she wrote to him."

A corporate English as a second language trainer, Rose said that the Jewish Family History Foundation of Encino, Calif., has offered to provide a U.S. tax receipt to anyone willing to contribute funds towards translating the letters, and that the National Yiddish Book Centre of Amherst, Massachusetts has also been "very enthusiastic" about them.

She is seeking professional translators as well as one or more patrons willing to underwrite the translation project. She may be contacted via email at bdebrose@rogers.com.

Is she excited at the prospect of having these mysterious missives translated? "That's an understatement," she replied, smiling. "It's tremendously exciting because you don't know what you're going to find in them."

Christians seeking ketubahs

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

About two years ago, Michael Shapiro, founder and president of Ketubah.com, a provider of customized Jewish marriage contracts, noticed a new and surprising trend in his solidly Jewish customer base.

For the first time, Christians were ordering ketubot. The orders were coming from the United States.

"There is something about a fine art ketubah that is appealing to people of many different backgrounds," said Shapiro, who marks the 15th anniversary of his Toronto-based business this year.

Thanks to this intriguing trend, Christian couples currently account for roughly 10 per cent of his customers, the vast majority of whom are Americans.

In an attempt to explain this cross-religious phenomenon, Shapiro speculated that many of his Christian clients want ketubot after having attended a Jewish wedding.

Still others may want to personalize their union with a unique touch.

Judging by a recent story in the *New York Times*, a growing number of Christians wish to incorporate the ketubah into their wedding plans at a time when pluralism and cultural improvisation are on the increase.

This trend converges with three contemporary developments: the rise of Christian Zionism, particularly among evangelical and born-again Christians; the explosive growth of mixed Christian-Jewish marriages, and the New Age movement's search for spirituality in multiple-faith traditions.

As a result, the *New York Times* says, more and more Christians have adopted such Jewish practices as holding Passover seders, studying Kabbalah (think of Madonna) and buying kosher food.

Christians who buy a ketubah from Shapiro's online company usually order the text in English rather than Hebrew, he said.

Whether they are Christians or Jews, customers who log on to ketubah.com can choose from a selection of 800 user-friendly designs.

Each ketubah, aside from being hand-numbered and bearing the artist's signature, is printed in a limited edition, with high-quality archival paper and inks to last a lifetime.

Now 45, Shapiro started Ketubah.com out of a desire to be his own boss and do something that personally appealed to him. "The combination of Judaism and art fit the bill perfectly," he explained.

Born in Montreal, the son of Barry and Monica Shapiro, he grew up in Westmount, a leafy and affluent mid-town neighbourhood.

His parents gave him a sound Jewish education, sending him to the Jewish People's and Peretz Schools and Bialik High School. He also credits his parents with teaching him what he describes as "the ethic of innovation and creativity."

Shapiro studied history and Spanish at the University of Toronto, thinking he would be a lawyer, like his father. But after graduating, he worked for a mortgage company and then earned an MBA degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Later, he was a brand manager at Procter & Gamble, where he honed his skills in strategic business planning.

In 1994, on the recommendation of a friend, he went to Jerusalem to enrol at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, an independent yeshiva that is not affiliated with any religious or political movement. He spent six months in Jerusalem immersing himself in classical Jewish texts, and now says he had "an exceptional experience."

Looking for a way to fuse his expertise in business with his desire to be close to Judaism, Shapiro began seeking out Jewish artists in Jerusalem. Convinced he could earn a living jazzing up and selling Jewish marriage contracts, he started Ketubah.com.

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City manager's report upsets community

'Our responsibility in Toronto is to fight intolerance and demonization'

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Despite the group's decision not to take part in this year's parade, Jewish and pro-Israel groups were still dismayed by city manager Joseph Pennachetti's report, which council commissioned last year to determine whether QuAIA contravened Toronto's anti-discrimination policy.

Pennachetti's report said city staff determined that the phrase "'Israeli apartheid' does not impede the provision of services and employment provided directly by Pride or the city to any group on any grounds provided for in the policy."

It continues: "To date, the phrase 'Israeli apartheid' has not been found to violate either the Criminal Code or the Human Rights Code (Ontario). However, a decision on the latter would have to be made by the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario. The city also cannot, therefore, conclude that the use of the term on signs or banners to identify QuAIA constitutes the promotion of hatred or seeks to incite discrimination contrary to the code."

The report was slated to be considered by the city's executive committee on April 20, the second day of Passover. However, the mayor was reportedly considering referring it to a later date to avoid a conflict with the holiday.

Apple said she "strongly disagrees" with Pennachetti's report. Prior to QuAIA's announcement, Kulanu had planned to register a complaint about the group via Pride's new dispute resolution process instead of waiting to see if the city would adopt Pennachetti's report.

In statements last week, Congress, federation, the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center (FSWC) and Pasternak, among others, all denounced the document's conclusions.

Farber said he "respectfully" disagreed with it, adding that using the Criminal Code of Canada and the Ontario Human Rights Code as the basis for the decision "employs too narrow a standard."

"The very definition of discrimination is when you treat one group of people differently from another based on their ethnicity, religion or country of origin. QuAIA are attempting to do just that," Farber said.

English said the federation was also "very disappointed" about Pennachetti's report.

"In labelling Israel [as an apartheid state, QuAIA] brands supporters of Israel supporting crimes against humanity" and thus seeks to spread hatred against Jews, he said.

Pasternak said he was "shocked and dismayed" by the report.

"Our responsibility in Toronto is to fight intolerance and demonization. Therefore, QuAIA should never be allowed to participate in a civic funded event," he said. "This might also require a very serious look at how the city's anti-discrimination policy is drafted. If it cannot stop this kind of discrimination, then it needs to be tightened up."

FSWC president and CEO Avi Benlolo said his organization was "deeply disappointed" by the report.

FOOD DRIVE: Torah Tots children at Chabad Lubavitch of Markham participate in the city wide Pesach food drive.

LUNCH & LEARN TUESDAYS – SPRING 2011

Lunch 12:15 - Learn 12:45

May 3
Robert Lantos, a member of the Order of Canada, has produced over 30 films including "Barney's Version" based on Mordecai Richler's book. Lantos founded Canada's leading film and television company Alliance Communications, which he sold in 1988. He now produces films through his production company Serendipity Point Films. His films include Academy Award nominees 'Eastern Promises', 'Being Julia', and 'The Sweet Hereafter' and Best Picture Golden Globe Nominee 'Sunshine'.

May 10 Yom Ha'Atzmaut Program
Israeli Movie – "The Little Traitor" (2007) 88 minutes Based on the Amos Oz book – "Panther in the Basement". This beautiful movie takes place in Palestine in 1947, just a few months before Israel becomes a state.

May 17
Lynda Fishman lost her mother and two sisters in a plane crash in 1970. In her memoir, ***Repairing Rainbows,*** she shares her remarkable journey from that time. Join Lynda as she talks about hope, strength, positivity, and achieving great life fulfillment.

May 24
Gerald Ziedenberg presents the real story behind the boat **Exodus** of 1947, the ship that launched a nation. Leon Uris used the Exodus as a basis for the book of the same name. Otto Preminger created the film, based on the book, which follows the life of freedom fighter Ari Ben Canaan.

May 31
Kathy Kacer describes the history and research behind a Toronto family's success in reclaiming paintings they lost during the Shoah. Her story covers the Jewish plight in Czechoslovakia during the war and then the Communist regime, as well as the help of a heroic Canadian diplomat and a courageous and honest smuggler. **Restitution (2010)**

June 6 (MONDAY)
Alex Gropper is known to many in our community as the Jewish Indiana Jones. He is an archaeologist, history teacher at CHAT, president of the Canadian Centre for Mediterranean Studies, CJN columnist, and has led many archaeological digs to Israel. ***'Bringing Home the Dead Sea Scrolls'***

June 14
Marilyn Lightstone is host of the New Classical 96.3 FM radio show Nocturne. She is also a visual artist – mostly in the field of fine art photography. She has won Genie awards for best actress and is known for her performance as Miss Stacey in Anne of Green Gables. **'The Importance of the Arts'**

June 21
Corey Keeble is the curator of the Department of World Cultures at the Royal Ontario Museum. He has been a featured Lunch and Learn speaker in the past and is returning by popular demand. **'Judaica in base and precious metals'**

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Shimmy Brandes	Ita Kleiner	Jordana Stockhammer
Jared Green	Sheldon Parker	Jonathan Zepp
Hart Heller	Jodi Pasoff	Tracy Zepp
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Additional nominees will be accepted in accordance with Article VI if properly received no later than 5:00 p.m. May 4, 2011 For further information please contact Elliott Brodkin, Executive Director/CFO, at (416) 494-7666, Ext. 200.

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Conservative Party targets Liberal stronghold

Ron Csillag
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Mark Adler

Kurtis Baily

Ken Dryden

Rosemary Frei

York Centre, in the heart of Toronto, is said to be among the GTA ridings the Conservatives are targeting aggressively. It has been Liberal since 1962, and has seen its share of high-profile MPs: Robert Kaplan, Art Eggleton and now, former Montreal Canadiens star goalie Ken Dryden.

It was once considered a safe Liberal seat, but the Tories have significantly narrowed the gap. In the 2006 election, Dryden defeated his Conservative opponent, Michael Mostyn, by 10,000 votes. Two years later, his margin of victory over Rochelle Wilner, a former B'nai Brith Canada president, had shrunk to about 2,000 votes.

York Centre runs north-south from Highway 401 to Steeles Avenue West. Its approximate eastern boundary begins at Yonge Street in the north then cuts west north of Finch Avenue to Bathurst Street, where it continues to the west branch of the Don River.

The western boundary begins at Keele Street in the north, to Grandravine Drive, to Black Creek and down to Sheppard Avenue, where it cuts west and then south down Jane Street.

It has one of the country's highest proportions of Jewish residents, at 24 per cent. There's a strong concentration of Jewish voters hugging the traditional Bathurst Street corridor, many of them immigrants.

Looking to wrest the seat from Dryden is Mark Adler, a businessman and founder, president and CEO of the Economic Club of Canada.

Making his first stab at public office, Adler, 49, pulled no punches when he talked about an "election that none of us wanted and was forced upon us by the opposition coalition."

He said the "number 1 issue" in the riding is the economy mixed with fears of a shaky government by opposition parties.

"People are very concerned that we are into an unnecessary election that the coalition partners have forced [on] Canada. We have a very fragile economy and the Harper government has put in place a number of measures to bring us out of the recession, the deepest recession we've had since the Great Depression.

"We are on course, and now, we have to fight an election that was forced upon all of Canada."

Voters themselves are using the word coalition, Adler said, and they fear one. Asked whether voters are raising the contempt of Parliament charge levelled against the Conservatives, he said, "no."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper cannot be assailed for his record on Israel, said Adler, who is active in Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drildz and Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda synagogues in Bathurst Manor.

Jewish voters are "very impressed with the firm stand that Stephen Harper and the Conservative government have taken with respect to Israel. The support for Israel and the support for the Jewish community... have been unwavering and unequivocal."

Adler, who was born and raised in the riding and whose father was a Holocaust survivor, said Canada's support for Israel is worth it "even if it costs" the country snubs on the world stage. He agrees that an attack on Israel is an attack on Canada.

Despite several attempts by telephone and e-mail, *The CJN* was unable to reach NDP candidate Kurtis Baily by deadline. He's making his second attempt to win York Centre for the New Democrats. He received about 12 per cent of the vote in 2008.

Baily's Facebook page, which describes him as a student at York University, contains his views on a variety of matters, including the environment, poverty, Native issues and national sovereignty.

Dryden, 63, who visited Israel when he was minister of social development, said he's hearing "a lot" about the Middle East on the hustings, but also about "two great points of pride" among Jewish voters: one on matters of social justice and the "important" role Jews have played in such areas as poverty, affordable housing and health care, and the other on the Jewish tradition of discussion and debate.

"People have noticed Mr. Harper's style and [that] he isn't comfortable with differences of opinion and does not provide forums for public discussion and debate. I hear that a lot."

But has Harper's strong and clear support for Israel cost the Liberals a lot of Jewish votes they used to take for granted?

"I have absolutely heard that," conceded Dryden, who was first elected in York Centre in 2004. "What I also say is that the support from the Liberals for the Jewish community, going back to the time of the foundation of the State of Israel, has been very strong."

He argued that it was under former Liberal prime minister Paul Martin that Canada's votes on four key Arab-sponsored resolutions at the United Nations shifted to a more Israel-friendly stance, "the same or almost the same" position as under the Tories.

Harper's talk of a Liberal-NDP coalition is "really inappropriate," Dryden said.

"We have said clearly that that's not what we would do, expressly and explicitly. A very unfortunate result of last five years in the way Mr. Harper has governed is that he has given a bad name to the phrase 'working together.'

"Minority governments can work. And for all the qualities Mr. Harper may have, one of the qualities that isn't there is that instinct and attitude to work together. That is just not his way."

Running for the Green Party a second time is Rosemary Frei, a 47-year-old freelance medical writer. She polled 6.5 per cent of ballots cast in 2008, about the national average for Green candidates.

The economy is a major issue, Frei said, but so is radiation exposure, or "e-smog" from Wi-Fi and cellphone towers. "People are saying, 'We're not happy with cellphone towers being set up atop apartment buildings.'"

Frei estimates there are between 75 and 100 cellphone towers in the riding, while Wi-Fi is being installed in hospitals and nursing homes, where "some of our most vulnerable citizens are being assaulted with radiation."

She said evidence of harm from this kind of radiation is well-established at the biological level, and that Canada is lagging behind the European Union in establishing standards. The Green Party has called on industry minister Tony Clement to issue warnings.

Frei is a founding member of Ve'ahavta, the Jewish Humanitarian and Relief Committee, and has served on the board of Nishma, an Orthodox outreach group.

On the Tories' support for Israel, Frei noted that "the Talmud itself says you have to look after the needy in your area first, but that doesn't seem to penetrate. People turn a blind eye to Harper's increase of the deficit and debt.

"Israel is very important, but Jewish values also talk about the widow and the orphan. We're forgetting that, unfortunately."

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MATZAH MAKERS: Senior kindergarten students Ashley Rubinoff, left, and Jessica Shvartstein, of Associated Hebrew Schools' Thornhill branch, proudly display their unbaked matzah. They prepared it in their class, which was transformed into a matzah factory.

INTERFAITH SEDER: Grade 7 students at the Leo Baeck Day School's North Campus welcomed students from St. Joseph the Worker Catholic School and As-Sadiq Islamic School for an inter-faith seder. During the seder, Leo Baeck students took the opportunity to explain the various Passover traditions and customs to their peers while the other two schools presented pieces from their own cultures.

HELPING JAPAN: Grade 1 students at the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School display books they bought at a recent used book sale organized by the school's student council, which raised more than $800 for a Japanese earthquake relief.

PASSOVER STORIES: Children at the Miles Nadal JCC Nursery School were joined by JCC executive director Ellen Cole, middle, who celebrated Shabbat with them by singing and reading a humorous Passover story. With her, from left, is Jordi Silver, Brandon Adler, Olivia Winters, Mia Kanee, Abigail Martin, ECE director Cathy Indig, Aster Slawner, Jett Kafka, Gabriel Sims and Charlie Carriere.

FAMILY MOMENTS

Mazel Tov

The Canadian Jewish news

Nancy & Peter Klauber and Doris & Jeffrey Rosenthal happily announce the engagement of Andrea & Jordan. Proud siblings are Laura (Jamie) and Robi (Shawn).

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Thursday, April 21

LUNCH AND LEARN

Temple Har Zion's **Rabbi Cory Weiss** studies excerpts from Pirkei Avot during lunch and learn, noon-1 p.m. Thursdays until June 2. Bring a dairy or vegetarian, except for today, when the lunch must contain Passover-permitted foods. Call 905-889-2252 for more information.

JEWISH SONGWRITERS

The Great Jewish American Songbook – musicologist/pianist **Jordan Klapman** and his quartet perform songs by Broadway's legendary Jewish songwriters. Also appearing **Sharon Smith**, **Henry Heillig** and **Glenn Anderson.** 7:30 p.m. Temple Har Zion. Call 905-889-2252 for more information.

Saturday, April 23

OR HADASH SYNAGOGUE

Newmarket's Or Hadash Synagogue holds a Shabbat service and Torah Study with **Rabbi Michal Shekel**. Breakfast and Torah study begins 9:30 a.m. Contact info@orhadash.org.

Sunday, April 24

KULANU SEDER

Third annual Kulanu Toronto lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered Pesach seder, potluck and vegetarian. 30 Holly St. Party room, 6:30 p.m. $10 at the door. RSVP kulanutoronto@gmail.com, saying what food item you will be bringing.

Other News

JUDAH HALEVI

Mekorot presents **Dianna Roberts Zauderer,** speaking on "Judah Halevi: Poet, Pilgrim, Zionist?" Men and women welcome. Tuesdays, May 3-17, 8-9:15 p.m. Prosserman JCC. Info and registration, www.mekorot.ca.

MAY DAY PASSOVER SEYDER

The United Jewish People's Order honours its labour roots in a secular May Day Passover annual third seyder, which will include a section honouring the centennial of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire. **David Wall** , **Marilyn Lerner** and the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir will perform Sunday, May 1, 4:30 p.m., Sala Caboto, Villa Columbo, 40 Playfair Ave. Admission $45 adults, $25 children 3-6, $30 children 7-12, $30 students/unwaged. Evening includes Haggadah reading, music and traditional full-course Passover dinner. Reservtions, call 416-789-5502 or info@winchevskycentre.org.

ADON OLAM

Aviva Chernick, cantorial soloist and singer, will lead a program on Jewish sacred poetry, with a focus on *Adon Olam*. First Narayever Congregation, Saturday, April 30, after kiddush, about 1:30 p.m.

SHAAREI TEFILLAH COURSES

Courses include Learning to Pray with **Gord Lindsay**; Serenity; Shiurim with **Rabbi Moshe Stern**; The Mystical Meaning of the Hebrew alphabet; Daf Yomi; Jewish Meditation. Courses are for men, women or both. For a list of courses, times and dates, call Shaarei Tefillah, 416-787-1631.

Monday, May 16, 8 p.m. **Rebbetzin Chaya Malka Abramson,** "Triumph of Spirit." $10 in advance, $18 at the door. Register 416-787-16311.

YIDDISH THEATRE WORKSHOP

Committee for Yiddish and the Koffler Centre of the Arts presents Yiddish Theatre Workshop of *My Fair Lady* (*Mein Shaynaa Meidel*). Work with director **David Gale** on a play reading in Yiddish. Script available in transliteration. Eight-week workshop, Tuesdays 7-9 p.m., May 3-June 21. $100. Prosserman JCC. Call **Esther Klimitz**, 416-635-635-2883, ext. 5189, or eklimitz@ujafed.org.

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YOM HASHOAH

Shaar Shalom marks Yom Hashoah, with Shabbat in the Round, April 30. **Bernie Farber**, CEO of the Canadian Jewish Congress, gives the sermon, "L'dor Va Dor: From Generation to Generation, we shall remember."

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD

Call **Shawna Sidney,** 416-638-7800, ext. 6215.

When Relationships Hurt. Wednesday, April 27, 2011, Promenade Mall, Suite 313, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Living with Teens. Raising adolescents without losing your cool. Wednesday, April 27, 4600 Bathurst St., 7:30-9 p.m.

Successful Step-parenting – for couples living in blended families. 4600 Bathurst St., 7:30-9 p.m.

FOR SENIORS

Miles Nadal JCC Active Seniors. Co-ordinator, **Phyllis**, 416-924-6211, ext. 155. Introduction to Jewish Genealogy: Getting Started – learn about your family history and create a family tree.Thursday, April 28, 1:30 p.m Speaker **Henry Wellisch**, past president, Jewish Genealogy Society.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. 55+. **Valerie**, 416-395-7881. May 9, Lunch, Learn and Laugh. Noon. Casino Rama, Wednesday, May 18. Sunday dance, May 15. Tuesdays ongoing acrylic art classes, 10 a.m.-noon, Thursdays, line dancing, 10 a.m. Social bridge, 12:30 p.m. Seniors woodworking, skilled craftsmen, repairs, etc. Call 416-630-6487.

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Musicians who served in IDF perform for Yom Ha'atzmaut

Lauren Kramer
Pacific Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Every Yom Ha'atzmaut, Vancouverites are treated to the music of a vibrant, young Israeli band, and this year is no exception.

The group Mozaica will be starring in this year's performance at the Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts on May 9, and event co-chairperson Stephen Gaerber says the audience is in for a treat.

"Mozaica will perform traditional favourites that people will recognize, but they'll also include a number of more current songs as well – the type of music that young Israelis are listening to today. Their concert will be upbeat, joyous and a lot of fun," he says.

Eti Lam, Mozaica's manager, says the band's goal is "to bring the spirit of Israel's independence celebrations to the Jewish community in the same way it is celebrated in Israel. The energy and vivaciousness of young performers will capture and uplift your heart, and we welcome the opportunity to include our extended family as we celebrate our existence, our strength and our future."

The eight members of the group served in the army as singers and musicians. "They weren't a group in the IDF [Israel Defence Forces], but they have the same background, and all share [the] experience [of] being part of an army band," Lam says. All are in their early 20s, and have performed in Israel, Europe and the United States. On their upcoming trip to Canada, they will be stopping in Edmonton before returning to Israel.

"Vancouver Yom Ha'atzmaut audiences really enjoyed Dor Chadash and Kan Noladeti, two groups we've featured in the past that also came out of the IDF entertainment troupes," Gaerber says. "Since it's been a few years since we've had the chance to see true up-and-coming performers, 2011 seemed like the perfect time to feature Mozaica, a vibrant group of young Israeli performers, many of whom are already making names for themselves through their solo careers."

Supported by 59 local Jewish organizations, Yom Ha'atzmaut is one of the best attended and most popular Jewish events in Vancouver. "The vibe and energy of 1,500 people celebrating Israel together, singing along and dancing in the aisles, is absolutely incredible," Gaerber says. "It's a great opportunity to celebrate Israel and to feel part of the community."

He adds that thanks to contributions from individual and corporate sponsors, ticket prices are very affordable and those who cannot afford to purchase tickets are given them at no charge through the Tickets to Inclusion program, and distributed through Shalom BC and the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver.

Visit www.jewishvancouver.com for tickets.

GREAT DEBATERS: More than 50 students from the Toronto Heschel School, the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School and Robbins Hebrew Academy's (RHA) Beth Tzedec campus took part April 11 in the first ever Middle School Jewish Day School Debating League competition, held at Heschel. From left, Paul Penna students Gavi Swayze and Samuel Brooks finished behind RHA students Amanda Szpindel and Emma Friedman.

Census data required to plan for services

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The federation analyzes census data only from the long form – issued once a decade in years ending with the digit "1"– because only the long form asks questions on ethnicity and religion.

One-third of all Canadians will receive the voluntary NHS long form, compared to 20 per cent who used to get the mandatory one, but Shahar said that the apparent advantage of sending it to more households "is completely cancelled out by the voluntary nature of the survey."

He said there needs to be "at least" an 80 per cent response rate to the NHS for the data to be considered reliable.

Shahar said the federation in Montreal is especially targeting haredi Jews, Russian Jews and Israelis in the campaign to fill out the voluntary NHS, since they might be "less inclined… for various reasons."

Similarly, the campaign will also target those who might be "less responsive" to the voluntary NHS, such as the poor, the uneducated, renters and immigrants.

"It might be true that these groups are less inclined to answer" a voluntary form, Shahar said, but "those are exactly the groups we are targeting for services."

Linda Kislowicz, CEO of UIA Federations Canada, said the long census has been used as a Jewish community planning tool in areas related to education, seniors and poverty. "It could determine allocation of funding.

"If we don't get a large critical mass of people [completing the survey], it won't be useful."

UIAFC is working with local federations to reach people in their communities through synagogues, organizations and advertisements in order to encourage them to fill out the forms, Kislowicz said.

A meeting will be held May 5 in Toronto for executive directors and lay leaders of all Jewish communal organizations about the importance of the survey to the Jewish community and how they can mobilize their constituencies to take part.

'Neutral' reporting obscures murderous truth

"Violence Rises as Israel and Hamas Trade Blows," the headline to the April 9 *New York Times* story by Fares Akram and Ethan Bronner, was typical of the coverage of renewed violence around Israel's southern border. That is to say, the impression that what transpired was just more "tit-for-tat" fighting between Israel and Gaza dominated the reporting. "Israel said its attacks [killing three more militants" in Gaza on April 9] were in retaliation for a Hamas missile strike on an Israeli school bus on [April 7] that critically wounded a 16-year-old boy. Hamas said it fired at the bus because Israel had killed three militants last week."

The problem with this sort of neutral tallying or score-keeping is that news outlets thereby fail to convey a "deeper" but basic truth. "Tit-for-tat" is part of the story, but it's far from the whole story. It doesn't convey the crucial fact that Hamas and groups operating in Gaza adhere to a policy of firing rockets into southern Israel in order to kill Israeli civilians deliberately.

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

Conveying truth that requires providing essential background or context doesn't mean a reporter is taking sides.

Some media analysts have noted that in an age of relativism – when truth is often deemed to be relative to different sides in a conflict – it's unrealistic to expect a correspondent to decide what is "objectively" true. Others would say this is a cop-out and an approach not applied elsewhere in the Middle East.

Journalists, for example, had no problem reporting from Egypt in January about the truth concerning the clash between those protesting for freedom and forces supporting the repressive, corrupt regime of Hosni Mubarak. Many of the same journalists are now forced to struggle with the question of whether Egypt is moving toward democracy, despite the most recent crackdown by military authorities on protesters. This uncertainty should not impair their responsibility to seek the truth.

Returning to Akram and Bronner's account (told primarily from Gaza), their "neutrality" extended even further: "Sami Abu Zuhri, a Hamas spokesman, said that militant groups were restraining themselves and that their rocket attacks were 'restricted and controlled.'" No mention was made that such attacks, intentionally launched against civilians, are deemed to be war crimes. By allowing the term "restricted and controlled" to go unexplained and unchallenged (as though if it were true – which it's not – this would mitigate the crime), the *Times* left the impression, even unwittingly, that Hamas is somehow trying to act responsibly. If the inclusion of that sentence wasn't meant to convey irony, it's as risible as it is absurd.

Hamas terrorists fired a tank missile at this school bus last week in southern Israel. *[Israel Sun photo]*

But it's Akram and Bronner's attempt to strike "balance" between what Hamas and Israel said about the April 7 rocket attack on the school bus that's noteworthy: "A spokesman for the military wing of Hamas who calls himself Abu Obeida said the Israeli school bus hit on [April 7] was moving between military installations on a road usually used by the military and from which shells were often fired at Gaza. Col. Leibovich, the [Israeli] military spokeswoman, said both assertions were groundless. The bus had been dropping off children and using a normal civilian road, she said."

The *Times*' Isabel Kershner had reported the previous day that the "military wing" of Hamas had claimed responsibility for targeting the school bus. She noted that Hamas had issued a statement claiming that this attack was "an initial response to the occupation's crimes." (Still, Kershner also fell into the trap of tit-for-tatting when she spoke about the ebb and flow of violence along the border marked by "heavy rocket and mortar fire from Gaza" and "repeated Israeli air strikes in Gaza.")

To find the deeper, contextual truth about what really went on, one had to turn to an April 11 *National Post* editorial that referred bluntly to Hamas' "indiscriminate bloodlust" for Israeli civilians and Jews – of any age.

If only the truth – as opposed to unsubstantiated opinion – contained in this editorial were present in the *Times* news reports.

Paul Michaels is communications director for the Canada-Israel Committee.

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McGill U principal defends Israeli university ties

Compiled by CJN Staff

MONTREAL — Heather Munroe-Blum, McGill's principal, has defended the university's ties with Hebrew University of Jerusalem, accusing opponents of cowardice.

In an April 4 letter, Munroe-Blum responded to an editorial in the university's main student newspaper, the *McGill Daily*, calling for the rescinding of the first formal partnership between the two universities, announced last fall.

"The suggestion that McGill cease to engage with another bona fide university – any bona fide university – because of political controversy in that university's geopolitical environment goes against everything McGill stands for," she wrote. "It suggests a cowardice that I, as principal of this great university, categorically reject."

McGill University and Hebrew U have agreed to collaborate in the areas of epigenetics, international business, food safety and water management, and human rights law.

In association with the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, more than $1.5 million has been raised privately to realize these academic and student exchanges. Munroe-Blum was presented with Hebrew U's highest citation, the Mount Scopus Award, at a dinner in Montreal last November for her personal effort in solidifying the ties.

The *Daily* editorial especially objects to a joint program on human rights law. McGill's Centre for Human Rights and Pluralism and Hebrew U's Minerva Centre for Human Rights are set to inaugurate a credit-granting summer program. The focus will be on each country's experience in accommodating cultural diversity.

McGill students are being offered the opportunity to study this August at Hebrew U, and their Israeli counterparts are to study in Montreal in 2012, rotating between the two cities every year after.

The editorial board of the *Tribune*, an independent campus newspaper run by students, wrote that "through this program, McGill is effectively supporting the legal apparatus that has allowed the State of Israel to systematically discriminate against Palestinians in the occupied territories, as well as in Israel."

The *Tribune* also finds fault with Hebrew U itself, charging that it expanded into occupied land in east Jerusalem and that it has ties with the Israel Defence Forces.

The paper also carried a report that a group of McGill law students met with university administrators last month to express their opposition to the partnership.

Munroe-Blum said the contention that the partnership could contribute to or worsen the plight of Palestinians is "without foundation."

"Your inability to separate geopolitical issues from knowledge-based research projects conducted by respected scholars is evidence of a clouded vision…

"It is this view – that we should avoid engaging with any scholars on such important issues – that every member of the McGill community should find most troubling."

Young adults asked to help plan Ottawa's Jewish future

Diane Koven
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — The face of the Jewish community is changing and its organizational structure will have to change dramatically to ensure future continuity.

That was the message of a one-day symposium held here April 3 Called "openOttawa." Organized by the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, the aim was to engage the community's young adults to help determine what direction the organized Jewish community will take, with the idea that what worked in the past won't necessarily work in the future

Co-chaired by Naomi Hirshberg, a federal public servant, and Howard Fremeth, who lectures in communications at the University of Ottawa, the event was attended by approximately 60 young adults and 10 community leaders.

"We recognize that there are many people… in Ottawa who are not connected with the organized institutions, and the idea was to reach out to them to figure out how to better make these connections between the lay-leaders and the organized Jewish community," Hirshberg said.

"The openOttawa symposium committee undertook a social mapping exercise. We identified nodes in the community – public service, health care, youth groups, new to Ottawa – to name a few, and then people we thought fit these nodes. The committee members contacted people and invited them to the symposium."

Guiding and facilitating the day were Josh Avedon and Shawn Landres, co-founders of Jumpstart, a Los-Angeles based organization that calls itself a "thinkubator for sustainable Jewish innovation." Other speakers were Scott McGrath, leadership chair of the Annex Shul in Toronto, and Eli Malinsky, director of programming at the Centre for Social Innovation in Toronto.

Participants took part in break-out groups and discussions on a variety of topics: "Community organizing – how to take an idea and move it to action"; "Engineering serendipity – how do you find something that you are passionate about?"; "Young adult engagement – how do you connect young Jewish adults?"; "Diversity and inclusion – how do we build that?"; "Spiritual and cultural communities – what that 'new Jewish' feeling is", and "Social action and activism."

Young Jewish adults engage in discussion at the recent openOttawa conference.

"Over time, it became clear to the organizing committee that openOttawa cannot be conceived as just a one-day symposium," Fremeth said.

"Instead, we begin to think of it as a process or conversation about transforming the way young adults are engaged. To keep the conversation going, we will have more, less-formal symposiums open to anyone. We are also meeting with participants to discuss the implementation of initiatives raised at the symposium," he added.

Hirshberg concurred. "Engaging the young Jewish generation is an issue in cities across Canada, and Ottawa initiated the conversation with the openOttawa symposium on this issue and to make improvements within our community now and for the future."

PJ Library marks first year in Vancouver

Lauren Kramer
Pacific Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The PJ Library program in Vancouver is a year old now, and as children age out of the program, 60 new spots are opening up this spring and summer.

The program started five years ago in western Massachusetts as an initiative of Jewish philanthropist Harold Grinspoon. Today, there are some 60,000 kids across North America receiving books as part of the PJ Library – including children in Montreal, Calgary and Winnipeg.

Kids are eligible from birth to age five, and receive 11 books and one CD a year per subscription. All the subscriptions are free to the recipient, though their cost is $100 each. Of that $100, $60 comes from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and $40 is provided by matching funds from regional Jewish agencies, synagogues and donor families. The Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver earmarked $150,000 last year, when the program began, to see it through to 2013.

"There's been no new money set aside since then," says Becky Solomon, director of marketing and communications at federation. "But we've been running a lot of outreach programs in outlying areas like White Rock and Burquest, taking services to the areas where people are living. These are families for whom it's not easy to connect to the Jewish community, so this is a really important opportunity for them."

At a recent Pesach program at the Jewish Community Centre, children heard a Passover story and made cushions for their seats at the seder table. At the Purim carnival a few weeks ago, there was a PJ Library story time as well. "It's important not just for the kids, because programs like this allow parents connect with each other, too," says Solomon.

The Levitt family is one of 360 local families receiving books as part of the program, and Stacey Levitt says her 22-month-old daughter, Aliya, always picks one of the PJ Library books first. "*Passover!*, by Roni Schotter, is her current favourite, Levitt says. "It's helping us introduce Passover traditions and stories to her in way that she can connect with. She can point to the Passover foods in the book, and she's even learning the Hebrew words for them, which is pretty cool. She'll be able to recognize them when we're at the seder."

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Students get active

Calgary Hillel's vice-president of Israel affairs, Cara Lebenzon, waves an Israeli flag at an April 1 Israel Day tabling event at the University of Calgary. The international relations student said the event's information, videos and literature exposed students to Israel's cultural, technological and humanitarian accomplishments. The Israel Day table also promoted the Canadian Federation of Jewish Student's Size Doesn't Matter campaign – meant to present Israel in a positive light – and featured a free falafel and Israeli salad lunch.

From left, Jewish students Lauren Chad, Kortney Shapiro and Rebecca Silverhart raised awareness and funds last month at the University of Western Ontario for the One Family Fund, an Israeli organization that helps victims of terror with financial support, psychological counselling, therapeutic workshops and support groups. Inspired by the terror attack in Itamar last month in which five members of the Fogel family were murdered, Shapiro helped launch the student-led One for One campaign under the auspices of the One Family Fund. In just one day, the students raised more than $220 and hope to expand the campaign to campuses nation-wide.

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Israeli ex-pats adjust to being Jewish in Canada

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

When starting a new life in a foreign country, it's normal to face challenges in adapting to a different culture, language, and climate.

But some Israelis who immigrated to Toronto years ago didn't realize how different the concept of belonging to a Jewish community would be here compared to the environment they left behind.

Ora Shulman, 51, said that when she and her husband decided to move to Toronto in the mid-1980s, she quickly learned that feeling Jewish in Toronto takes more of an effort than it does in Israel.

Shulman, vice-principal of Associated Hebrew Schools' Posluns campus on Neptune Drive, said that when she lived in Israel, she "could feel the presence of Shabbat when the Egged [public transportation] buses stopped their service, and the siren announced that Shabbat is beginning. While I was not so observant myself at this time, I was surrounded by the atmosphere around me, and when everything came to a standstill, I knew Shabbat was there."

Shulman said that when she came to Canada, she realized that "it is my responsibility to create rituals and symbolism to distinguish Shabbat from other days and to find new meaning in the concept of Shabbat, as the inherent practices in Israel are not present here."

Rabbi Israel Landa, who came to Toronto as an emissary of Chabad-Lubavitch in 1989, and is the director of the Chabad Israeli Community Centre, said that each Israeli who moves here goes through his or her own process of coming to terms with the differences between being a Jew in Israel and being a Jew in Canada.

"Israelis come from a 'default' Judaism. The traffic in the street reminds you if it's Shabbat or Yom Kippur, the language is the biblical language and everything is intertwined with the family," said Rabbi Landa, who leads an Israeli congregation at the Lubavitch shul at Chabad Gate in Thornhill.

"But people in Israel are making a mistake by thinking that you don't need more than that – that you don't need religion because they have Israel and the language."

He said that when they come here, they're faced with a new situation.

"All of a sudden, they don't know what it means to be a Jew. The traffic doesn't do it for me. The newspapers don't do it for me. I have to do it for me. So there is a search for meaning, a search for understanding and identity."

Israel Meidan, who immigrated to Toronto in 1986 when he was 35 years old with his wife and two children, said he was brought up in an observant home in Ramat Gan.

He said that about four years after they moved to Toronto, they realized that they weren't able to fulfil their Jewish needs on their own.

"We felt that, to quote my wife's words, that once in Canada, one needs to belong to a community to be able to keep our Jewish heritage and roots alive," Meidan said.

"The way life in Israel is arranged – and I'm talking about the relationship between the people and the shul – is different from what it is here. In Israel, one simply walks into a shul and he doesn't need to be member, because [shuls are supported by] the government."

Shulman said the concept of belonging to a synagogue is much more central to Jewish Canadians, because it serves as a centre for Jewish life.

"The celebration of holidays and life-cycle events are connected to the synagogue. When I was in Israel, this was not as much the case. Life here forces one to put their 'Jewishness' into practice," Shulman added.

Rabbi Landa, who estimated that there are about 50,000 former Israelis in the Greater Toronto Area, said that even if Israelis do go to shul, they most likely aren't members.

"That concept doesn't exist in Israel. In Israel, religion and state is one. The government builds the synagogues, pays the rabbis and buys prayer books every two years. So it's very foreign to them," he said.

Meidan said that since he and his wife decided to reach out to Rabbi Landa and the Chabad community, his family has become much more observant and connected to the Israeli community here.

"Now, I pray three times a day. I used to... only do it during Shabbat or holidays," he said.

Shulman and Meidan both said that they've become more observant since they moved to Toronto, because feeling like they're part of the Jewish community depends on their direct involvement.

But Anat Hoffman, executive director of Jerusalem's Israel Religious Action Center, a legal advocacy arm of the Reform movement in Israel, said that some of her experiences growing up in Jerusalem actually turned her off from being more observant.

"Talk to the Israelis in Toronto," she said. "They will tell you they started to warm up to Judaism at minus 20 [degrees] in Toronto, because of rabbis that actually could talk to them, teachers who didn't tell them what they're not, but told them what they could be."

She said when she was 10 years old, her grandmother sent her into an Orthodox synagogue to tell her grandfather to come home for lunch.

She was stopped by a man who said, "Girl, doesn't your mother teach you how to dress?" and kept her from giving him the message.

"That person that kicked me out thought he was protecting Judaism. What he did is stop me from going to shul until I came to [Los Angeles] 10 years later," Hoffman said.

Hoffman believes that attitudes like those is what makes Israeli immigrants the hardest Jews to attract to synagogues.

"They were exposed to a state religion that they rejected."

Rabbi Landa said that he sees that in some of the Israelis he serves in Toronto.

"They come with a negative feeling toward the establishment. They are not fans of the establishment system."

So when they are asked to become members of synagogues and become affiliated with Jewish organizations, they are wary of doing so.

One of the ways that Rabbi Landa reached out to the Israeli community in Toronto was by establishing a congregation where "they speak Hebrew, there is no one at the door collecting tickets, and no fees."

Manny Yehoshua, 63, who moved to Toronto in 1994, said that when he lived in Israel, he observed Shabbat and all the Jewish holidays, but like Hoffman, he has negative memories about the Orthodox community.

Yehoshua explained that when he and his family moved from Iraq to Israel in the 1950s, when he was just a toddler, they were part of the *Ma'aborot*, Jews who lived in refugee camps that were erected to accommodate Jewish European and Middle Eastern refugees.

Yehoshua said they lived in a tent for 2-1/2 years and later moved to a shack, where they resided for another six years, near the Orthodox town of Bnei Brak.

He said he recalled the way Orthodox European Jews would look down on his family.

"They never accepted us as Jewish. Even my father who would be on his way to the synagogue... they would call us 'goyim.' I really didn't like them. They rejected us. I felt really bad. I thought, 'My father, who was on his way, with a kippah, to the synagogue, they called him a goy?' I couldn't understand that," Yehoshua said.

Despite the discrimination his family faced from other religious Jews, he never distanced himself from the religion, which he credits to his parents who always set an example at home.

Still, he recalled that as a teenager, when he was a soldier with the Israel Defence Forces, he was skeptical about the Chabad representatives who visited his army base as part of their outreach initiative.

"To me, the Chabad people were like the neighbours who had called us goyim."

Yehoshua said that he didn't feel the need to go to shul regularly, and like most other Israelis, he would only go on the High Holidays.

However, that attitude changed once he moved to Toronto. He realized that he would have to lead his children by example in the same way that his father did.

After connecting with the Israeli Chabad community, Yehoshua said he is more observant here in Toronto than he was in Israel.

"There's no doubt about it. I go every Shabbat to shul, and I never used to do that," he said.

"I have a lot of respect for Chabad and what they're doing. I can't imagine myself without Chabad the last 14, 15 years. I'm quite sure we'd be at least 30 per cent less [observant] that what we are now. Whether or not you have a kippah on your head, you are equal. You can go and learn whatever you want."

Rabbi Landa, who has developed a reputation as an Orthodox rabbi who serves a secular community, said that his strategy to connect with the Israeli community is not to approach it like an Orthodox rabbi would.

"It's my title, but I'm not doing the work of a rabbi, preaching and teaching. My work is not rabbinical work," he said.

"It's about helping them with their Jewish needs."

With files from Frances Kraft

Rabbi Israel Landa teaches children how to shake a lulav on Sukkot. *[Ronen Kedem photo]*

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From Twitter to Tura prison

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Opinion

The Arab spring has turned into a gloomy autumn. The revolution in Egypt, which at first seemed to be a spontaneous uprising of the Facebook and Twitter generation, is gradually beginning to resemble the revolutions we are familiar with from other places. The overthrown ruler and his sons were taken this week from the place where they were under house arrest in Sharm el-Sheikh to full detention. There are no happy revolutions. The violence merely changes sides.

Hosni Mubarak was arrested and interrogated next to his hospital bed while his sons were taken to the Tura prison in Cairo, where the Israeli, Azzam Azzam, was once imprisoned. Gamal Mubarak, wearing a track suit and unshaven, seemed like a pale shadow of the heir apparent in a smart suit he was a few months ago. "He couldn't believe it was happening to him," a source in the Egyptian prisons service told the official organ *Al-Ahram*.

There is no protracted investigation in Egypt, no wavering over an indictment or a hearing for senior officials, as in Israel. First they arrested former ministers in the Egyptian government, and after they revealed what they needed to in the interrogation room, it was time for arrest warrants against the former leader and his sons. The demonstrators in the square demanded Mubarak's head, and the generals supplied them with the goods.

What happened to Mubarak explains the determination of the other tyrants in the Arab world to fight for their rule. That is why Syrian leader Bashar Assad is shooting those who demonstrate against him. Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi is "fighting to the death," and the Yemeni president is refusing to step down even after the Americans have removed their patronage of him.

The Saudi royal house, which rules over the least democratic regime in the region, is carrying out its war of survival across its borders, in Yemen and Bahrain. That is where the struggle between Iran and the United States over hegemony in the region will be decided.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met with then Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak earlier in the year. Over the years they had developed a strong mutual rapport. *[Israel Sun photo]*

Last week, Thomas Friedman wrote a melancholy article in the *New York Times* about how the Arab revolution had lost its naiveté and now resembles the breaking up of Yugoslavia rather than the "velvet" revolutions of eastern Europe. Friedman is still hoping that democracy will triumph in the Middle East as in eastern Europe, but it seems that he, too, has understood that Tahrir Square is not the Berkeley University of California campus of the 1960s.

Friedman's bewilderment reflects the helplessness felt by the governments in the West that want to be seen as supporting freedom and democracy, while at the same time preserving their strategic outposts and avoiding military entanglements. The result sounds like "The Uncertain Trumpet," the name given to his book by the American strategist of the 1960s, General Maxwell Taylor: fighting against Gadhafi in Libya, but only from afar and with a small force so as not to dirty one's hands and prevent losses that will look bad at home. Speaking in favour of freedom and against repression but shaking with fear lest the regime in Saudi Arabia collapse, and with it the oil economy on which the western way of life depends. Presenting the revolution as a popular uprising and understanding that the real battle is for hegemony over the Middle East, and is being conducted with the classic tools of struggles for power and control.

And just as the revolution has returned to familiar patterns, so, too, the attitude toward Israel. The euphoria of the early days, when the demonstrators concentrated on calls for democracy, ended last Friday with a demonstration by 2,000 people outside the Israeli embassy in Cairo. The candidates to replace Mubarak have become more extreme in their expressions against Israel, and the temporary regime is growing closer to Iran and wants to amend the natural gas contract with the Israel Electric Corporation. From their point of view, this is the ideal policy – the right-wing government in Jerusalem is isolated in the international community, and it is possible to attack it as much as they want without having to pay any price in Egypt's ties with America and Europe.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will continue to miss Mubarak, knowing full well that he will have a much more difficult time with his replacement, especially at a time when Israel is fighting a rearguard battle against having to leave the territories under international pressure.

Netanyahu concerned

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JERUSALEM — Three months into the Egyptian revolution, Israel is concerned that the new government's policy toward Israel could become hostile, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told European Union ambassadors last week in Jerusalem.

"I am very concerned over some of the voices we've been hearing from Egypt recently," Netanyahu told the envoys. "I'm especially concerned over the current Egyptian foreign minster's statements."

Netanyahu's remarks echo the opinions of some senior Foreign Ministry officials following statements made by senior Egyptian officials and demonstrations of thousands of Egyptians outside the Israeli Embassy in Cairo and its consulate in Alexandria.

A senior Foreign Ministry official said a few senior Egyptian officials have uttered harsh statements in the past two weeks and even called Israel "the enemy." Egyptian Finance Minister Samir Radwan, for example, referring to the possibility of Israeli investments in Egypt, said Egypt did not need investments from "the enemy."

This statement angered Israel, especially in view of Egyptian requests in the past months for help with investments or in receiving more aid from the U.S. Congress.

A minister from the forum of seven – the government's top seven ministers – told *Ha'aretz* that in Israel, there are fears that as the September elections in Egypt draw closer, candidates will make harsh anti-Israel statements to win public favour.

Violence continues in Syria

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JERUSALEM — A senior Syrian military officer was assassinated over his unwillingness to open fire at anti-government protesters, websites linked to Syrian opposition groups said on Monday.

According to the report, a Syrian colonel was killed along with two of his sons as part of what the opposition websites are calling a new policy by Bashar Assad's regime, geared at getting rid of officers who show sympathy toward protesters.

The report came as human rights groups claimed earlier Monday that Syrian forces killed 12 protesters overnight in the central city of Homs in clashes after the death of a tribal leader in custody.

"Homs is boiling. Security forces and the regime thugs have been provoking armed tribes for a month now. But civilians in large numbers also took to the streets in different areas of Homs last night and they were shot at in cold blood," the rights campaigner told Reuters.

The violence comes shortly after Syrian security forces killed three mourners on a highway outside the town of Talbiseh, slightly north of Homs, on Sunday, when they opened fire on a funeral that had turned into a demonstration, two witnesses said.

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on the untimely passing of their beloved husband, father and father-in-law

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Hamas rejects Schalit deal

Citing an Israeli political source, the newspaper *A-Sharq al-Awsat* reported last week that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had offered Hamas a deal in exchange for Gilad Schalit, the Israeli soldier who was abducted by Hamas in 2006. The deal was accepted by the movement's political branch but rejected by its military wing. The reported differences have led Netanyahu to give up on that proposal, the source supposedly said, adding that the offer had been better than the one offered by former prime minister Ehud Olmert. Hamas has been insistent in its demand that some 1,400 prisoners be released from Israeli jails in return for handing over Schalit. Israel has balked at a number of the names on Hamas' list – which includes some responsible for deadly terror attacks in Israel – agreeing to free around 980 prisoners. Negotiations have stalled numerous times.

PA asks for $5 billion

The Palestinian Authority is asking western countries for nearly $5 billion (all funds US) in order to develop a Palestinian state. PA Prime Minister Salam Fayyad announced his plans to representatives of western countries during a meeting last week in Brussels, Reuters reported. The plan calls for $1.467 billion in 2011, $1.754 billion in 2012 and $1.596 billion for 2013. It reportedly will be presented formally to donor countries at a pledging conference in June. "The journey has been long and arduous, but the end is now in sight. We are now in the home stretch to freedom," Fayyad wrote in the plan's introduction, according to Reuters.

U.S. blocks Quartet initiative

The United States reportedly blocked an initiative by other major powers to outline an Israeli-Palestinian peace settlement. The three other members of the Quartet guiding Middle East peace talks – the United Nations, the European Union and Russia – had pressed for publication of such an initiative as early as last week, the Associated Press reported. The United States, which usually leads the Quartet initiatives, nixed the idea, saying it was not the right time. Such an outline would include borders and solutions for the Palestinian refugees and for sharing Jerusalem. Talks have been stalled since September, when the Palestinian Authority walked out, ostensibly because Israel would not extend a partial freeze on settlement building.

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Suspects arrested in Itamar murders

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JERUSALEM — Israel will not agree to have its citizens massacred, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday, following the arrest of two suspects linked to the deadly Itamar terror attack.

He said the arrest of the two Palestinian teens proved that Israel would always reach and punish those who attempt to harm its citizens.

Netanyahu's comments came after a gag order lifted earlier Sunday revealed that Israeli security forces have arrested two teenage residents of the West Bank Arab village of Awarta for allegedly carrying out last month's murder of five family members in the settlement of Itamar.

Palestinian students Amjad Awad, 19, and Hakim Awad 18, both admitted to committing the murders.

Five members of the Fogel family were brutally stabbed to death in their home in the West Bank settlement of Itamar on the night of March 11. The murderers killed Ehud and Ruth Fogel, along with three of their young children, Yoav, 11, Elad, 4, and Hadas, 3 months old, before fleeing the scene.

Amjad Awad

Hakim Awad

[Flash90 photos]

The two suspects, who are unrelated to each other, were identified as members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, along with several members of their families.

Speaking at a ceremony marking the replacement of Israel's Prison Service's chief, Netanyahu said Sunday that, while he did not expect the arrest would lift the Fogel family's spirits, it was nonetheless evidence that "we won't accept the massacre of our own people.

"We don't know if arresting the killers provides a complete answer, but without it, even a partial one is impossible," the prime minister said.

According to the lifted gag order, six additional Palestinian suspects were also arrested in connection to the crime, four of whom belong to the same family.

The six purportedly aided the two alleged perpetrators in hiding the murder weapon and in suppressing additional evidence.

One of the six is a member of the Popular Front organization, whom the suspects supposedly asked for a weapon to carry out a terror attack.

Another one of the six is a resident of Ramallah at whose home the murder weapon was hidden.

Shin Bet investigators have not said that the murder was carried out under the auspices of the Popular Front organization. According to what is currently known, the murders were carried out independently by the two suspects.

The investigation revealed that the two suspects decided that they would carry out the murder on Friday afternoon, hours before the murder was carried out. According to the investigation, the two left Awarta at nine p.m. carrying an umbrella, several knives and wire-cutting shears.

According to the investigation, it took the suspects about 10 minutes to cut the fence that separates the settlement of Itamar from the Palestinian village of Awarta. They climbed the security barrier at the settlement unnoticed and walked about 400 metres into the settlement. Once inside the settlement, they broke into an empty home and stole an M-16 rifle, a weapons cartridge, a vest and a helmet before proceeding to the Fogel family's home.

Before entering the house, the suspects noticed Yoav and Elad Fogel in the home's window. Yoav and Elad were the first to be stabbed after the suspects entered the home. The suspects then entered the parents' room. Ehud and Ruth tried to fight off the attackers, but were eventually overcome and stabbed to death. Ruth was also shot, but due to the weather at the time of the murder, the gunshots were not heard. The suspects fled the home, fearing that the gunshots had been heard. Outside the home, the suspects realized that their gunshots had gone unnoticed and they had not yet been discovered. Amjad Awad subsequently re-entered the home in order to steal an additional M-16 rifle that was there. Back inside the parents' room, Awad noticed three-month-old Hadas and stabbed her to death. While leaving the home once more, the suspect noticed that there were more children but apparently figured that he was running out of time. The lives of Roi , 8, and Yishai, 2, were spared.

The two suspects escaped the settlement at around 11 pm. An hour and a half later, 12-year-old Tamar returned home from a youth group meeting and discovered the murder scene.

During the time that lapsed before the murder was discovered, the suspects fled Itamar and arrived back at Awarta, at the home of Salah Awad, the uncle of Hakim. According to the investigation, the suspects told Salah what they had done. Salah helped them hide the knives that they used in the murder and the weapons that they stole, as well as helped burn their clothes, which were covered in blood.

According to a senior Shin Bet official, despite the suspects' young age, Hakim and Amjad "described what they did with self-control and did not express regret over their actions at any stage of the investigation."

The same official said that the two suspects went to Itamar with the clear intention of carrying out a terror attack and stealing weapons.

Boy hurt in Gaza rocket attack dies

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JERUSALEM — The teenager who was critically wounded after Gaza militants launched an anti-aircraft missile at a school bus in southern Israel earlier this month succumbed to his wounds Sunday.

Sixteen-year-old Daniel Viflic died in the Soroka Medical Center in Be'er Sheva after his condition seriously deteriorated last week.

The missile hit the bus travelling near Kibbutz Sa'ad just moments after it had dropped off the rest of the children, wounding Viflic and the bus driver, who was moderately wounded by shrapnel in his leg.

"Sadly, Daniel passed away this afternoon," said Shaul Sofer, the director of the intensive care unit at Soroka. "It wasn't a surprise for us. He arrived in critical condition, and shortly afterward, his brain stopped functioning. Due to the sensitive nature of the event, we continued treatments despite knowing that he had no chance of recovery."

Yitzhak Viflic, Daniel's father, thanked the doctors and those who supported his family. "Daniel fought but passed away calmly. I am positive he is in a good place now."

Viflic was a resident of Beit Shemesh and studied in a yeshiva there. When he was wounded, he was on his way to the western Negev to visit his grandmother.

Following the bus attack, cross-border fire between Gaza and Israel seriously escalated. Palestinian militants fired dozens of rockets into southern Israel and Israel Defence Forces launched numerous attacks on targets in the Gaza Strip.

Living conditions worry Japanese: IDF officer

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JERUSALEM — Dr. Ofir Cohen Marom, a gynecologist, a colonel in the Israel Defence Forces and deputy to the chief medical officer, returned last week from two weeks in Japan, where he headed the IDF medical team sent there after the March 11 earthquake and tsunami. *Ha'aretz* spoke with him upon his return.

Ha'aretz: *You left Japan the day the radiation level at the Fukushima nuclear reactor (which was damaged by the tsunami) rose to seven, the highest category. Did you sense panic among the Japanese?*
Marom: Not really. For the locals, radiation is the least of their worries. Their living conditions at the moment are so miserable they are now worrying about where they will get bread and water beyond the next few hours. We just spent two weeks there, and now the infrastructure is already better, and there is a steady flow of food and water to keep them going, but many things are still lacking. They don't even talk about the radiation.
Ha'aretz: *Were you concerned?*
Marom: Before we left Israel, we were informed that the plans for our mission specifically stated that if the radiation level rises above the predetermined level, we were to evacuate immediately. Every member of the delegation had two personal radiation devices, and we also had with us a doctor who is an internationally renowned expert on radiation. In addition, we had a state-of-the-art device the team used to measure radiation levels in the air, water and on our patients.
Ha'aretz: *How far were you from the reactors in Fukushima?*
Marom: We maintained a minimum distance of around 150 kilometres. The Americans defined 60- to 80-kilometres radius around the reactor beyond which there was a threat, and even that had extra margins for safety.
Ha'aretz: *How was the location chosen for where you set up the clinic?*
Marom: The Japanese did not want to accept assistance from any country, even though numerous countries offered their help. As part of the ancient tradition, they always manage with their own devices. Even the rescue dogs sent to them from New Zealand were first placed in 10-day quarantine. Luckily for us, the mayor of Kurihara volunteered in Israel years ago, and he is a good friend of our ambassador in Tokyo.

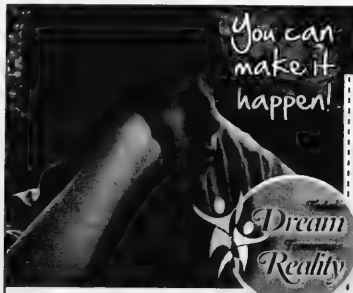
This mayor decided to look after the fishing village of Minamisanriku, an hour's ride from Kurihara. The village was completely destroyed by the tsunami that struck after the earthquake and nearly half of its 10,000 residents died. The rest were left without shelter, and the mayor, together with the ambassador, pressed for the Israeli delegation to go there.
Ha'aretz: *Your work was defined as "setting up a branch health clinic." What did you actually do there?*
Marom: We set up a medical service that basically became the anchor for all the services in that area. After our arrival was approved, we realized that there was no need for trauma medicine but for medical treatment for the hundreds of thousands of people roaming around without a roof over their heads.

They were brought to population centres, community centres and schools – several hundred to as many as 1,500 people at each venue, and there they were given food and water, but in the first weeks there were hardly any medical services. In some of the centres, there were no medical personnel at all; some had a single doctor with no equipment or medical support such as X-rays and other tools. They barely had a stethoscope. In our area, there were 9,000 survivors in dozens of centres.
Ha'aretz: *How did you organize for the mission to Japan?*
Marom: The requirement was that we should not be a burden to anyone there, because it was not possible to rely on the logistics. So we brought all of the food, water and gear with us. Other things we arranged to acquire from other parts of Japan. The main thing was to arrive without needing assistance from the Japanese authorities.

The delegation had 55 members, 30 medical personnel including 14 doctors, seven nurses, and nine medical logistics people, X-ray technicians and lab personnel. We brought a doctor from each relevant field – general surgery, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, internal medicine, gynecology, pediatrics and geriatrics – and we built a medical centre there that treated patients and also provided digital X-ray services and a state-of-the-art lab for doctors already there.

Minamisanriku, a village in Japan was devastated by the earthquake and tsunami. ***[Israel Sun photo]***

Ha'aretz: *How did the work with the local medical services proceed?*
Marom: Not all the Japanese liked the idea of our coming. The Japanese health system does not like people interfering, so we pretty much arrived against their will, and at first they limited what we could do. As the commander of the delegation, my job was to organize collaboration and persuade them that we came to help them, and not to replace them. Day by day, the collaboration grew and deepened. After four days, they agreed to have us send teams beyond the population centre where we were, to other centres, and even agreed to allow us to treat a few cases of people who could not leave their homes. We went to see pregnant women restricted to bed rest with a portable ultrasound to do examinations. Everything was done using vehicles we had organized and gasoline we purchased.
Ha'aretz: *You returned to Israel after two weeks, but a lot of work remains to be done there.*
Marom: We treated more than 200 patients there, but during our work there, we understood that beyond medical care, there is a need to rebuild infrastructure. The work there will not be finished in two months, and we went for a short time to provide basic needs in place of the local hospital, which was destroyed. Now they are better set up and over the last three days, we trained doctors to use all of the equipment we left and overlapped with them. Now the Japanese doctors are working there. Basically, we set up an anchor for the hospital until it is rebuilt.
Ha'aretz: *What conclusions did you reach about dealing with future disasters here in Israel?*
Marom: It's possible to learn a lot from Japan, primarily the need to do things according to plan. We have a tremendous capacity for flexibility – we do things from one day to the next on a level that advanced states are unable to do. But this is not an alternative to serious planning for potential disasters. A society that combines these two abilities will have the ultimate combination.



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Exercise offers huge benefits after 60

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By FELYCE ZOMPARELLI

Getting and staying fit in your 60s, 70s and 80s isn't hard, it just takes practice.

A recent study done by Dr. Paul Bhella of John Peter Smith Hospital, Fort Worth, Tex., found that individuals over age 65 who exercised four to five times a week regularly had a higher level of oxygen uptake than those under 34 who were sedentary – proving it is never too late to start.

Everyone, no matter how young or old, should be doing some kind of regular aerobic and strength training exercise. Only 32 per cent of adults 65 and older follow a regular exercise plan, and for those aged 45 to 64, the number is even lower – 30 per cent.

Aerobic exercise helps to improve the body's ability to use oxygen, which contributes to muscular endurance as well as muscular strength. Both are needed as we age if we want to continue to perform activities of daily living such as getting out of a chair or carrying groceries in from the car.

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MOTHER-DAUGHTER NIGHT: Ulpanat Orot's chesed committee for the school's annual Mother-Daughter Night charity fundraiser, organized an evening of learning, mitzvot and the warmth of family. This year, all proceeds are going to Aleh, an institution in Israel providing severely physically and cognitively impaired children with high-level medical and rehabilitative care in residential facilities. Pictured, standing from left are Avigail Blumenfeld, Nirelle Blumenfeld, Andrea Nathanson, Samara Nathanson, Orit Honigsberg, Terry Ginzburg and Vivienne Rootenberg, and, seated from left, Sheba Sanders, Esty Yeres, Faigie Frankel and Tiki Yeres *[Rebecca Ansel photo]*

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Cancer survivor hosts fundraiser

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

Russell Willer's world was turned upside down last year when he was diagnosed with stage 3 Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Russel Willer

The 25-year-old was in film school in Vancouver when he went to the doctor to check out a pain in his chest.

"Within four days, I came home to Toronto and began eight months of chemotherapy and radiation."

Now, as he's about to finish his treatments, he feels "extremely lucky" that his family and friends have rallied around to support him during his ordeal.

"My father, who is a health nut, had cancer 25 years ago, and he still supports Princess Margaret Hospital. We've gotten together a team of 18 people who are raising $2,500 each, and we're taking part in the 2011 Enbridge Ride to Conquer Cancer benefiting the Campbell Family Institute at the hospital.

"Our team will ride with heavy hearts, dedicating our efforts to countless families, like mine, who have been impacted by cancer, and to the many people who have lost loved ones to this terrible disease."

As a prelude to the ride, Willer is throwing a fundraising party, Strikeout Cancer, at Playtime Bowl, 33 Samor Rd., on May 7.

"I want to do more than the ride, and I want to celebrate with the people who helped me out during this difficult time."

The evening – he expects about 400 people – includes exclusive use of the 48-lane facility, food, drinks, prizes, and a silent auction with more than 100 items.

For tickets or sponsorship information, visit www.strikeoutcancer.info, or e-mail Willer at rjwiller@gmail.com

Egypt reviewing natural gas contracts

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JERUSALEM — The move had long been expected and is indeed taking shape: Egypt will review the contracts under which it supplies natural gas to Israel and Jordan, Egyptian Prime Minister Essam Sharaf said last week.

The revision could boost Egypt's income from natural gas sales by $3 billion to $4 billion (all figures US), the prime minister said.

State news agency MENA reported that Sharaf will meet with Jordanian Energy Minister Khaled Toukan to discuss gas deals and broader energy cooperation.

Egypt supplies about 40 per cent of the natural gas used in Israel. The deal between Cairo and Jerusalem had been struck during the term of former President Hosni Mubarak and had been controversial throughout. Criticism of Egypt's supply of gas – both in principle and the terms – gained momentum after Mubarak's ouster. Some critics claimed the terms with Israel symbolized the corruption of Mubarak's regime.

Meanwhile, four Israeli gas exploration partnerships will be raising about half a billion shekels ($146 million) in the weeks after Passover to finance the next stages of their explorations.

Isramco announced that it will be tapping investors for 113 million shekels ($33 million). Ratio Oil Exploration is reportedly planning to raise around 200 million shekels ($59 million) to 300 million shekels ($88 million). Delek Group partnerships will be borrowing 70 million shekels ($20 million) from the parent company and may tap the markets for more as well. Last year, the oil and gas exploration partners raised about a billion shekels ($293 million) in offerings to the public.

Egyptian Prime Minister Essam Sharaf *[US Dept. of Defense photo]*

Startup negotiating billion-dollar exit

Guy Grimland and Amitai Ziv
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JERUSALEM — Israeli startup Conduit is on the verge of negotiating a sale estimated at more than $1 billion (all figures US). Among the potential buyers being mentioned are such giants as Microsoft and Google.

Conduit, considered one of the most promising high-tech companies in Israel, was founded in 2005 and creates browser applications and toolbars and applications for smart phones. If the deal comes to fruition, it would be the biggest sale of an Internet firm in Israeli history.

Conduit's products allow anyone, including small firms, to create personalized toolbars. Clients range from small stores to the NBA and singer Rihanna.

The company raised $9.5 million in 2005 and 2008 from investors, and is considered profitable. It had revenues of about $100 million in 2009 and $300 million in 2010. Conduit has 250 employees in its centre in Nes Tziona, 100 of whom were hired in the last year.

Shaul Olmert, Conduit's chief marketing officer, refused to comment on a sale. "We have tried to build an Internet company on an international scale in Israel," he said. The company is committed to Israel and would continue to grow here, he added.

In the past, Conduit turned down a buyout offer of $100 million.

The company boasts 230 million users of its products – half the number of Facebook users, but more than LinkedIn and Twitter. Conduit is also more profitable than those firms, Olmert said.

The three founders, CEO and chairman Ronen Shilo, chief technology officer Dror Erez and chief operating officer Gaby Bilczyk, own 48 per cent of the company, and they will take home the biggest share of the money. The Yozma venture capital fund invested $1.5 million in the firm in 2005 and owns a 10 per cent share. Benchmark Capital holds 21 per cent after investing $8.5 million in 2008.

Mazda loses crown to Hyundai

Daniel Schmil
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JERUSALEM — Israel's car-importing sector reported strong figures for the first quarter of 2011 – and now it can be said: Mazda has lost its crown. Israelis' favourite car is the Hyundai.

Another interesting item from the first quarter is that March 2011 was the best month ever for Israel's car importers, with more than 24,000 new cars delivered. And March was the month in which the rankings of the cars changed.

For more than 15 years, the most popular car among Israelis was the Mazda, which had supplanted Mitsubishi as the top seller, a position it held almost every quarter. Imported by Delek Automotive, Mazda made terrific profits for the company and its executives. But in the first quarter of 2011, its place was taken by Hyundai.

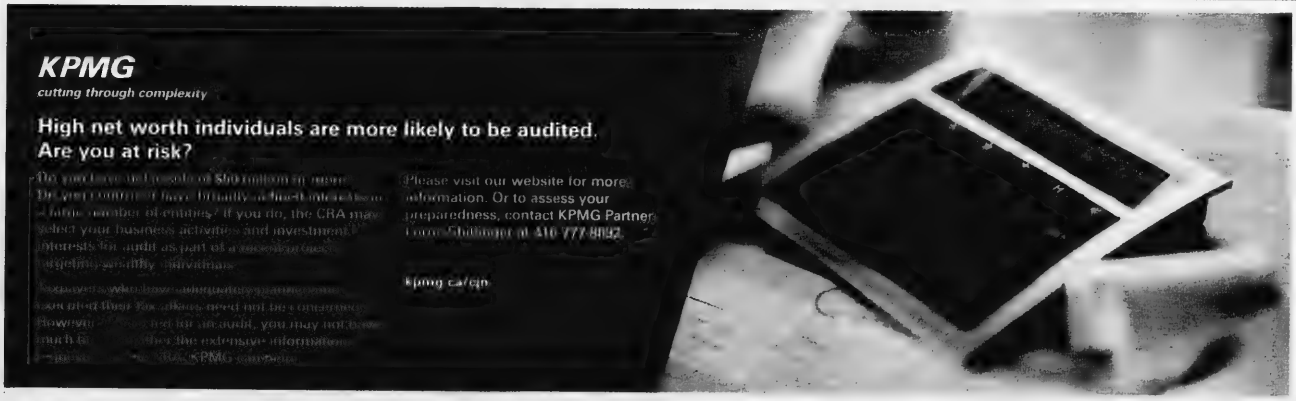
In March, Delek Automotive delivered 7,673 Mazdas, while Colmobil delivered 8,014 Hyundais.

In fact, Hyundai lost some of its market share in the first quarter. However, Mazda lost more.

Both lost ground to smaller brands, locally at least. Toyota sales rose 17 per cent against the same period in 2010, rising to third place, while Kia deliveries doubled year over year, lifting it to fourth place.

Kia did well by the shortage of Hyundai Accent cars and sold a great many Rio models to the Israel Defence Forces.

Total first-quarter sales came to 63,289 cars, importers report, an increase of 26 per cent compared with the same period of 2010.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A full sketch of J.D. Salinger

Bill Gladstone
Special to The CJN

Kenneth Slawenski's *J. D. Salinger: A Life* (Random House), published just one year after its subject's death at age 91, is an impressive, balanced and masterful literary biography of one of America's most famous – and famously reclusive – authors.

Salinger's most famous character, Holden Caulfield of *Catcher in The Rye* fame, once refrained from divulging "all that David Copperfield kind of crap" (biographical details) about himself and his family for fear that his parents "would have about two hemorrhages apiece."

Diligently weaving together material from a wide variety of sources, Slawenski gives us a welcome full sketch of Salinger that might have caused its subject a similar sort of conniption had he still been alive. However, Slawenski – a longtime Salinger scholar who runs a website about the author called deadcaulfields.com – is respectful, critically astute and attuned to the big themes of Salinger's life.

Jerome David Salinger was born into a middle-class Jewish family in New York on New Year's Day, 1919. His parents, who called him "Sonny," gave him a comfortable childhood and, as they grew more affluent, a prep-school and military-school education. His mother was indulgent, doting and overprotective, his father more realistic and increasingly concerned with discipline.

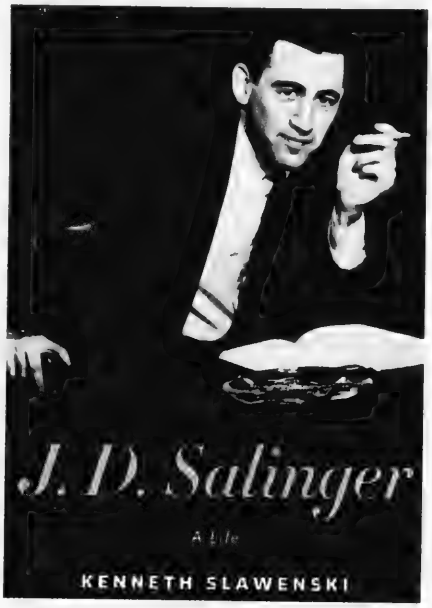
His father disapproved of his plan to be a writer and, after his stint at military school, sent him to Europe to learn the family business of sausage-making. Besides seeing the insides of Polish sausage factories, Salinger witnessed Nazi thugs terrorizing Jews on the streets of Vienna in 1938. Back home, he took a writing course and brought his natural sardonic wit into play on the page. "Several stories seemed to come from his typewriter at once," his instructor Whit Burnett would recall.

For a while he dated Oona O'Neill, the beautiful daughter of playwright Eugene O'Neill. He was infatuated with her and her breakup with him and subsequent marriage to film star Charlie Chaplin comprised "the great romantic tragedy" of his life, Slawenski asserts.

Many of Salinger's early stories were rejected by magazines like *Collier's Weekly*, *Saturday Evening Post* and *Story*, but his persistence paid off. However, "the slicks" often took shocking liberties with his prose, changed titles, and placed his stories amidst garish advertisements that seemed to cheapen them. He was elated when the *New Yorker* finally accepted his story, *Slight Rebellion off Madison* (one of several pre-*Catcher* tales that he wrote about Holden Caulfield) in 1941, but felt dejected when they postponed publication until after the war.

An officer in the 12th Infantry Regiment during the war, Salinger survived horrific battles, saw his buddies blown to bits and helped liberate the concentration camps: through it all, he continued to write whenever the opportunity arose. "The war, its horrors, agonies and lessons, would brand itself upon every aspect of Salinger's personality and reverberate through his writings," Slawenski writes. A singular high point was his friendship with Ernest Hemingway, then living in France, who knew of Salinger through his magazine stories. After the war, Salinger remained in Europe until 1946. He helped to track down war criminals in the American zone and was briefly married to a French woman.

When *Slight Rebellion off Madison* appeared in the *New Yorker* in December 1946, Salinger experienced the fulfilment of "his fondest dream since he had begun to write seriously." When he presented the *New Yorker* with another story, *The Bananafish* in 1947, the editors insisted upon extensive revisions. Months later, the much-improved piece was published as *A Perfect Day for Bananafish*. Readers were "intrigued by its elusive meaning and powerful ending," as they would be by the author's subsequent Glass family stories.



Published in 1951, *The Catcher in the Rye* was an instant bestselling sensation, propelling Salinger to a literary stardom that he abhorred. "Holden's meandering thoughts, emotions and memories populate the most completely stream-of-consciousness experience offered by American literature," Slawenski asserts, calling *Catcher* a worthy "successor to *David Copperfield* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*."

Soon after *Catcher*'s publication, Salinger, at 32, began dating 16-year-old Claire Douglas, who would later become his wife and mother of his two children. But their isolated rural home in Cornish, N.J., and his obsessive working habits made her miserable, and the marriage eventually fell apart. Meanwhile, Salinger spun out more of his Glass family stories and other exquisite pieces for the New Yorker, later publishing them in a series of books: *Nine Stories* (1953), *Franny and Zooey* (1961), *Raise High the Roofbeam, Carpenters and Seymour: An Introduction* (1963).

All of these books were bestsellers but sadly, Salinger's last *New Yorker* story, *Hapworth 16, 1924*, which appeared in 1965, was a meandering, introspective mess – a "disaster" that was met by bewildered silence from the critics. From then on, apparently, Salinger's muse went cold, and he stopped publishing, though he continued to struggle with his stories and a second novel that never came to be. He also withdrew even more from the public eye, becoming almost Howard Hughes-like in his mistrust of people and his obsessive need for privacy.

For Salinger fans, *J. D. Salinger: A Life* is an illuminating account that fills in a great many mysteries about a writer who had earned the worshipful reverence of legions of fans. The unvarnished truth seems to be that Salinger was often cynical, obsessive, controlling, and difficult to get along with. Despite his aura of high spirituality, the mighty author whom so many had come to idolize apparently only had feet of clay.

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View from The Hilltops

Joseph Serge
Arts Editor

Toronto filmmaker Igal Hecht, known for his documentaries on Israel and Judaism, has always felt that the Israeli settlers have not been given fair treatment in most newscasts and films about them.

He wants his new film, *The Hilltops*, which is premièring at the Hot Docs and the Toronto Jewish film festivals in May, to change that.

"I wanted to find out what these settlers are all about and let them have their say," he says in a recent interview. "I didn't shy away from asking them the tough questions, but I gave them a fair shake." Hecht says that most filmmakers primarily "demonize" the settlers, blaming them for being the reason there's no peace in the area.

This film primarily focuses on three settlers. What's unique about them is that unlike the stereotypical settler with long beards, uzis and kippahs, these settlers are all women.

"*The Hilltops* is an insider's look into the lives of three prominent women settlers in Judea/Samaria – or the West Bank – and what they do to hold on to what they call 'their land.'"

There is no voice-over narrative or Michael Moore-like director interference in this 45-minute film. Instead Hecht hands over the story to the settlers and lets them tell the story.

"They view the lands of Judea as the heartland of Israel, more important than the rest of Israel, and that's the tragedy of it all – they feel disconnected to the rest of Israel and vice versa," Hecht says.

The film opens and closes with a scene shot on one of the disputed hilltops. A small group of people including several teenage girls, led by Daniella, are building what they call an outpost, a small wooden shack. Soon, the army comes along and after warning them, the soldiers begin to forcibly remove them one by one. Then, the outpost is torn down, but the same settlers return later and start to rebuild the outpost.

"It's a cat and mouse game," Hecht admits. "They are telling the army, the world, that they will not be stopped. Their point is, 'Look at what you had to do to remove us, a small group, it required 20 soldiers. Imagine if you had to clear a whole village.'

"I'm not saying whether it's right or wrong, but they're going to make it very hard to implement any resolution."

That scene is the only confrontational sequence in the documentary and Hecht admits they got lucky. "We had no idea that was going to happen," he says. "We were just following [Daniella] when the army arrived." The army told him to stop filming, but Hecht, who's been in Israel enough times to know his rights, continued to film.

Hecht and his director of photography, Lior Cohen, spent time getting to know the settler community and gaining their trust. "The settlers are great people. Politically, I have my differences with them, but they were very open to debate and to answer questions."

And the one thing this film shows is that the settlers cannot be pigeon-holed into one stereotype. "Some of them are extremists, and some of them are really lovely. There is a movement within the settler movement itself to start a relationship with the Palestinians. They understand that they are not going anywhere."

Filming in these areas is not without danger. Although it's not in the film, Hecht relates how he was almost attacked by one settler who thought he was with the leftist group Peace Now. "He was a huge-looking guy and he came close to me yelling, 'Are you one of those traitors?' and wanted to beat the crap out of me, but a woman stepped in telling him who I was."

The one thing that perhaps is missing in this film is the voice of the other side. Other than one Palestinian who takes part in a meeting with two settlers, there are no Palestinians in this film.

Hecht says he did that intentionally. "It wasn't that kind of film. That film's been done to death. One's probably being made right now. What makes *The Hilltops* unique is that this is the settlers' position. What they're about and what they stand for. That's the point of it. I think they have something very legitimate to say."

Whether the viewers agree with the settlers is up to them. But this film certainly makes their case clear and highlights the great divide between secular and the right-wing religious Jews.

"It should be illegal to prevent the right of Jews to build on our land," Daniella says in the film. "They [the government] don't understand anything about Jewish law."

Hecht, whose company Chutzpah Productions has produced many documentaries, including *Y.I.D., Not In My Name* and *Banished*, is thrilled to have this film screened at both festivals in the space of a week. "It's amazing to have it in Hot Docs [the largest documentary festival in North America] and as for the TJFF, I owe everything in terms of my career to them."

For screening dates, visit www.hotdocs.ca and www.tjff.ca. The Hilltops *will also run on the CBC Documentary channel later this year.*

Daniella, and two young settlers, construct an outpost on the hilltop just before soldiers tear it down.

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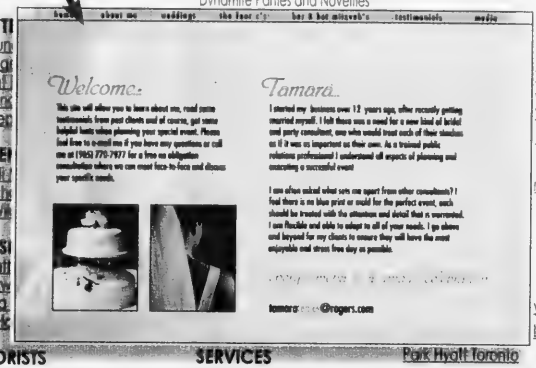

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EYE ON ARTS

By BILL GLADSTONE

AZRIELI PUBLISHES FATHER-DAUGHTER HOLOCAUST STORIES IN JOINT VOLUME

The Azrieli Foundation recently published **William Tannenzapf**'s Holocaust narrative, *Memories from the Abyss*, alongside his daughter **Renate Krakauer**'s story *But I Had A Happy Childhood*, in an attractive single volume.

Krakauer recounts both their stories in a Sundays at Bloor event titled "Surviving Hitler and Stalin Through the Eyes of a Father and Daughter." She will also sign books afterward. Admission free, everyone welcome; refreshments. Miles Nadal JCC, Sunday, May 1, 11 a.m. 416-924-6211, ext. 154.

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Names in the News: Toronto artist **Charles Pachter** is the recipient of a DAREarts 2011 Cultural Award, to be presented to him on Wednesday, April 27, at a fundraising gala at the Liberty Grand of Toronto. The awards are given annually to people who have shown leadership in advancing Canadian culture.

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Music & Theatre Events

• Toronto trombonist **Darren Sigesmund** presents his award-winning *Strands II* jazz septet concert with New York-based **Mark Feldman** (violin) and **Gary Versace** (piano, accordion). $25, $20. Al Green Theatre, Miles Nadal JCC, Wednesday, April 27, 8 p.m. 416-924-6211, ext. 0; www.algreentheatre.ca

• Klezmer and gypsy music, as well as colourful costumes from Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Russia, are featured in an evening of music and dancing at the Rhapsody Hungarian Restaurant, 10152 Yonge St., Richmond Hill. April 27, 6:30 p.m. $20, dinner extra.

• **Fern Lindzon Jazz Quartet** performs a concert to launch Lindzon's new CD, *Two Kites*. Lula Lounge, 1585 Dundas St. W. Cover $10, $20 with CD. Thursday, April 28, doors open 7 p.m., show at 8:30. 416-588-0307. fernlindzon.com

• Miles Nadal JCC and Suga Jam Entertainment present 2010 Patron's Pick and Best of the Fringe! A theatrical workshop and showcase of *A Freudian Slip of the Jung*, the re-erected musical comedic exploration of the relationship between **Sigmund Freud** and **Carl Jung**, by **Sean Fisher**. Starring **Moira Dunphy**, **Sean Fisher**, **David Frisch** and **Denise Mader**; hosted and directed by **Bruce Hunter**. Suggested PWYC at the door, $10. Saturday, April 30, 7:30 p.m. 416-924-6211, ext. 606.

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Arts in Brief

• Author **Lesley Simpson** launches her new children's book, *Yuvi's Candy Tree*, based on a true story about one girl's extraordinary exodus from Ethiopia to Israel. With crafts and a visual presentation; for ages three to 10 and the whole family. Free. Miles Nadal JCC, Friday, April 22, 10 to 11:30 a.m. 416-924-6211, ext. 277.

• Toronto Jewish Film Society presents *Crossing Delancey*, a romantic comedy that is sharply acted by a gifted ensemble and peppered with incisive observations about urban Jewish culture. Introduced by film instructor **Shlomo Schwartzberg**. Al Green Theatre, Sunday, May 1, 4 and 7:30 p.m. $15, $10. Individual seats on sale 15 minutes before each screening. esthera@mnjcc.org, 416-924-6211, ext. 606.

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At the Galleries

• Canadian glass artist **David Thai** presents his new collection, Series, at a reception at the Amarynth Gallery, 161 Cumberland St., Thursday, April 28, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Artist also in attendance April 29 and 30, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Exhibition continues to May 7. 416-515-9191.

• Several spots are still open in artist **Judy Singer**'s painting group; the first of eight sessions begins Tuesday, May 10, in the Avenue Road and Highway 401 area. $280, limited to eight people. www.judysinger.ca

Toronto filmmaker claims discovery of Jesus' nails

By Nir Hasson
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If Toronto filmmaker Simcha Jacobovici is to be believed, the nails used to crucify Jesus were discovered in an ancient Jerusalem gravesite.

The burial cave was discovered during a dig in 1990, where a number of ossuaries were uncovered, one of which was hailed by many at the time as belonging to Caiaphas, the Jerusalem high priest who presided over the trial of Jesus.

Now, in his upcoming film, *Nails of the Cross*, Jacobovici is suggesting that the grave also contained two rusty and bent nails. But not just any nails. Jacobovici claims these nails are no less than the original nails hammered into the hands of Jesus Christ when he was crucified.

But many people, primarily in the archeological world, don't believe these claims, and even view Jacobovici as a charlatan.

Jacobovici, an observant Jew sporting a large kippah, was born in Israel, but has lived in Canada for many years, garnering recognition for several documentaries he has made, including a film on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and another on the trafficking of women. He has won two Emmys for his work.

He's also known for his documentary TV series *The Naked Archaeologist* and for his collaboration with James Cameron (director of *Titanic* and *Avatar*) to produce the movie *The Lost Tomb of Christ*.

That film presented the controversial claim that a burial cave discovered in the Jerusalem neighbourhood of Armon HaNatziv 30 years ago is in fact the original burial site of Jesus and his family.

Jacobovici disputed popular beliefs about Jesus again at a Jerusalem press conference last week, this time regarding the nails he claims were used during the crucifixion.

Simcha Jacobovici

Jacobovici's main claim is that the character of Caiaphas must be reconsidered. According to him, Caiaphas may have changed his mind about Jesus after the crucifixion, and his descendants thought it appropriate to bury him with the nails alongside other items meant to accompany him to the next world.

Jacobovici says that Caiaphas even became a member of the Judeo-Christians – those who maintained their Jewish identity while claiming Jesus was the Messiah (but not God). Jacobovici said that evidence of Caiaphas' shift can be found in multiple places, including the mysterious symbols that were engraved on the ossuary.

The name Caiaphas is rare for the Second Temple era, and Jacobovici is confident that the site is the burial place of the Jerusalem high priest.

Other archeologists don't rule out the possibility that Caiaphas was buried in the cave. They say it's reasonable to assume that it was the family's cave, although other members of the family may be buried there.

Dissenting archeologists maintain, however, that although the ossuary is elaborate in design, it's not in the style of a typical high priest burial site.

The excavation of the cave was done by two senior archeologists, Dr. Zvi Greenhut, today a leading official at the Israel Antiquities Authority, and Dr. Ronny Reich, now chairman of the Archeological Council, the highest archeological body in Israel.

Jacobovici has been cautiously critical of these two experts for ignoring what he perceives to be the most important finding in the cave: the nails. The other items discovered in the grave have been stored in the warehouses of the Israel Antiquities Authority, and the ossuaries can be viewed at the Israel Museum.

The nails, on the other hand, have been neglected – barely documented in the excavation's findings and disappearing shortly after the dig. Now, they are in the hands of Jacobovici.

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La Rafle – a drama about the Holocaust in France

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

La Rafle, Rose Bosch's drama about the Holocaust in France, is a jolting reminder that the persecution and deportation of Jews was, to an alarming degree, a purely French project.

Although Nazi Germany pressured the Vichy government to marginalize and deport Jews, France was more than ready to comply with German demands to cleanse Europe of its Jewish inhabitants.

When the topic at hand was Jews, Henri Phillippe Petain's collaborationist regime could be more zealous than the Nazis themselves.

This much is clear in the movie *La Rafle* (*The Roundup*), which opens in an exclusive engagement at the Empress Walk Theatre on April 22.

The 115-minute film, which unfolds in the summer of 1942, is replete with ominous hints that the French authorities have no other intention than to strip Jews of their civil rights and leave them to the tender mercies of Nazi Germany.

Jews are forced to wear the dreaded yellow Star of David. A radio announcer blares that France has been "swamped" by Jews. Official decrees reveal that Jews have been dismissed from schools and the professions.

In a didactic touch, Bosch conjurs up an imaginary but plausible scene in which Petain (Roland Cope) and his prime minister, Pierre Laval (Jean-Michel Noirey), chat about the fate of Jews. Petain says that Jewish citizens should be immune from deportations. When Laval disagrees, Petain defers to his judgment.

The close working relationship between Vichy and Nazi Germany is detailed in a subsequent scene when Laval's deputy, Rene Bousquet (Frederic Moulin), discusses the so-called Jewish question with his German colleagues.

La Rafle revolves around a Parisian Jewish family, the Weismanns, who, like most Jews, have no idea what awaits them in the near future.

"They won't touch us," says Sura Weismann (Raphaelle Agogue) in a reference to the Germans and their French enablers.

When the axe finally falls, they are powerless. In ruthless fashion, French police round up Jews and dump them in a vast sports arena, the Velodrome D'Hiver, where conditions quickly turn squalid and unbearable. These moments of human cruelty and suffering are among the strongest in the film.

In an effort to convey a nuanced view of grassroots French attitudes to Jews, Bosch portrays the good and the bad. A sympathetic policeman warns a Jewish woman of an impending raid, but a baker's wife shouts out "good riddance" as Jews are marched off to the velodrome.

The policemen who coldly perform their jobs without a quiver of empathy for their Jewish victims represent the debasement of France. The humanistic face of France is represented by Annette Monod (Melanie Laurent), the gentle gentile nurse who helps Jews, works with a Jewish doctor (Jean Reno) in an internment camp and assists the Weismann's son after France's liberation.

La Rafle, which is occasionally moving, is distinguished by fine performances, especially from Laurent. But silly dramatized scenes of Adolf Hitler planning the destruction of Jews or engaged in leisure-time activity with his retinue of toadies are contrived and diminish the film.

Melanie Laurent, far left, and Jean Reno star in *La Rafle*

Jazz band to première new works

Kathryn Kates
Special to The CJN

Toronto-based, Juno-nominated jazz trombonist Darren Sigesmund and his septet, Strands II, are premiering new works and performing songs from his two CDs, *Strands* and *Strands II*.

The April 27 concert will feature New York-based jazz musicians, violinist Mark Feldman and pianist and accordionist Gary Versace, who perform with the original ensemble.

Sigesmund has taken his music around the globe since founding the group, which was then a quintet, in 2003. His current bandmates are Venezuelan-born vocalist Eliana Cuevas, Luis Deniz playing alto sax, guitarist Reg Schwager, Jim Vivian on bass, drummer Ethan Ardelli and percussionist Daniel Stone.

Strands II's sound has been influenced by diverse musical styles, including jazz, classical music, Argentine tango and Brazilian song forms, borrowing from fast-paced melodies of Balkan music and using similar instrumentation to that of Ashkenazi music.

"I am hoping to appeal to a larger audience beyond the typical jazz audience with this production," Sigesmund says. "Jazz is often seen as very esoteric or intellectual music. It used to be the pop music of the day back in the '40s. It's no longer pop music… but I think in many ways it can appeal to the general public."

Strands was released in 2008. The follow-up album, *Strands II*, released in 2009, was described as "brilliant" by *Toronto Life*. The *Globe and Mail* praised it for its "wonderfully intricate pieces that are both rhythmically knotty and blissfully melodic."

"Everything I do with my band starts with the music," said Sigesmund, who is currently on tour in Denmark. "I think about what I want to do musically. For example, I started the Strands project in 2003 as a standard jazz quintet with trombone, tenor sax and rhythm section. I expanded the group for the second recording, adding voice and percussion. I added voice because when I compose, I sing as I write, so it was a natural extension of what I do compositionally that will help fill out the ensemble."

Darren Sigesmund

Strands II received a Juno nomination in 2010 for best traditional jazz album and won The Galaxy Rising Star Award at the Montreal Jazz Festival for best composition in a competition, and the group has been touring Europe over the past couple of years.

Sigesmund says adding Versace and Feldman to the mix adds texture to the ensemble because violin, piano and accordion are not typically instruments found in jazz.

"I hope this concert piques people's interest in jazz and improvisation. The music is a little different, but I don't think it's out there at all – in fact quite the opposite, I think it is accessible," he says.

This is the first time he's worked with Feldman and Versace. Feldman, a classically-trained violinist was a leading player in Nashville and is now a fixture of New York's downtown jazz scene. He has appeared on over 150 recordings and is perhaps best known for his work with John Zorn, John Abercrombie and Dave Douglas.

Versace has appeared on over 50 albums, including two Grammy-winning projects by Maria Schneider.

Sigesmund's mentors have included Kenny Wheeler, Dave Holland, David Liebman, Don Thompson and Steve Coleman.

Darren Sigesmund and Strand II perform at the Al Green Theatre at the Miles Nadal JCC on April 27 at 8 p.m. For information, visit www.darrensigesmund.ca. For tickets call 416-924-6211, ext. 0, or visit www.algreentheatre.ca

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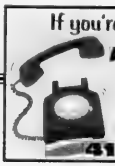
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Camps to host three-on-three hoops tourney

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Jewish summer camps are hosting a one-day, three-on-three basketball tournament to raise money for charity and to raise the camps' profile among school-aged youngsters.

The Inter-Camp Charity Basketball Tournament will take place from 1 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, at the Pavilion Fitness Centre.

Sponsored by Young Judaea and Camp Gesher, the event is expected to attract 120 teens from grades 8 through 12. Each team of up to five players is being asked to raise $60 ($20 for individual players). The money will support charities selected by the teams from a list of pre-approved agencies in the Jewish community, said Daniel Sourani, program director for Canadian Young Judaea.

"It's an opportunity for Jewish camps in and around Toronto to get kids together for a good cause." Half the teams will likely consist of players affiliated with one of the Young Judaea camps, with many of them public school students, he said.

"We initiated this tournament as a result of the popularity of basketball at the camp and in order to enable the youth to have the opportunity to take responsibility for a charity event in a tikkun olam project," said Camp Gesher spokesperson Oren Sukenik.

Canadian Young Judaea manages seven summer camps in Canada, three of them in Ontario, including JSummer Camp, Camp Solelim and Camp Shalom. The camps are Zionist in orientation and offer programs that enhance Jewish education and identity, Sourani said.

Camp Gesher is a community and family-oriented camp that's part of the Habonim Dror youth movement.

Billboard image vandalized for third time

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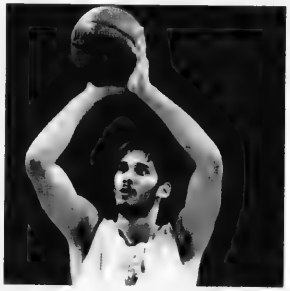
SACRAMENTO — The face of Israeli NBA basketball player Omri Casspi was vandalized on a Sacramento Kings billboard in the city's downtown.

It was the third time Casspi's image has been defaced on a team billboard.

The portion of the billboard with Casspi's face painted on it was ripped off. The painter of the mural, Anthony Padilla, painted a message in the space offering a reward for information on the vandal.


Omri Casspi

Last September, two billboards with Casspi's image were defaced with red-painted swastikas. No one was apprehended.

Casspi, a forward for the Kings, is the first Israeli player in the NBA.

He recently wrote in a column on the Israeli sports website ONE that he would like to be traded from the Kings, since he spent much of the past season on the bench. Playing about half the game, Casspi averaged 8.6 points and 4.3 rebounds this season.

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HOOPS CHAMPS

The Bialik Hebrew Day School junior co-ed basketball team poses with their championship trophy after finishing first in the Jewish Day School League. Bialik defeated a team from Associated Hebrew Schools' south branch 41-37 in the final game to capture the title. Pictured, with the team are coaches Jeff Lieberman and Yasmin Shalev.

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• The 18th annual Herzliya Women's Triathlon, set for May 18, is the largest sporting event for women in Israel. Thousands of participants from around the world compete along the Mediterranean beaches north of Tel Aviv. www.women-tri.com

• The CEV U20 European Beach Volleyball Championships (July 27 to Aug. 8) will see the world's top volleyball players compete at Tel Aviv's Gordon Beach. www.cev.lu/mmp/online

• Ranked among the world's top sporting events, the 19th Maccabiah Games (July 16 to 30) showcases top international athletes in track and field, tennis, fencing and other competitions at stadiums and venues around Israel. www.maccabiah.com

• The annual Tour de Dead Sea (December 2011) is a cycle race along the contours of the Dead Sea, with four routes and levels of difficulty. More than 1,000 cyclists are expected from around the world.

• More than 2,000 sailors are expected to hoist their sails in the prestigious Youth Sailing World Championship 2011, Dec. 27 in Eilat. www.sailing.org

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• The Israman Competition challenges athletes with a 2.5-mile swim, 111-mile cycle route and 26-mile marathon in January 2012. www.israman.co.il

• Runners pass through a landscape rich in history around the Old City holy sites, Mount Scopus, the Knesset and Sacher Park for the the 2nd Jerusalem International Marathon in March 2012. www.jerusalem-marathon.com

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Travel Notes From All Over

• Torah in Motion offers A Journey Through Jewish History, with Marc Shapiro, July 21 to 31. The itinerary includes Budapest, Vienna, Prague, Bratislava, Eisenstadt, Sopron and many other sites off the beaten track. The trip features kosher food, expert local guides, luxury hotel accommodations and liaisons with leaders of local Jewish communities. 416-633-5770, www.torahinmotion.org.

• Currently on view at New York's Museum of Jewish Heritage is *Last Folio: A Photographic Journey with Yuri Dojc*, featuring evocative images of Jewish life in Slovakia. Until September 2011. Also *Fire in My Heart: The Story of Hannah Senesh*, until Aug. 7. And *The Morgenthaus – A Legacy of Service*, until September 5. Edmond J. Safra Plaza, 36 Battery Place. www.mjhnyc.org

• The Crowne Plaza Berlin City Centre hotel in Berlin, Germany, has established a kosher catering system and Shabbat accessibility under the guidance of the city's chief rabbi Yitzhak Ehrenberg. www.crowneplazaberlin.com

• Long before the recent cinematic remake of Charlotte Bronte's classic novel *Jane Eyre*, vacationers to England have enjoyed a Wayfarers Bronte Trail walk, featuring landmarks from the beloved tale. The key location is North Lees Hall in Peak National Park, the private manor that inspired the novel. www.thewayfarers.com

• Eight 400,000-year-old teeth were discovered in the Qesem Cave near Rosh Ha'Ayin east of Tel Aviv earlier this year. The teeth, resembling those of modern humans, were uncovered by Avi Gopher and Ran Barkai of Tel Aviv University's department of archeology. The archeologists believe the discovery may overturn the theory that homo-sapiens emerged from Africa some 200,000 years ago.

Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles

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Little Black Dress frontman has a 'strong Jewish identity'

Dan Sadowski is surrounded by his levitating band mates,from left, drummer Lewis Spring, bassist Damian Dobrowolski and guitarist Brian Seligman.

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Jordan Press
Special to The CJN

Juno week last month was busy for Little Black Dress frontman Dan Sadowski, who became fully immersed in the hoopla surrounding Canada's premier music awards show.

There were events.

There were parties.

There was business.

And it was fun.

"Juno week this year was kind of crazy because it was just off the chain. I've never seen a scene like that," Sadowski says on the phone, laughing at the whirlwind that consumed him a month earlier.

But none of it bothers him. This is what the 26-year-old Toronto native wants to do for the rest of his life. He wants to be the frontman of his pop-rock band, write songs that people can connect with emotionally and perform on stage.

"I do this because I love it," he says.

"I don't want to change the world. I don't want to make this incredible mark on music or on fashion or on art. I think that what I want to do is make people happy, let people have something the way I had something growing up, the way I loved certain bands growing up."

Sadowski remembers the first time he heard music on a cassette tape. He says he was about three years old when he heard the satirical musical stylings of Weird Al Yankovic coming through the stereo. As he got older, his older sisters introduced him to Phish, the Dave Matthews Band and the Grateful Dead.

When he was 12, he picked up a guitar for the first time. He had no idea how to play any chords, yet he wrote a song and played it. The song writing snowballed after Sadowski learned to make the guitar sing.

The writing led him to Concordia University in Montreal, where became a creative writing student, but that didn't last long. Another brief stint at George Brown College in Toronto didn't work out ,either.

"Post-secondary and I just didn't see eye to eye," Sadowski says. "I knew I didn't want to be a writer. I just could feel it.

"I knew what I wanted to do was write songs and play music."

He joined a band and started touring. Sadowski was hooked. He had found his calling in life.

But his first band soon broke up.

"Things didn't fall apart, but we just lost the drive to be a band. We all kind of sensed it."

After going out on his own for a few months, which included playing acoustic shows in Toronto, Sadowski got bored and wanted to be back on stage with a band.

After posting a message on his Facebook page that said he was looking to start a "super group," and was seeking a few bandmates, things started to come together for him.

Within an hour, Sadowski received a message from Brian Seligman, who became the new band's lead guitarist. Soon after that, they teamed up with drummer Lewis Spring and finally with bassist Damian Dobrowolski.

And so, Little Black Dress was born.

The first concert the foursome played was sold out. The second show jammed 500 people into a 700-person venue. Yet, as Sadowski points out, no one had ever heard the band play together.

"This was completely unheard of," Sadowksi says. "We started selling out shows from our first show."

On its website, the band describes itself as a "melting pot of borderless, genre-crossing tunes" that includes "hook-laden party tunes, dance-floor anthems, and straight-up rock 'n' roll."

Music lovers can judge for themselves by downloading their tracks on iTunes or checking out the band's MySpace page.

Seligman, Spring and Dobrowolski are the theoretical foundation for the band's musical evolution, relying on their formal training in music, Sadowski says. Little Black Dress has recently added piano and synthesizer player Kyle Hohmann to the mix. And as for Sadowski?

"I do all the writing, and these are songs that are taken from all walks of life."

That includes his Jewish roots.

"I feel very connected and a very strong Jewish identity. There's a lot of lyrical content, and almost all aspects of my life contributes to what's being said, what's being written and what's being sung," Sadowski says.

This past year, Sadowski had a chance to connect his Judaism with his music in another way. The 2011 UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's campaign was looking for a new theme song, one that was a little more upbeat and youthful.

This year's campaign song is a band original: *The Future In Our Hands*.

"I think [the song] came out pretty well," Sadowski says.

Between shows, Sadowski also keeps himself busy as the band's business manager. Sadowski oversees everything from merchandise sales, to ticketing, to dealing with promoters, to the band's online presence and the logistics of putting a tour together.

As Sadowski says, he has to look after all the little and big things that help a musical act survive in the music business. Record labels usually take care of the business side of things, but Little Black Dress isn't signed and that doesn't appear to be changing any time soon.

"I kind of avoid record labels, not at all costs, but I'm capable of doing the work right now that a record label could do.

"What I'm working towards... is to eventually have the opportunity where somebody else is doing some of our work, so we can focus on the art," Sadowski says. "If a record label were to approach me... all I would be looking for is a fair deal."

Sadowski says his life has been full of firsts – the first guitar, the first song he wrote and the first time he was on stage – but he knows there are more firsts to come and there is no telling where the music will take him next.

Check out Little Black Dress at www.thelbdmusic.com.

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'Buy me a dog'

New to Canada

Nina Shenhav

You all know I have a part-time cat (Sneezy). What you don't know is that I'm really a dog person. Don't like cats, but love dogs. Want dogs, need dogs. There's this minor problem, though. Meir hates them.

We lie in bed, and I'm wearing my sweetest nightie (well, my better PJs). I ask Meir huskily, "How 'bout someone licking you head to toe?" Meir tries to get rid of my nightie, so I change the tone immediately. "Um, wait, how 'bout someone welcoming you with joy when you come home?" He seems even more excited. Guess I'm not on the right road here. I sit straight and look him in the eye. "How 'bout someone eats all the leftovers?"

Meir starts kissing me ecstatically all over. "I know you finished that chocolate cake from last week," he whispers passionately, "you hungry little beast." I'm following his lead.

"Yeah, think beast, think animal, think dogs, a dog!" I shout. Thank God, he stops kissing me. "I wanna dog. Buy me a dog," I say.

Meir suddenly sits up. "We've discussed it already, Nina. We have a cat, a fish, two bunnies, two kids. No more!"

The next day, as I escort him to the pet shop, he reminds me of the obvious: "I'm not getting a male, they're too excitable, and a female we don't need, either, 'cause they'll want babies" (yeah, that's my Meir's point of view on genders). "I'm not buying a puppy," he continues, "'cause I'm too old to potty train it, and a grown dog is not needed, either, because it has history. I'm not buying an expensive one – we don't have the money – yet we don't need a cheap one 'cause then it's suspicious."

As we stroll through the shop, I see her. She's small, intelligent looking, and her big brown eyes say: "Are we going home yet, or what?"

When we bring Sara home, the kids look indifferent – they so take after their "cat people" dad, I tell you.

Sara is so friendly. She likes everybody but the bunnies. And the cat. And the kids. And our friends. And Meir (she has no problem with the fish, or with me).

Sara doesn't pee anywhere but on the couches. And on the beds. And on the cat. And on our friends, who came to visit only once and then changed their phone number, and neglected to give us the new one. Sara never howls, except at night. Every night. And during the day, too. She eats almost everything but her expensive multi-vitamin dog food.

Sara wants to go out only 15 times a day, more often on rainy days. She sleeps in my bed, so I haven't seen my husband for a while now, and she constantly bites the kids, so they're away with their dad (and the cat) for "an unlimited time," as Meir clarified over the phone.

Well, they do say a dog is man's best friend, but truth be told, from time to time a man misses his hubby and kids, hell, even his damn cat!

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Turn farfel onto prepared baking sheets. Mixture will not look thoroughly coated with caramel but will spread during baking. Bake, tossing and shuffling every 15 min. for 45 min.. BBQ tongs can be used to do this safely. Cool, break into serving size pieces or odd-sized clusters.

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The CJN's French-language reporter in Montreal, Elias Levy, writes about:

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Hamid Chabat, mayor of Fez, Morocco, who reportedly accused Zionists of fomenting revolution in the Arab world.

Yehuda Lancry, former Israeli MK and ambassdor to France and to the United Nations, who was in Montreal recently, where he talked about the Sephardi reality in Israel.

Also on the web

Candidates in the Montreal riding of Mount Royal square off on Israel.

More than 1,000 young people spent Friday night together at more than 100 different locations around Montreal on April 1, under a new Federation CJA program called Shabbat 180. The goal is to encourage young Jews to observe the tradition in their own way, and to host their own dinner or celebration, rather than wait for others to do it for them.

Exclusive to cjnews.com

Life can be full of surprises as *CJN* web reporter Masada Siegel discovers one of her stories posted on a wall in a kosher restaurant during a recent trip to Rome.

Volunteer group visits isolated seniors

Rabbi Dov Ber Marshall

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

Jewish Senior Circle (JSC) has been changing the lives of lonely or isolated seniors for more than two years.

Started up by Rabbi Dov Ber Marshall, 27, and his wife, Gila, with the help of a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, JSC provides visits to seniors living at home and in seniors' residences.

A Chabad Lubavitch rabbi who has two daughters, Rabbi Marshall said he has seen first hand the effect friendly visits have on seniors.

As a student at Brunoy Yeshiva in France, he said, his job every Friday was to visit a large seniors' residence. "It became the highlight of my week."

He said that after JSC began, he was on a weekly visit with one elderly man who showed him family pictures, and sang to him. "His son walked in and said, 'This is the first time I've seen my father smile in six months.'"

Another man, who had been a widower for 30 years and never had visits from his son, told the rabbi after their first visit that "this had been his happiest day in decades."

By visiting seniors one on one, Rabbi Marshall said, JSC is catering to those who are already isolated and to those who are in danger of becoming isolated.

At the seniors homes – volunteers visit about 24 in the GTA – JSC volunteers meet with between 10 to 50 residents in a group setting.

"We hold weekly programs such as challah baking, Judaic art, holiday program and children's performances, and sometimes we come a second time for a pre-Shabbat program. The residents look forward to it tremendously. The need is clearly evident."

Rabbi Marshall said that the programs have been a source of comfort and inspiration to everyone involved. "Even the best nursing facility cannot provide the same warmth as the company of a family member or friend."

He said that volunteers have even helped out as far away as Haliburton. "An isolated 97-year-old woman wanted to be in touch with the Jewish culture. We found a couple who travel to that area regularly, and they visit her when they're there. The volunteers and the woman enjoy the time they have together."

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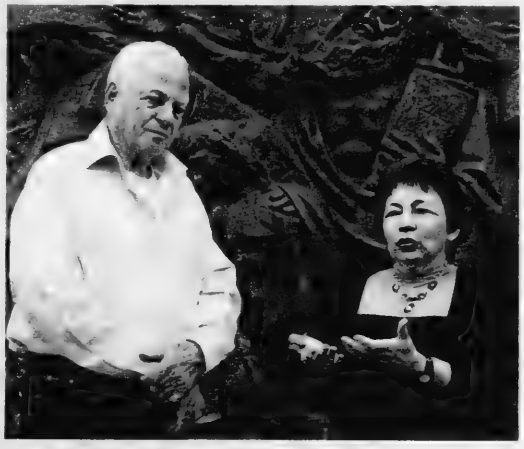

Cousins discover each other 66 years later

First cousins Aryeh Shikler and Liora (Shapira) Tamir met for the first time at Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial museum in Jerusalem last week on April 21. Tamir believed she had no family anywhere in the world. Shikler and Tamir are residents of Haifa and Tel Aviv, respectively. They discovered each other thanks to a Page of Testimony on Yad Vashem's Central Database of Shoah Victms' Names containing information on their mutual grandparents, who were murdered in the Holocaust. *[Flash90 photos]*

Gairdner winners make 'seminal discovery'

Jenny Hazan
CJN Israel Bureau

TEL AVIV — Five representatives from the Gairdner Foundation of Canada toured Israel earlier this month and met with the Israeli recipients of this year's prestigious Canada Gairdner International Awards.

The prizes, given to professors Chaim Cedar and Aharon Razin – researchers at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem – are worth $100,000 and are awarded to seven scientists annually in recognition of achievements that "contribute significantly to improving the quality of human life."

The other recipients this year were Adrian Peter Bird of the University of Edinburgh; Shizuo Akira of the WPI Immunology Frontier Research Center in Osaka, Japan; Jules Hoffman of the University of Strasbourg in France; Robert Black of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, and Michael Hayden from the University of British Columbia.

The Israeli winners, who will officially receive their awards at a ceremony in Toronto in October, were honoured for their work on DNA methylation, a basic chemical process that turns parts of each cell's genetic code on and off.

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Egypt committed to peace with Israel: consul

David Lazarus
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Amin Meleika is 49 years old, a 26-year career diplomat who became Egyptian consul general to Montreal – after previous postings in Ethiopia, the Netherlands, The Hague, Hong Kong and Geneva – about a month before history took over in Cairo's Tahir Square, where the uprising led to the peaceful ouster of longtime president Hosni Mubarak and contributed to continued upheaval in the Arab world.

The CJN spoke by telephone with Meleika on April 14.

CJN: It might be a good idea to begin with your overall impressions about the recent historic, tumultuous events in Egypt.

Amin Meleika: I was appointed here in Montreal – to be precise I came on Dec. 10 – just a little over a month before things started. You will meet today Egyptians or others who say they could see it coming – things were getting worse, etc. – but I don't think anybody expected it to happen on such a scale, including my own self. So, like everyone else, I was quite taken by surprise, but I could see that Egypt was ready for a change, a transformation.

A lot of people talk about the 'Arab spring,' the domino effect, and [say] that Tunisia probably gave it a spark, but I think that [given] the internal situation, Egypt was ready for a change. People are now hearing about what was going on, and they are appalled by the amount of corruption and nepotism and all kinds of wrongdoings that were taking place.

CJN: So you do see all this as a positive development for Egypt.

Meleika: Yes, [but also] in the sense that it happened "smoothly." Of course I realize that there were some events that were not so small, but in general, when you think about the number of people who came out in the streets – over one million, sometimes over two million – just wanting to restore their dignity and respect, not wanting to be marginalized anymore, wanting to have a part in decision-making, and the way the regime responded, in the sense that ex-president Mubarak got the message.

Amin Meleika

Of course he took some time before making up his mind, but still he decided to go and to hand over the power to the military, who themselves have pledged that they would hand over the power to a civilian government as soon as their six-month mandate is over.

A referendum took place in March about modifications in the constitution that would allow for parliamentary elections in September, and, hopefully, presidential elections before the end of the year. So in the sense that people needed to change, they changed. In the sense that the government responded in a civilized way and the military did not confront the people, they accepted that this was a fair and legitimate demand that people were making. Considering some incidents that are taking place in neighbouring countries, I would think we did it well.

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Pittsburgh Jewish schools start new initiative

Offering free tuition for new students in grades 3-11 for the coming school year

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Although UJA Federation of Greater Toronto spends $10 million a year on Jewish day school tuition subsidies, annual fees are daunting.

Full-day tuition here ranges from almost $11,000 for junior kindergarten at the Toronto Heschel School to $20,100 at the community high school, the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

In Pittsburgh, Jewish day schools are offering free tuition to new students in grades 3 to 11 for the coming school year.

The initiative is being paid for by three schools as well as by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. Tuition ranges from more than $4,600 to $14,000 (US) per year.

Is the new initiative relevant to Toronto, which doesn't have a comparable program?

Paul Shaviv, director of education at Tanenbaum-CHAT, said that UJA Federation, which spends $12 million annually in total on Jewish education, is "by far the most supportive of Jewish education and Jewish schools of any federation in North America."

As well, he noted, Pittsburgh has approximately 900 students in Jewish day schools, compared to more than 11,000 in Toronto.

However, he added, "the initiative, in providing extra incentives at entry points into the system, is a very interesting one." He suggested it himself in a report he wrote on Jewish education in Toronto, but it has not been followed up on, he noted.

The Pittsburgh initiative, according to Shaviv, also "signifies a renewed interest and appreciation of the importance and effectiveness of day schools at a time when our own federation seems to be emphasizing informal Jewish education."

Paul Shaviv

Howard English, UJA Federation's vice-president of corporate communications, told *The CJN* that, aside from the difference in the size of the day school populations in Pittsburgh and Toronto, "the purpose of the Pittsburgh initiative is to increase the proportion of students going to day school." In Toronto, he noted, about one-third of Jewish school-age children go to Jewish day schools.

"Although the numbers could always be higher," he said, "our numbers are the second-highest [in North America], next to Montreal. That's not our major challenge. We have been concentrating far more on tuition subsidies to make it financially comfortable."

English added that the amount of money being spent on tuition subsidies in Toronto is "larger than all the major cities in the United States combined."

High tuition fees are related in large part to teachers' salaries – the largest proportion of costs, English said.

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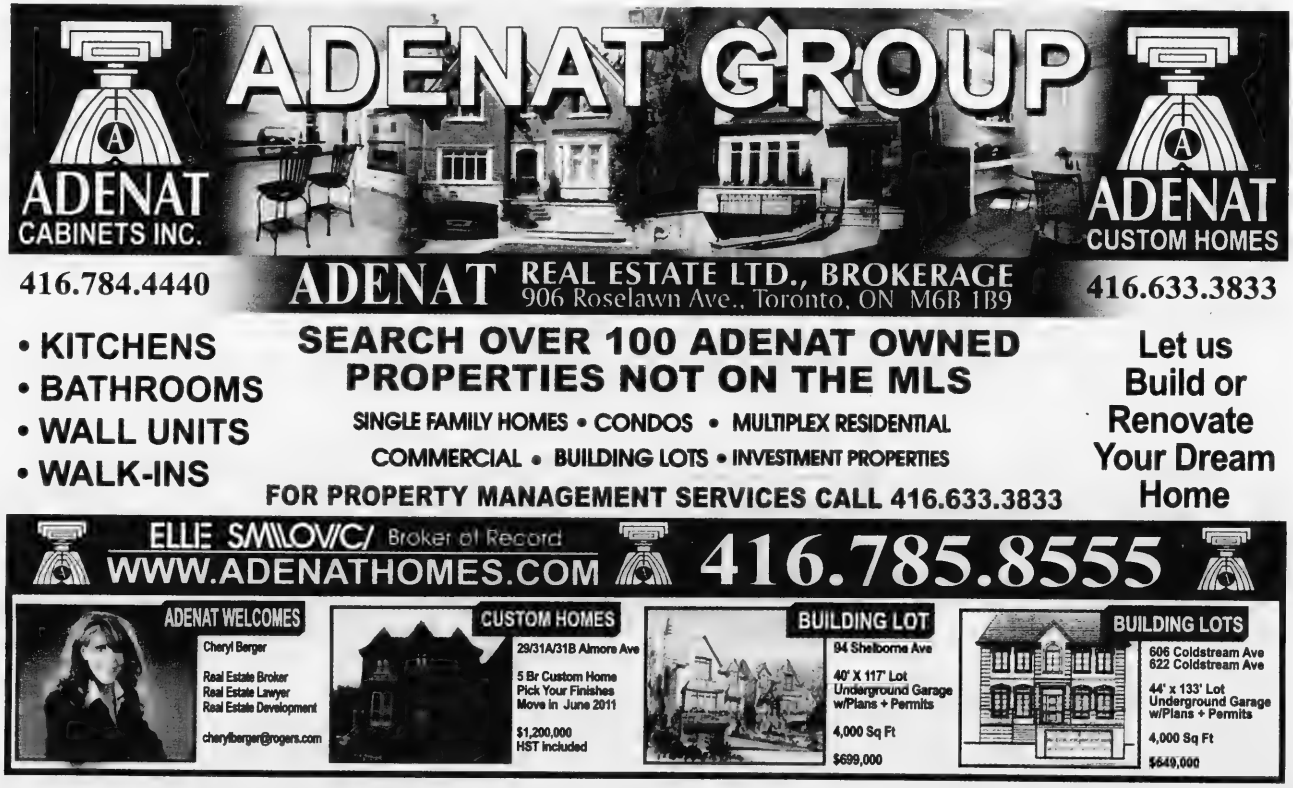

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Election day next week, May 2, is significant for us for reasons far beyond the "mere" peaceful changing of our federal government.

It happens also to be Yom Hashoah v'Hagvurah.

The commemoration date this year actually falls on May 1 – the 27th day of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar – but it will be marked on Monday, May 2, in Israel.

The date of Yom Hashoah on the Hebrew calendar was established by decree of the Knesset on April 12, 1951. Like most legislation in democracies, its final content was the result of compromise.

Many individuals believed it was appropriate that the special day of remembrance should coincide with the beginning of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, April 19, 1943.

From the editor's desk...

It was not by accident that the Nazis chose that day to launch the final liquidation of the Jewish remnant of Warsaw. For it was the eve of Pesach, the 14th of Nissan.

Nazi cruelty was comprehensive.

Their purpose was not only to annihilate an entire people; it was also to mock, scorn, deride and humiliate our religion as well. But on Erev Pesach 1943, it was they, the avatars of the Aryan master race who were humiliated. They did not anticipate what happened on that day.

At 3 a.m. on April 19, 1943, some 2,000 German soldiers with heavy military equipment and arms surrounded the ghetto. They expected it would take up to three days to "remove" the 60,000 Jews then remaining in the ghetto.

But the low and lowly "subhuman" Juden fought back.

The 700 to 750 Jewish resistance fighters, armed with grenades, rifles and revolvers held out against the Nazis for nearly 30 days. On May 15, the Germans blew up the great Tlomackie Synagogue, the elegant symbol of the three million Jews who once lived in Poland. Inexplicably, the Nazis left standing the Jewish historical and cultural institute that stood beside it on the adjacent street. The institute stands there today.

Mordechai Anielewicz, the 24-year-old commander of the combined Jewish fighting cells in the ghetto, died on May 8. That he was so young and yet the commander, that so many of his fellow fighters were so young, will speak for all time about the bravery, courage, selflessness and sacrifice of Jewish youth that we see every day reincarnated in the Israel Defence Forces.

Several thousand Jews were buried in the rubble and detritus of the ghetto. Of the tens of thousands who emerged, about 30,000 were either immediately shot or transported to death camps. The remainder were sent to labour camps.

After the resistance of the fighters came to an end, the resistance of the chroniclers began.

Personal diaries, accounts, written testaments buried under the rubble would soon be recovered and brought to light as the final humiliation of the Nazis.

The Nazis did indeed destroy the Jews of Europe. There are no words nor can there ever be any words of solace, comfort, understanding or even the slightest, most infinitesimal abatement of sorrow. Ever.

Nearly eight years after the Tlomackie Synagogue was destroyed, the Knesset in Jerusalem enacted the legislation that established Yom Hashoah.

In its wisdom, the Knesset selected the date of 27th day of Nissan, a day that falls between Pesach and Yom Ha'atzmaut. It would not have been appropriate to interlace Yom Hashoah with Pesach or with Yom Ha'atzmaut.

Between the holiday celebrating the freedom of the ancient Jews from their slavery in Egypt and the holiday celebrating the freedom of the sovereign state of the modern Jews, we reflect on, remember and sanctify the memories of the six million who were killed, not as casualties of war, but as objects of hatred and contempt for having been Jewish.

To try to ensure that all members of the community, including the very observant, would be able to accept the date, more conditions were added to the final compromise: If the 27th of Nissan affects Shabbat, i.e., falls on Friday or Saturday, the commemoration date moves. If it falls on a Friday, Yom Hashoah moves to the preceding Thursday. If it falls on a Sunday, Yom Hashoah moves to the following Monday.

Thus, when we vote next week, we must feel an extra dimension in its significance. It is hard to conceive of a Nazi regime flowering in a true and strong democracy.

It is an unremarkable act, to be sure, to mark a preference for a specific candidate on a ballot. In truth, it is, as we all know but seldom remember, a mundane-made-profound act, too. As is our right, we may choose not to vote. Not voting is an also an exercise of our rights. But not voting does nothing to strengthen our democracy.

There are many significant ways to mark Yom Hashoah. Voting in the federal election is one of them.

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A POIGNANT REMINDER

The sign on the tzedakah box attached to the gate in front of a building in Safed, in northern Israel, is a reminder to us all of one of our important obligations at this time of year and, indeed, throughout the year. ***[Flash90 photo]***

Teen conference to combat apathy

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

To 16-year-old Shane Feldman, the founder of the first World Youth Conference, age is just a number.

He's just like any other teenager, he insists.

"I just had this spark inside of me and motivated myself to do this."

Shane Feldman
[Paula Feig Photo]

The May 4 conference aims to motivate and inspire students to create positive change in the world.

"Kids can do just as much as adults. You just need to believe in yourself and not let anyone talk you down."

The spark was ignited when the Westmount Collegiate student began to notice that his peers were apathetic about the plight of Third World communities.

"I felt like I was surrounded by so many friends and peers who just didn't care," Feldman said.

"People weren't aware of what was happening in Third World countries. We're privileged to live in a society like Toronto and Thornhill that is fortunate to have clean water and proper housing. So many youth take that for granted and don't... understand how lucky they are."

Feldman, who had the idea for the project two years ago and began planning the conference last year, said that he was driven to move forward when he succeeded in motivating his younger sister to be more socially conscious.

"All of my friends, peers and all of the youth that I see continue to drive my passion to create this movement to develop an understanding of what's happening around the world," Feldman said.

The former Leo Baeck Day School student, who credits his family and former teachers with introducing him to the concept of tzedakah, added that "his Jewish upbringing helped [him] realize the importance of a charitable mentality."

About 400 high school students from across Ontario are expected to attend the May 4 conference, to be held at the City Playhouse Theatre in Thornhill.

He said originally it was supposed to be a school-wide event to inspire his peers to volunteer and become youth leaders, but he added, "I don't really go small. I go big or go home.

"I thought, 'Why am I limiting this to just my school?'"

Once he made the decision to reach out to students province-wide, he never looked back.

"I'm a bit of a computer geek, so I created a website, which I built, developed and paid for... I mailed out an information package to every school in the [York Region District School Board] and Toronto District School Board."

He said he also spent a lot of time looking for corporate sponsors. Initially, securing sponsorship was slow going.

"I contacted more than 50 corporations around Canada for sponsorship, and of those 50, I received three phone calls and two e-mails... and zero sponsors."

But that wasn't enough to discourage him. He continued to push forward and has since secured sponsors, including Pizza Pizza and TD Bank. He's also going to charge $10 per ticket to help cover the cost of the non-profit event.

He said word about the conference even spread to Ontario's Minister of Education, Leona Dombrowsky, who offered to provide a video message to be played during the event.

The one-day conference will include motivational and inspirational speakers such as Lynda Fishman, author of Repairing Rainbows, a memoir about the difficulties she faced when her mother and two younger sisters were killed in an Air Canada plane crash when she was 13.

Fishman also works to support children dealing with tragedy and who have life-threatening diseases, and she fundraises for various charities.

Spencer West, who lost his legs at the age of five, will speak to students about the struggles he faced – his search for meaning and happiness – and his eye-opening volunteer experiences.

Students will also be introduced to a website Feldman partnered with, charityrepublic.com, a Canadian-based organization that gives volunteers the opportunity to choose from hundreds of charities and non-profit organizations with which to connect.

"You'll see links between our two sites because at the end of the conference, the main thing we want every delegate to leave with is an empowerment that they can make a difference, and we want them to log on and register with Charity Republic so that they can start volunteering and making a difference," Feldman said.

He wants people to understand that "youth are not only the future, they are also the present," he said.

"We're just trying to tell these youth, 'So what, you're a kid... You can go out and make the positive change that this world needs.'"

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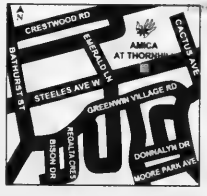

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Israeli orphans to visit Toronto, Niagara Falls

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Some time during the month of August, 40 to 50 Israeli kids around bar mitzvah age will visit Toronto for a couple of days.

Although their agenda is not set in stone, they're likely to do the kind of fun stuff that kids everywhere like to do – visit Canada's Wonderland, play laser tag, have a party. The usual.

However, these kids are hardly average, carefree, happy-go-lucky youths. They're part of a select group of youngsters who will be visiting Canada and the United States as part of a program designed to help them adjust to a sad reality. All the children are orphans whose fathers or mothers were killed while serving in the Israel Defence Forces or the country's security agencies.

Shahar Azani

For years, IDF orphans have been flying to the United States to attend Jewish summer camps. This year, they'll attend Camp Chi in the Chicago area before spending some time in New York. They'll wrap up their North American adventure with a trip to Niagara Falls, followed by two days in Toronto, said Shahar Azani, director of external affairs of the IDF Widows & Orphans Organization (IDFWO).

"The trips are a great opportunity for the kids to be together and see that their situation is shared by others," Azani said. "They can talk about it far from Israel, in tranquility and a serene environment, discuss it. It's a milestone on the road to adulthood."

Azani was in Toronto last week to introduce the organization to the local Jewish community. He met with synagogue congregations, expat Israelis and others who might be convinced to support the organization. He was particularly taken with his warm reception and the strong Zionist commitment of those he met. He's confident he'll be able to find billets for the youngsters.

He said the summer trip is an important part of the kids' adaptation to a life without a parent. Most of those visiting Toronto this summer were orphaned fairly recently. Choosing who will participate becomes complicated by the emotions involved and by determining who is ready for a three-week separation from home, he said.

The IDFWO was founded in 1991 to address those issues and to "empower women."

"The widows decided after their loss to take their fate in their hands and get back to life," he said. "They decided to get together and help each other and get back to life after a horrible loss of a father, sometimes a mother, a pillar. It's hard to get back to normal life when something is missing."

Today, a core group of volunteers makes themselves available to comfort "new widows and tell them 'I'm here for you.'"

Nava Shahan-Solan, chair of the group, was widowed in 1982 when her husband was killed in Lebanon. Following the deadly Mount Carmel fire last year, she visited six widows "whose entire world shattered in one fateful moment, widows who now have to stick the pieces back together into a whole," she wrote in the group's magazine, *Together*.

Membership now consists of close to 9,000 widows and orphans, some dating back to the 1948 War of Independence. One of the best known is Gabriela Shalev, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, whose husband was killed in the Yom Kippur War.

The IDFWO receives some financial support from the Ministry of Defence, but the sums are modest.

"The organization covers all the other needs, such as reaching out, money for families in need, education courses for widows [to improve their job skills], helping them get back to work, reaching out to orphans by providing school supplies.

"During bar or bat mitzvah celebrations, the group sponsors celebrations at the Kotel [Western Wall] led by the chief rabbi of the IDF, hosted by the president, followed by a tour of the Knesset," Azani said.

"It becomes an extra-special day when people express their love for them and the father is missed so much," he said.

As the kids get older, the organization helps with academic scholarships and provides "generous wedding gifts."

The Gerald Schwartz & Heather Reisman Foundation will provide 76 academic scholarships to IDF orphans through the IDFWO in 2011, said foundation spokesperson Moshe Ronen.

"We consider it an important segment of our work with Heseg, which is an organization for former soldiers and lone soldiers in particular, which we sponsor in order to encourage them and help them pursue and develop successful careers," Ronen said.

The IDFWO also raises funds through membership fees and private donations, Azani said.

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Some parents being 'priced out of Jewish education'

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Rabbi Jay Kelman – a founder of Torah in Motion who teaches ethics, Talmud and rabbinics at TanenbaumCHAT and is a chartered accountant by training – said that some parents are being "priced out of Jewish education." He said he knows of a few observant families who are considering sending their children to public school.

Rabbi Jay Kelman

Rabbi Kelman believes that the funding issue can be solved in two generations "if we restructure the way we finance the education."

His idea is based on replacing subsidies with loans for parents who can't afford tuition. "A lot of middle class parents have no money while they're going through the system," he said. "A lot of them will be wealthier 20 years from now."

He suggests that parents could pay back a loan in the future, or leave 10 per cent of their estate to Jewish education.

As well, a key element of his plan is that parents be given the option of buying $1 to $2 million of life insurance, with their children's school as beneficiary.

"My ultimate goal is that tuition be reduced by 50 per cent, on condition you buy a $2-million life insurance plan."

He said the idea hasn't been well received by schools, whose financial concerns are time-sensitive. To address those concerns, philanthropists would need to offer "bridge financing" in the interim – either as a loan, or preferably a gift, he said. "If we would have done this 50 years ago, we wouldn't be in the situation we are today."

He added that a couple of variations of the idea are being tried in the United States.

To fund Jewish education is "a communal obligation, not a parental obligation," Rabbi Kelman said. "Our first priority is to get our kids in the public school system into day school. Our first priority should be to make the cost less expensive."

Yisroel Janowski, who was involved in trying to get government funding for Jewish day schools as founding president of the Ontario Association of Jewish Day Schools, said that what the federation has been doing to help families who aren't able to afford tuition is "wonderful, but there is a whole host of other families who are dropping out because they don't want to go through the scholarship system."

As well, he said, schools that aren't affiliated with the federation "are not getting a dime. All kinds of people are not being helped... It's just not sustainable."

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Important civic and communal duties call

We learn at school, and then our experiences confirm, that a democracy requires its citizens to become involved in myriad aspects of the running of society. The more our lines of involvement, the stronger the sinews of our society. The formula is quite simple: the more we care about something, the more we pay attention to it. Strength cannot flourish through indifference. And who among us would not wish for our society, our democracy, to be the strongest it can be?

Wherever Jews have settled in the pre and post-Enlightenment modern world, we have always played active roles in seeking to establish or solidify the safeguards to secure and prosperous living that are inherent in true democratic structures and processes.

Thus, as individuals and as a diverse, heterogenous community, we are summoned next week to pay attention to our democracy, to perform duties, in two significant ways.

On May 2, Canadians will elect a new Parliament. By now we have heard, seen and read the positions of the party leaders and our riding candidates. The issues relating to domestic and foreign policy are vital. We must go to the polls in large numbers to cast our ballots according to conscience, political preference and calm calculation. Every vote is precious.

Next week is also census week.

As most readers know, recent changes to the once-each-decade survey replaced the mandatory long form census with a voluntary National Household Survey (NHS).

Community planners, leaders and advocates require the information about the community that derives from the longer, more complete NHS. Without it, they will be at a profound disadvantage in planning broad communal policy, considering all possible options when dealing with pressing issues, and in speaking to government or other decision-making bodies.

Demographer Charles Shahar, chief researcher for national census analysis at Federation CJA in Montreal, told *The CJN* last week that it's "critical" for people who receive the NHS long form to complete it. He emphasized the importance of as many people as possible completing the voluntary longer form census, saying that "at least" an 80 per cent response rate to the NHS is necessary for the data to be considered reliable.

Linda Kislowicz, CEO of UIA Federations Canada, reinforced the urgency of Shahar's plea. "If we don't get a large critical mass of people [completing the survey], it won't be useful."

Next week will be a busy one for democracy in Canada.

We have our duties. We must, therefore, fully engage with them. We owe the country and the community nothing less.

25 years ago in *The CJN*

Bank of Israel governor Moshe Mandelbaum quit in the wake of a scathing report on Israel's banking system by a commission set up to probe the collapse of bank shares in 1983. The commission urged, among other things, that Mandelbaum and the heads of Israel's five largest banks resign within 30 days.

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Day school funding

In his Pesach greetings to our community (April 14), Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty speaks of Ontario celebrating "difference" and thriving on "diversity," and our province's "cultural and religious mosaic." Yet his lofty words ring very hollow in light of his government's continued discriminatory policies in education, which continue to fund Catholic schools to the exclusion of all other religious minorities. We should never forget this government's vehement opposition to equity in educational funding.

Joseph Y. Adler
Toronto

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In our best interests to work together

The letter in your April 14 issue about JSpaceCanada ("Group to inflict damage") perfectly illustrates why our new organization is so essential to the Canadian Jewish community. JSpaceCanada (www.jspacecanada.ca) is an autonomous group (not, as Michael Salamon incorrectly guesses, started by the New Israel Fund or affiliated with J Street in the United States), and we formed JSpaceCanada out of a love for Israel and the desire to combat the BDS (boycotts, divestments, and sanctions) movement – and more broadly the delegitimization of Israel – on the Canadian left. Being progressive Jews ourselves, we thought, and think, this positions us to be particularly effective in this endeavour. As mentioned in the article "New community voice joins pro-Israel left" (*CJN*, March 31), JSpaceCanada believes that only the pro-Israel left can influence the anti-Israel left, since we have (on some issues, though obviously not on Israel) a common language. In terms of JSpaceCanada's basic intent, we share with the rest of the Jewish community a passionate love for Israel and a profound abhorrence of those who seek to destroy or delegitimize it.

Given the real, serious threats posed to Israel and the Jewish people by our powerful and well-funded enemies, we believe it's in our community's best interests to have all of Am Yisrael working together to fight these enemies, rather than weakening our community's effectiveness by wasting our precious time and energy on internal divisiveness. JSpaceCanada, being pro-Israel and politically progressive, obviously differs in some respects from pro-Israel Canadian Jews with other political opinions, but we believe that our community is strengthened by diversity of views, and that respectful disagreement and debate are a time-honoured part of our tradition. If Hillel and Shamai were able to respectfully debate the key issues of their time, surely we, too, can struggle with the difficult challenges of our own without dismissing or delegitimizing each other. And if not now, when?

John Bofinen, Mintzy Clement, Laura Crompton, Frieda Forman, Mika Gang, Nora Gold, Issie Lyon, Harry Schachter, Stuart Schoenfeld, Lesley Turner, Nan Weiner
Toronto

LET THEM GO...

Ron Arad, Zachary Baumel, Zvi Feldman, Guy Hever, Yehuda Katz

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The number of days Hamas has held Gilad Schalit captive

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Shoe store boycott

Since October, Palestinian and Jewish Unity (PAJU), supported by Québec solidaire co-leaders Françoise David and Amir Khadir, Québec solidaire MNA for Mercier, have boycotted the 25-year-old Le Marcheur shoe store on St. Denis Street in Montreal because one of the brands of shoes it sells is from Israel ("Anti-boycott support," Montreal edition, March 10). The boycott began when the store's owners, the Archambaults, refused to back down to threats, and thus began a weekly demonstration demanding that St. Denis be Israeli-products free. PAJU also boycotts a shoe store across the street, Naot, because it sells Israeli-made brands. Wearing Québec solidaire pins, the boycotters block the sidewalks and intimidate passers-by. The boycotters do not care about employees of these stores, nor the workers in Israel, of Russian and Palestinian origin, who would lose their jobs if these businesses closed. Québec solidaire divides people, rather than building bridges. The people of Quebec shop at the stores every week, supporting free enterprise, and join our weekly counter-demonstration to provide support to the Archambaults. A vote for Québec solidaire is a vote for a bunch of "heels" who have not walked a mile in our shoes.

Sharon Freedman
Montreal

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We're blushing

A heartfelt yasher koach to *CJN* Literary Supplement editor Joseph Serge and the staff for the superb supplement (April 14).

Baruch Cohen
Montreal

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A monument of Good Deeds

Eli Rubenstein

Many years ago, I came across a fragment of a story that still haunts me to this day. As I remember it, two little Jewish boys – brothers – were playing soccer with their friends in a Lithuanian town during World War II. Their game was abruptly interrupted by a Nazi roundup and the two boys were immediately dispatched to an awaiting cattle car. As the wagon left the station, it passed the very soccer field where the boys had just been playing. There was a small crack on one of the sides of the train which allowed the boys to peer through and catch a small glimpse of the outside world – and the soccer field. What did they see? Their friends continuing to play soccer, charging up and down the field, as if nothing had happened.

The two Jewish boys were heading toward an almost certain death, and to their friends it seemed to not matter one bit. Half a century later, the brothers are still troubled by this image of indifference and apathy they witnessed from a small crack in a train on the way to their deportation.

This tiny fragment of a story, this ever so brief moment in time, is this not the entire story of the Holocaust? Is not apathy and indifference in the face of utter cruelty and barbarity the most apt description of what took place during the Kingdom of Night?

Yet there is another story which also must be told, a story involving courage, bravery and altruism beyond belief, where people took enormous risks – and even sacrificed their lives – to save others.

Why must this other side be told? So the entire picture of the Holocaust is properly shown. So that the study of the Holocaust does not cause us to give up completely on humanity. So that these courageous people can serve as role models in our own lives.

Naomi Azrieli has expressed this point so eloquently. She said that no one survived the Holocaust without the help of another. It could have been a hiding place, an extra ration, a pair of shoes – even a kind gesture. It is these acts of nobility we must remember, along with acts of Nazi horror and cruelty and the collaboration of others, that we are so familiar with.

For this reason, in most recent years, on programs like the March of the Living and March of Remembrance and Hope, a meeting with one of the Righteous Among the Nations is always included. Our young people must be given hope for the future and an understanding that evil was indeed resisted during the darkest of times – and can still be confronted today.

It is especially important to tell the stories of courage and altruism expressed by people who were not Jewish toward Jewish victims of the Holocaust, in most cases risking their lives and their families to save a complete stranger; they were not saving family members, friends, acquaintances, or even people from the same cultural background. They often had nothing in common – except for their humanity.

A little Jewish girl slipped out of the Czernowitz ghetto to the alien side. A Nazi caught her, and believing she was a Christian girl, informed her he would personally walk her home. He took her by the hand and ordered her to lead the way to her parents home. Terrified about what would happen to her and her family if she led the soldier back to the ghetto, she decided she would take the Nazi to the home of someone on the Aryan side. But who? Suddenly she remembered the address of a famous opera singer, and that is where she led the soldier. When they arrived at the home, the singer answered the door. The soldier explained to her that he had found her daughter wandering in the streets. Without pause, the woman started to berate the girl for being such a difficult child, forcefully pulled her into the house, quickly thanked the soldier for his efforts and slammed the door shut. When the door was firmly barred, and the soldier was gone, the woman ended her tirade, looked at the girl with kindness in her eyes, and simply said, "You're a Jewish girl aren't you?."

In a split second, this woman not only had the moral courage, but the moral imagination to take the steps that would save a life, the life of someone she had never met before in her life.

In Albania, the Nazis knocked on the door of a Muslim family hiding a Jewish boy, demanding they give up their Jewish guest. The Muslim father insisted there were no Jews in his home, only his two sons. But the Nazi insisted that the Muslim father only had one son. "Now is the time to show who we are," the father said as he looked at his true son.

"Who is the Jew?" the Nazi asked again.

His real son then stepped forward and was shot.

During the 1932-1933 Holodomer, the Stalinist man-made famine that resulted in the deaths of millions of ethnic Ukrainians, Andrei Novikov, a starving Ukrainian was saved by Jewish villagers.

But years later, when the Nazis deported the Jews from the town that had sheltered him, there was nothing Novikov could do. Except for one thing. The only thing the Jews of the village asked Andrei to do was to remember them after their death.

So Andrei Novikov committed to memory the 127 names of the Jews that were deported and, years later, sent the list of the names of his martyred Jewish friends to Yad Vashem, in Israel.

Jerzy Kozminski, centre, hid 13 Jews during the Holocaust. He met with Canadian students in Poland who travelled there on a recent trip of the March of Remembrance and Hope. With him, from left, are Alyssa Idler, Carolyn Bartlett, Tashauna Reid and Nahayat Tizhoosh.

Let me close with one final story recounted by Israeli Holocaust survivor and historian Israel Gutman.

"A Jew... knocked on the door of a poor farmer's cottage and asked for food. They let him in and discovered that he had been wandering about in the woods for several days with his wife and two children. The poor peasants took them all in. In time, the two families bonded so well that they became as one. One day, the farmer returned from a trip to a neighbouring village and told them that the Germans found a Jewish family sheltered there and murdered them all, both the Jews and the Polish family hiding them. They all lapsed into silence. The Jews realized that they couldn't keep endangering their Polish protectors so during the night, they packed up their belongings. In the morning, the Poles came to their room. "We've been talking about this. Stay. Whatever happens to you, will happen to us." And these people survived.

The story symbolizes the most noble in values that can be found among people who, only recently, had been complete strangers to each other. The poor farmer and his wife first offer food to an even poorer, starving Jewish man, then they rescue him and his entire family. Then the Jewish family decide they cannot place the Polish family at risk, and resolve to leave – but the Polish man and woman insist they stay, telling them: "What happens to you, will happen to us." Are there any more beautiful words than these that were ever spoken during the Holocaust?

Twelve-year-old Donia Rosen wrote in her diary on June 23, 1943, hiding in the forest after the murder of her family....

"Words fail me, but I must write, I must. I want to ask you not to forget the dead. I want to beg you with all my heart that... you establish a memorial to us, a monument that reaches the sky, a mark that will be seen throughout the world – a statue not of marble and not of stone, but of good deeds. For I believe with a full and perfect faith that only such a monument can ensure you and your children a better future, and then the evil that seized control of the world... will not return."

Those who resisted Nazi tyranny during the Kingdom of Night have left us a monument of good deeds. It is in their footsteps, in the example of these heroic individuals, and in homage to their exceptional spirit, that we, even in the smallest way, must try to emulate their actions. It would be the greatest and most profound tribute to their courageous spirit and at the same time an utter rejection of everything the Nazis stood for.

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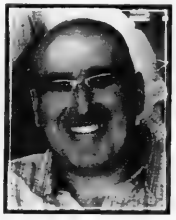
A bright light for the future

It's not always easy living in Israel, with its high taxes, low tolerance, terrible traffic, hateful regional neighbours, too many Jews and too few manners.

But it only takes an incident or two a month to make me realize why I chose to live here and why I wouldn't live anywhere else.

I recently completed a week of *miluim* – military reserve duty. After midnight one Thursday night, as things were winding down, a young reserve officer came into the room I was in and asked if anyone was heading to Jerusalem. I was, and offered him a lift.



Yair Lootsteen in Jerusalem

Being tired, I struck up a conversation to stay awake. Turns out this young, soft-spoken Rehovot native studies computer engineering at Hebrew University. He was concerned about the classes and material he'd missed during the week.

The conversation drifted to our military backgrounds. He told me how he'd come to be doing reserve duty in the unit he's now posted in.

He did his compulsory military service in the combat engineering corps, an infantry unit that trains sappers but also specializes in building and breaching fortifications, as well as in biological and chemical warfare and the operation of heavy mechanical vehicles.

He completed officer training, and early one morning in August 2006, during the Second Lebanon War, he successfully led a platoon of soldiers in several armoured personnel carriers to a purportedly protected encampment overlooking a village in southern Lebanon. He spoke of the fear he felt later while dashing under fire to retrieve a vehicle that had been left outside the post, a fear he hadn't spoken of for several years, something he'd put behind him.

Hezbollah rockets and shells rained on their position. He took shrapnel to the head and waited more than 12 hours to be evacuated to a clinic in Kiryat Shmonah. Doctors who examined him diagnosed only superficial head wounds. After transfer to a hospital in Safed, it became clear, however, that some shrapnel had penetrated his brain. He was airlifted to Haifa's Rambam Hospital, where he underwent emergency surgery and spent several weeks recuperating.

After further convalescence, it was determined he hadn't suffered any permanent impairment.

He was disappointed that his comrades-in-arms, particularly his company commander and the commander's deputy, hadn't visited more often while he was hospitalized. Somehow, though, he understood. They, too, wanted to move on with their lives.

After recovering fully, the army informed him that he'd been released from further duty. He successfully contested the decision, returning to his unit, albeit to a slightly less-dangerous position.

Upon completing his four-year compulsory tour of duty (officers serve at least one extra year), he was assigned to his current reserve unit, in which he served during this latest round of miluim.

The army is no longer central to his life. His studies are, although he also finds time for his girlfriend. He's in a hurry to graduate and get into the real world. He wants a job in high-tech.

He finished his story just as we entered Jerusalem. It was late and the buses had stopped running. I drove him to Hebrew U's Givat Ram campus, letting him off without even asking his name.

Although it was the dead of night when I got home and no one was awake, it took me a while to fall asleep. This young man's tale had touched me. No bravado, just understatement. Not terribly emotional. He'd told it matter-of-factly. Despite his trauma, he's getting on with his life. He's going to succeed.

Israel's future often looks downright bleak. Left or right, there aren't any real leaders. Peace is certainly not at hand. Our region is in turmoil. Corruption seems rampant. It seems we'll soon be overrun by haredim.

But things are far from hopeless. The economy is booming. There's a renaissance in Jewish studies, both religious and secular. Universities are teeming with world-class scientists and professionals. Volunteerism is up, and when things get tough for particular sectors in society, mutual responsibility (*arvut hadadit*) is being exhibited wonderfully through the work of thousands of organizations and individuals.

We're succeeding, despite our governments. And with young people like my travelling companion, one can't help but be optimistic.

I hope to meet him again next time I'm in miluim.

Goldstone reconsidered

As *CJN* readers know, I've been a consistent and substantive (as distinct from personal) critic of the Goldstone report from the beginning. This travesty was the predictable result of the unholy alliance between the worst human rights violators – the regimes controlling Libya, Iran, Syria, Saudi Arabia, etc. – and powerful officials of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) who exploit the façade of moral language for immoral goals. The leaders of this alliance abused the tragedy of the Gaza war (December 2008/January 2009) and Judge Richard Goldstone's reputation in order to promote a lethal political assault against Israel.

It took Goldstone a long time, but he has now taken a major step toward restoring his moral standing. Goldstone's recent article in the *Washington Post* belatedly acknowledges that there was no basis for the libel accusing Israeli soldiers of deliberately killing civilians in Gaza and that his report put far too little emphasis on the thousands of Palestinian missile and terror attacks against Israelis – each of which constitutes a real war crime.

Understandably, the victims of Palestinian attacks in Sderot and southern Israel whose tragedies were ignored in this report will not be quick to forgive Goldstone. And the same is true in the case of Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit, whose kidnapping was erased. Similarly, the damage caused by falsely labelling Israeli soldiers "war criminals" and accusing them of "violations of international law" won't disappear quickly. Goldstone must make his peace with them before he can be forgiven.

At the same time, many others responsible for this immoral farce have attacked Goldstone for admitting any mistakes, while they continue to promote lies about Israeli policy. This group of hard-core propagandists initially embraced the Jewish judge from South Africa who attacked Israel, but have now dismissed Goldstone's words because he no longer supports their party line. Instead of crediting him with the wisdom to see the evidence and admit mistakes, they invoke racist stereotypes of a nefarious Jewish/Zionist lobby that forced him to make statements he knew to be untrue.

For anyone who has known and listened to Goldstone, this accusation is particularly galling and unjustified, just as the personal attacks from critics of his role as the leader of the UN-NGO assault on Israel were wrong. In reality, a careful reading of Goldstone's statements over the past six months shows a gradual but growing recognition of the truth.

He admitted that the mandate provided by the UN Human Rights Council was entirely biased and that the evidence copied by the "fact-finding" commission staff from their ideological NGO allies had been invented. The Goldstone report had its origins in the infamous NGO forum of the 2001 UN Durban anti-racism conference, in which the leaders of more than 1,500 groups that have kidnapped the rhetoric of human rights adopted a strategy of demonization of Israel. He should have had the wisdom to reject all manifestations of this political war.

Gerald Steinberg in Jerusalem

Therefore, it took courage for Goldstone to go against lifelong friends and allies who have misappropriated the flag of human rights, and he should be given credit for this and encouraged to continue in this direction.

By recanting, Goldstone has also exposed the ways the UN-NGO alliance invents "facts" and distorts international law beyond recognition in order to single out Israel. Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, B'Tselem, and numerous Palestinian and other groups that use human rights rhetoric provided most of the unverifiable "evidence" used in the Goldstone report. Their exploitation of human rights has now been highlighted for all to see.

In a desperate effort to limit the damage, Kenneth Roth, an obsessive anti-Israel ideologue who heads Human Rights Watch, published articles in the *Jerusalem Post*, the *Guardian* and the *New York Times*, attempting to rewrite Goldstone's carefully chosen words. Under Roth, HRW also marketed Gadhafi's "Tripoli spring" and sought funds from Saudi Arabia in order to attack Israel.

This unethical behaviour by powerful NGOs, and their intensive efforts to distort and spin Goldstone's recognition of moral mistakes, is not unique. In 2010, Robert Bernstein, the founder of HRW condemned his own organization and suffered the same type of abuse as Goldstone is now receiving. Bernstein stood fast and refused to be "spun" or reinterpreted, and now Goldstone has joined him in speaking truth to the abuses of NGO power.

A city in the eye of historical storms

Call it whatever you please – Czernowitz, Chernivtsi, Cernauti or Chernovtsy. This city in southwestern Europe, the birthplace of the poet Paul Celan, has presented itself in various guises. Until the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, it was known as Czernowitz. In the wake of World War I, it was called Cernauti. Under Soviet rule after World War II, it was renamed Chernovtsy. Since the resumption of Ukraine's independence in 1991, its name has been Chernivtsi. As is evident, this city has been in the eye of historical storms, having witnessed the upheavals that convulsed this comparatively remote corner of Europe in the 20th century.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

When I visited the city in the autumn of 1992, I came away with the distinct impression that it had seen far better days.

Yet its quaint old quarter, with its grand buildings, cobblestone streets and fin-de-siecle atmosphere, was, as I wrote back then, "redolent of 19th-century Vienna."

From the mid-19th century to the end of World War II, the city was a centre of German Jewish and Eastern European culture.

But Jews who had lived there, like the Israeli novelist Aharon Applefeld, carried mixed memories.

On the one hand, they remembered it as a multicultural, tolerant place where German literature, music, art and philosophy flourished. On the other hand, they recalled the fascist and communist eras, when Jewish lives were expendable.

Ghosts of Home: The Afterlife of Czernowitz in Jewish Memory (University of California Press), by Marianne Hirsch and Leo Spitzer, examines Czernowitz in all its ethnic and cultural permutations from the Habsburg era to the contemporary period.

Blending history and communal memoir, this is a book whose echoes reverberate across generations and in which the authors are personally invested.

Hirsch, a professor of English and comparative literature at Columbia University, was born in Romania, the daughter of Holocaust survivors who came from Czernowitz.

Spitzer, a retired professor of history who taught at Dartmouth College, was born in Bolivia, the son of Austrian Jews from Vienna.

Hirsch and Spitzer visited the city, some 50 kilometres north of the Romanian border today, four times between 1998 and 2008, once in the company of her aged parents.

Hirsch spells out her reason for going there early on. "I grew up in 1950s Bucharest, Romania, within a community of fellow German-speaking exiles from Czernowitz whose tastes, attitudes, behaviours and stories about a world that had long ceased to exist shaped me profoundly," she writes. "My desire to visit Czernowitz originated with these encounters and grew in intensity over many years."

Hirsch, whose first and second languages were German and Romanian, adds, "After my parents and I [immigrated] to Austria in 1961 and to the United States in 1962, my parents' city of origin acquired an ever more distant, mythic aura."

German became the official language of Bukowina – the province in which Czernowitz was located – when it was ceded to the Habsburgs in 1775.

A mosaic of cultures, Bukowina was ultimately inhabited by Ruthenians (modern-day Ukrainians), Moldavian Romanians, Poles, Jews, Germans and Hungarians.

Its Jewish inhabitants, having been granted a range of civil and economic rights previously denied to them, were encouraged to assimilate into and identify with Austro-German norms and values.

As Yiddish speakers, Jews had little trouble learning German.

And while many Jews happily adopted German and shed old Jewish ways and customs, traditional Jews, particularly in villages and rural areas, resisted the new cultural influences and resented the imperial limitations on the legal autonomy of Jewish communal organizations.

Franz Joseph's accession to the throne in 1848 led to a further expansion of the emancipation of Jews, a process that culminated in 1867 when Jews were granted full political and legal rights, Hirsch and Spitzer write.

Acculturated Jews gained professional advantages over their less assimilated coreligionists and over ethnic Romanians, Ruthenians and Poles, who remained less identified with Germanic culture.

This was a factor that fed anti-Semitism and fueled the further development of tribal nationalism.

Czernowitz before World War II.
[Photo courtesy of Sveta Frunchak]

Jews played an integral role in the economy and in the modernization of Bukowina.

They were important in the lumber industry, instrumental in building short-distance tram and rail transport facilities and prominent as the proprietors of inns, hotels, taverns, coffee houses, beet sugar factories, breweries, mineral oil refineries, wood-burning stove plants and building materials supply yards.

Jews gravitated into the professions as doctors, lawyers, teachers and journalists and participated in politics on the local and provincial levels.

By the turn of the 19th century, Jews comprised one-third of Czernowitz's population.

On the surface, Bukowina's mix of ethnic groups got along reasonably well, but they rarely socialized after working hours.

Antisemitism always bubbled, sometimes erupting and triggering "a crisis of identity" among assimilated Jews.

Eventually, they were caught in an ideological clash pitting German cosmopolitans who favoured integration against German volkists who valued racial purity and shunned "outsiders."

The advent of Romanian rule, after World War I, was an inauspicious event for Jews. They faced increasing restrictions, quotas, exclusions, harassment and even violence.

Romania's policy of Romanianization initially applied to Ukrainians in Bukowina and to Hungarians in Transylvania, but Germans and Jews were soon subjected to it as well.

During the 1920s and 1930s, openly anti-semitic Romanian groups, like Alexandru Cuza's League of National Christian Defence and Corneliu Condreanu's Iron Guard, emerged. But Germans and Ukrainians were infected by the virus, too.

In 1938, King Carol II appointed a pro-German government, headed by Cuza and Octavian Goga, and they proceeded to annul the citizenship of 225,000 Jews, or one-third of Romania's Jewish population.

For Jews, the Soviet occupation was no picnic either. But compared to the abysmal period when Romania aligned itself with Nazi Germany, it was benign.

Jews were murdered en masse and deported to Transnistria. In Cernauti, Jews were ghettoized, compelled to wear a yellow star and subjected to a whole host of indignities.

The war in Bukowina ended in March 1944 with the Red Army in command. But life continued to be "brutally hard, sullen and joyless," a Jewish resident reported.

When I passed through Chernivtsi almost 20 years ago, the Jewish population had sunk to 6,000. I suppose the Jewish presence is considerably smaller today.

But judging by *Ghosts of Home*, this city still exerts a special pull on its former Jewish residents and their children and constitutes an integral part of their identity.

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Fundraiser helps provide guide dogs for the blind

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Organizers of a fundraiser for the Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind (IGDCB) hope a June 2 event in Toronto will raise awareness about a 20-year mission to restore independence and dignity to the lives of the unsighted.

Until IGDCB was founded in 1991 by Noach Braun, the only way a blind Israeli could have a guide dog was by training at a North American centre for the blind.

Only those who spoke fluent English and could leave their families behind for a month could take part, and even if someone did receive a guide dog from overseas, there was no system in place to provide assistance if a problem arose.

Today, the non-profit IGDCB, located in Rehovot, Israel, is the only accredited centre of its kind in the Middle East working to give blind people a new lease on life by training guide dogs and giving them to people who need the help.

Since 2009, Sara Gabriel, the executive director of the Canadian Friends of IGDCB, has been working from her Thornhill home to promote the organization.

"We try to tell people and make them understand that guide dogs are a bridge between the sighted and the unsighted world," Gabriel said.

Since the centre is supported almost entirely by donations from individuals, foundations and organizations, much of Gabriel's time goes into fundraising.

In June, the Canadian Friends of IGDCB will host about 300 people at the Eglinton Grand in Toronto for its second annual cocktail and wine reception.

The MC for the event, which will also celebrate the organization's 20th anniversary, will be radio and television personality Ralph Benmergui. It will feature a performance by Juno Award-winning jazz singer Sophie Milman.

Israel Defence Forces veteran Moti Levy, who lost his eyesight and his left arm during an IDF training exercise in 1976, will tell his story of being partnered with Sammy, a Canadian-born golden Labrador retriever that was donated to the IGDCB by Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind when he was a puppy.

"We are also going to be raffling off two spaces for people to be blindfolded and go through an obstacle course with Sammy," Gabriel said.

"Nothing can make you understand or feel what it is to be a blind person, but with this, there will be the sensation that we want people to feel."

Gabriel said she had a similar experience when she first visited the centre in Israel.

One of the trainers encouraged her to take part in a demonstration to better understand the service that guide dogs provide. Standing blindfolded on a busy street in Rehovot, Gabriel said she got a taste of what it is like to put your trust into a guide dog.

"I was nervous because the dog didn't know me and I didn't know the dog... The dog felt my hesitation, but when he felt that I was more secure with him, we began walking and we walked at a fast pace."

After 20 minutes of walking up and down the sidewalk and crossing busy streets, relieved, Gabriel ripped off her blindfold.

That's when it really hit her: a blind person doesn't have the option of removing a blindfold.

"Israel has more blind people per capita than anywhere else in the world. We have more than 27,000 blind people because of wars, terrorism, as well as genetic diseases," Gabriel said.

To date, she added, the centre has helped nearly 400 people, and last year, they arranged 32 partnerships, the most ever in one year.

Moti Levy and Sammy in the snow

While the service is completely free for the recipients, each partnership between a dog and a blind person costs $25,000, and in less than two years, the Canadian Friends has collected and sent about $400,000 to the centre in Israel.

"That's because of the generosity from the community, so we try to continue to bring awareness to the community about what we do and how important it is to give a guide dog to a blind person," Gabriel said, adding that the goal for the upcoming event is to raise $150,000.

She said celebrating the organization's 20th anniversary is less about looking back on its accomplishments and more about pushing forward to see what else can be done to serve the blind community in Israel.

She spoke about a new training method called "clicker training" that was developed by Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael, Calif.

In this system, each time a dog successfully completes a task or demonstrates good behaviour, it is rewarded with a click produced by a small, hand-held device, quickly followed by a treat, Soon, the treat can be replaced by praise and a warm pat.

Gabriel said the trainers in Israel have been using this method for just one year, and training times have been reduced by four weeks, to 16 weeks. The goal is to eventually reduce the training time to 12 weeks.

She said this is important because the waiting list for this service continues to grow, "so the faster we train a dog, the faster we can give it to a blind person."

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Survivor to share testimony and love story

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Holocaust survivor Nancy Kleinberg, whose against-all-odds survival and love story inspired audiences when it was featured on Live! With Regis and Kelly's Greatest Love Story contest earlier this year, will be sharing her testimony at a Holocaust Memorial Service in Oshawa.

On May 1, Oshawa's Beth Zion Congregation and Ajax's B'nai Shalom V'tikvah will host their sixth annual service at Beth Zion.

Kleinberg will share her story that includes forced labour, a three-day death march from Auschwitz to Bergen-Belsen, constant hunger and debilitating disease.

Nancy and Howard Kleinberg

"So many times I was close to death," Kleinberg said in an interview.

But what makes Kleinberg's story unique is the events that unfolded after Bergen-Belsen was liberated in April 1945, when she and her aunt decided to cross over to the men's side of the camp to check for survivors.

"All you saw were so many corpses," she said.

Kleinberg, who was 16 years old at the time, saw movement in a pile of dead bodies.

It was an 18-year-old boy, Howard, whom she recognized from her hometown of Weirzbnik, Poland. He was barely clinging to life.

"My aunt said, 'You're crazy. He's dead.' I said, 'He is not dead, but if we leave him here, he will be for sure.'"

Over the next three weeks, Kleinberg was committed to saving his life and slowly nursed him back to health in an abandoned barrack. One day, Howard mustered up enough strength to make his way to the side of the road. He was picked up by British soldiers and taken to a hospital where he spent six months recuperating.

Kleinberg said she had no idea where he'd gone and was sure she'd never see him again.

Upon learning that her parents, siblings and most of her relatives had perished during the Holocaust, she eventually made her way to North America, finally settling in Toronto in 1947.

Meanwhile, Howard had also immigrated to Toronto about six weeks earlier and learned that she had arrived.

"Back then, Toronto was a very small town and he heard that I had arrived, and he wanted to see the girl who saved his life," she said.

Without warning, Howard showed up on her doorstep with a corsage and a question: "Remember me?"

Three years later, they were married, and last month, the Kleinbergs celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary.

Kleinberg said that at the May 1 service, she will be sharing more details about their love story, as well as stories about her countless near-death experiences and the unimaginable hardships she faced.

She added that sharing her story is difficult, but insisted that "as long as HaShem gives us the strength, we should speak out and educate our children about the Holocaust."

Lina Zatzman, one of the organizers of the service, said the event will also include a candlelighting service and the reading of names of community members' relatives who died during the Holocaust.

The Beth Zion Hebrew school children will also be singing.

"Our synagogue is not large, and we find that... the children's singing makes the service personal and heimish," Zatzman said.

For more information about the service, e-mail lidaz@sympatico.ca.

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Morah Chana says learning has to be fun

Carol Green's long denim skirt is not surprising, given the practicality of the fabric and the typically modest attire of teachers at Netivot HaTorah Day School, an Orthodox institution.

But her colourful socks, incorporating a cheerful yellow bird with a bright orange beak, are hardly de rigueur. Earlier this month, she wore them to school because the Hebrew letter *tzadi* was the "letter of the week" in her Hebrew immersion senior kindergarten classroom. (*Tzipor*, which starts with *tzadi*, is the Hebrew word for bird.)

By Frances Kraft

Full disclosure: Morah Chana, as she is known to her students, is my sister-in-law. Although a couple of people who know her professionally had suggested that I profile her for this column, I deflected their suggestions, to avoid the appearance of nepotism. But when her name came up again recently, and I heard more details about her approach to teaching, I decided it would be a shame not to interview her, and my editor agreed.

A native of Toronto who grew up in a traditional Conservative family, Green attended Associated Hebrew Schools and the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto before completing her BA in psychology at the University of Toronto. Later, she attended the Midrasha l'Morim, where she received a teaching diploma in 1987, and subsequently earned her special education and principal's credentials from York University through its Jewish teacher education program.

A lesson from the teacher: *"In special education, you learn to catch a child doing something good. That's what I train students to do: look for the good. If you look at the positives in each other, you'll have a much more positive environment to learn in."*

Her career at Netivot dates back to 1986, when she began as a classroom assistant. Currently, Green splits her day between the school's Shaarei Shomayim campus, where she teaches Hebrew immersion SK, and the Thornhill location, where she teaches Grade 1 Hebrew.

She likes to wear "child-friendly" clothing, and carries a key chain with attachments that often serve as conversation-starters for young students.

On the first day of school, she likes to wear a t-shirt that reads, "Shalom, Kitah Aleph," in Hebrew letters. "That's the first thing they learn how to read," said Green, a mother of two who visits Israel about once a year.

"Learning has got to be fun," she said.

A typical "letter of the week" lesson includes actions that relate to the letter when the letter comes up as part of tfillah or in songs. Her students think they're just having fun, she said.

As a teenager, Green worked as a camp counsellor and a teacher in a Sunday Hebrew school. She enjoys working with young children, especially "seeing the light go on" when they learn to read and write. "It's amazing what they can do."

A believer in structure, Green said that once children get used to classroom routines, they "can flourish within them."

Carol Green *[Frances Kraft photo]*

The most challenging aspect, she said, is "making sure you really do touch every child, and that every child feels equally special."

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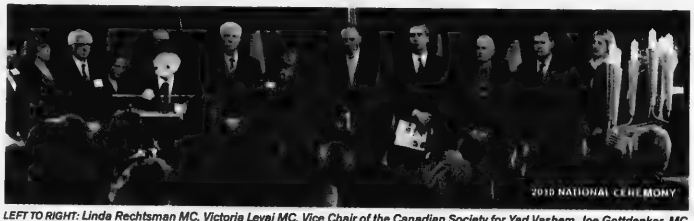

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A Message from Ken Dryden

Dear Friends,

I feel compelled at this time to share with you what I **believe** on matters that are of special importance to you and to me:

I **believe**, and the Liberal Party and Michael Ignatieff believe, in the security and safety of Israel, and the justice of its cause.

I **believe**, as Michael Ignatieff has put it, that while there are many differences between us and the Conservatives, on Israel we stand as one in support of our democratic ally. The Liberal government's record is one of historic support for Israel – the signing of the UN Partition Plan in 1947, the first ever free trade agreement with Israel, the designation of Hamas and Hezbollah as terrorist organizations in 2002, and the first major condemnation of anti-Semitism, all happened under Liberal governments.

I **believe** it's important to engage Canadians who are not Jewish on matters of Israel and anti-Semitism; to have as your advocates not just those who understand, but those who can also advocate to others and help them understand.

I **believe** that those of the Jewish community are also immensely proud of the role they've played in Canada in such matters as social justice, human rights, tikkun olam, and philanthropy, and know it was successive Liberal governments they supported and influenced that brought in medicare, the CPP, and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

I **believe** in the importance of the Jewish community in all of its dimensions for Canada and for the future.

I **know** how much Israel means to you. I **know** how much Canada means to you.

Ken Dryden

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Michael Ignatieff – in his own words

On support for Israel in Canadian politics: "My party will never claim to be the only genuine defenders of Israel in Canadian politics because I don't want my party to be alone in the defence of Israel – I want all parties to be genuine defenders of Israel." (Michael Ignatieff, Speech to the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary, May 31, 2009)

On anti-Semitism: "This is what we have to fight. And we have to say whatever our origin, whatever our politics, whatever our past, whatever our religions, whatever our faith – anti-Semitism is not just a threat to the Jews, it's a threat to every single one of us and to all humanity." (Speech to the Inter-parliamentary Coalition for Combating Anti-Semitism, November 8, 2010)

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How to keep your kids safe from online dangers

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

With the emergence of the World Wide Web in the 1990s, warning our children about talking to strangers has taken on a whole new meaning.

While the Internet has allowed us to become more efficient and better connected, concerned parents have the new challenge of protecting their children from the many risks associated with having an online presence.

Robbins Hebrew Academy and Beth Torah Synagogue presented a lecture April 12 on "Personal and Internet Safety" as part a series called Partnering with Parents.

Carlos James, Robbins' director of information technology, warned parents about the dangers their children face when they become active members of the online community that consists of nearly two billion people.

He said 93 per cent of children between 13 and 17 years of age are online, but the laws in place to protect them from online sexual predators, scammers and other dangerous people, are largely unenforced or outdated.

He said parents should be the first line of defence, but some feel overwhelmed and challenged by the new technology.

Perhaps the biggest concern of the parents at the lecture was how to monitor their preteen children who have profiles on social networking sites and are chat room participants.

James stressed the importance of utilizing all the available privacy settings provided by the sites, and being careful about the information volunteered online.

As a general rule, when it comes to sharing personal information, "if you don't need to share it, don't share it," James said.

Even if all the privacy settings are being used, "somebody always finds their way around them... There is still a chance that we might find it through another source," he added.

Another issue that comes up with networking sites is the damage that could be done to someone's reputation if scandalous photos or messages are posted.

"Social networking sites are great places. It's great to be able to catch up with people... and they give us a place to express personal identity and maintain electronic connections with friends," James said.

"However, like all things, we have to be careful about what we share, what we disclose, what might be out there in terms of photos, and how it could damage our reputation by having that material up and not realizing it."

Claire Sumerlus, Robbins' head of school said she always tells her students that "if you wouldn't post it [on a billboard] at Bay and Bloor, don't post it on Facebook."

There are many other issues children need to be wary about as they become more technologically savvy.

For example, James warned that children and teens could become addicted to online gaming and gambling sites, fall prey to scams and identity theft, access pornography – intentionally or not – become involved with child predators, and become victims of cyberbullying.

Cyberbullying, which can include repeatedly sending offensive messages or posting messages online to damage a person's reputation, has recently garnered more attention since an increasing number of teens and young adults committed suicide after becoming victims to this new trend.

James said cyberbullying has the potential to be even more damaging than in-person bullying because it's more difficult to escape it. A bully can incessantly attack his or her victim via Facebook, text messaging and e-mail.

Another concern is identity theft, which can affect Internet users of all ages, but children in particular are generally more naive about what could be potentially dangerous.

"Be aware of what you choose to make public and know that even if it is secure, it can still [accessed]. Be cautious and consider getting identity theft insurance," James said, adding that most major banks offer it and it can be included in your home insurance free of charge.

James offered a number of tips parents can use to protect their children from Internet dangers.

He said it's important for parents to discuss with their children which sites and subject matters are off-limits; establish a schedule for computer use so that the parents can monitor their childrens' behaviour and protect against child predators; warn their children against giving out personal information including their name, phone number and address; and insist that they should never agree to meet an online stranger without parental permission.

With technology that allows people to carry the Internet in their back pocket, it's becoming increasingly difficult to monitor what children are doing and seeing online, James said.

This is why parents shouldn't completely restrict their children from using computers and other electronic devices, James said.

Instead, "we must empower them to independently make good choices – to know what's right, what's wrong, what is safe, what is not safe."

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Unilateral declaration will lead to conflict

Mahmoud Abbas

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The April 16 *National Post* editorial, "A better way to build a Palestinian state," presented what might appear to be a reasonable case for the Palestinian Authority's decision to seek recognition for a Palestinian state at the United Nations in September.

The *Post* noted that unlike former PA president Yasser Arafat, who used violence and terrorism against Israelis, the current PA leadership, President Mahmoud Abbas and Prime Minister Salam Fayyad, "have made a conscious decision to pursue statehood through non-violent means. And this month, they are expected to receive an extraordinary gesture of encouragement from the international community."

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

Indeed, the IMF, World Bank, and the UN have all recently acknowledged that the PA, which, in the words of the *Post*, is committed to "building the trappings of a real, modern state," has met the conditions for statehood.

The "West Bank economy is now growing at an annual rate of 9 per cent. A decade ago, Palestinians were synonymous in the media with human bombs: Who would want to give the powers of a sovereign government to such extremists? Now, the public face of the PA is two somewhat boring men who put on trade shows and celebrate the merits of direct deposit."

In other words, the *Post* argues that the Palestinians have finally earned the right to statehood – something, the paper points out, many Israelis who favour a two-state solution, also support.

Who could object to this promising picture?

Well, the *Post* acknowledges that "Supporters of Israel may be concerned by a PA campaign for statehood that endruns Israeli negotiations," yet immediately adds, as if this mitigates that concern, "But the nature of that campaign at least shows a welcome turn in Palestinian tactics."

In a nutshell, here's the problem: a change in Palestinian tactics does not amount to a change in strategy. As this column explained a few weeks ago, the PA's refusal to negotiate with Israel, in violation of the Oslo II agreement, signals to Israelis that the Palestinians want to establish their state without recognizing the Israeli one. In this respect, Abbas' strategy is not different from Arafat's, even if his tactics are.

When the *Post* wrote that "PA leaders already have announced that, absent meaningful negotiations with Israel this year, they will apply for UN membership in September," it failed to observe that it's the Palestinians who reject negotiations. They believe that, without having to compromise with Israel, they can achieve statehood by appealing to the international community instead.

(This refusal to compromise became even more entrenched following Al Jazeera's leaks of the "Palestine Papers," which erroneously made it appear that during the Annapolis talks in 2008, Abbas made generous offers that then-Israeli prime minister Ehud Olmert rejected. Abbas was left embarrassed before his outraged public and then declared he'd no longer be able to "compromise" with Israel.)

Now, Palestinian officials speak about pressing the UN to call for the recognition of a Palestinian state based on the "1967 borders" along with the acknowledgement of the "right of return" of Palestinian refugees (to Israel) – both "red lines" for Israel.

Some legal analysts in Israel have tried to downplay the impact of the PA's UN gambit, arguing that General Assembly resolutions are only recommendations (i.e. non-binding), so Israel has little to fear. Others, though, explain that should Palestinian statehood be recognized under the "Uniting for Peace" GA resolution (which employs the language of "aggressor" and "threat to peace" – language that would be applied against Israel), the Jewish state would likely become even more isolated internationally and vulnerable to sanctions. Branding Israel an "aggressor" would officially play into the Palestinian/Arab narrative and turn history on its head.

Meanwhile, UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, which underlie all Mideast peacemaking efforts, including Oslo, require, through negotiations alone, the recognition of Israel, the "establishment of safe and secure boundaries," and the "termination of all claims or states of belligerency." The PA's unilateral drive ignores all these requirements.

That's a prescription for conflict, not peace.

Paul Michaels is communications director for the Canada-Israel Committee.

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Bradley Goldhar is the first Canadian to become international president of the Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF).

An investment adviser, Goldhar, 50, who is married and has two children, has served as vice-president of the international board and president of the Toronto chapter of ICRF.

In 1997, after living in England for five years, he came back to his native Toronto and was looking to get involved in the community, he said.

"I wanted to show my support for Israel, and I wanted to help support cancer research. Getting involved in ICRF allowed me to do both."

Bradley Goldhar

He was invited to work on the organization's gala honouring the Koffler family, he said, and after that he joined the board and the executive committee.

His new volunteer executive position is a significant commitment, he said, and has to fit in with his day job. "I'll be overseeing the whole global community – United States, Canada and Israel."

He said ICRF is a meaningful organization that has identified and funded world-class cancer research scientists working in Israel. "The organization is focused on funding both established scientists and young researchers who are just starting their careers.

"Our targeted funding has helped lead to the discovery of significant cancer-fighting drugs such as Doxil, Gleevac and Velcade, which help thousands of cancer patients in North America and around the world."

> *'I want the money to flow to the best projects'*

Every year, he said, ICRF puts out a call to Israeli scientists asking them for their research proposals.

This year, they had more than 100 proposals, out of which they chose 40. These 40 scientists gathered on March 21 in New York to present their work.

"It is a peer review process, and magic happens when these senior scientists identify the best projects," Goldhar said.

There are different levels of funding, he said, including $25,000 (all figures US) or $30,000 for a two-year period, $35,000 or $45,000 for a three-year period, a professorship for $50,000 for seven years, and a distinguished chair who receives $200,000 for five years.

Last year, the organization granted just under $2 million for 51 scientists who are working at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, the Weizmann Institute of Science or Shaare Zedek Medical Center.

"It is a spectacular day. I'm not a scientist, but when I see the incredible work these people are doing, I can feel their passion. I want the money to flow to the best projects."

During his term, he said, he hopes to achieve a significant increase in funding, "and I'm looking forward to establishing new geographical areas of support."

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Rabbi Leigh Lerner

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Why 150 years? It's the time covered by transmission of information from grandparents to grandchildren, and then to their grandchildren. Thus, stories are transmitted across five generations by human beings who had contact with the stories' source. After five generations, they stop being "memories" of the living.

Let's go back 150 years, to June 23, 1858, in Bologna, in the Papal States. Police seized six-year-old Edgardo, the son of a Jewish couple, Salomone and Marianna Mortara, and transported him to Rome to be raised by the Catholic Church.

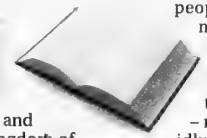
Inquisition authorities in Rome, authorized by Pope Pius IX, had learned that a Catholic servant had baptized Edgardo when he was ill because she feared he might die and go to hell. Under Papal State law, Edgardo's baptism made him a Christian. Under canon law, Jews could not raise a Christian child, even their own.

Edgardo was taken to a house for Catholic converts in Rome. Pius IX turned away all appeals. The Mortaras could have Edgardo back if they converted to Catholicism.

There were many protests, including from governments. Pius IX held firm.

The case hardened opinion among liberals and nationalists that the pope's rule over central Italy was an anachronism and an affront to human rights in an "enlightened" age of rationalism. It helped persuade Britain and France to allow the Kingdom of Piedmont to wage war against the Papal States in 1859 and annex the pope's territories.

Rabbinic Reflections



Edgardo Mortara became a priest and, in later life, visited his mother. Elena Mortara, a great-great-granddaughter of one of Edgardo's sisters, and a literature professor in Rome, still campaigns for an apology and against the canonization of Pius IX. But who among us remembers this case?

As Yom Hashoah approaches, we needn't worry whether the Holocaust will be forgotten in our time. When we approach 2100, virtually all of us will be gone, and the memory of the Shoah will be thin, indeed.

But Pesach gives us a message for Yom Hashoah: if a memory defines a people, and if that memory is religiously institutionalized, it can endure. The Exodus from Egypt was a defining moment for Judaism. The seder institutionalized the memory.

To preserve the memory of the Shoah, our first question is, can we discern the way it defined the Jewish People's character? But it must be a positive way, because people will not celebrate negativity for long.

We can answer yes. Because "I was a slave in the land of concentration camps," I – we – resolve never to stand idly by the blood of our brothers and sisters, and by extension, never to stand idly by the blood of any human being. But it can be phrased positively: be it resolved that the Jewish People will actively defend the right of every peaceable person and group to live and flourish. That approach must be institutionalized by ritual and by deed. If we cannot accomplish that task, even the Shoah might, God forbid, fade from memory after 150 years.

Rabbi Leigh Lerner is the spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, Montreal.

Reena in the News

Reena

In Loving Memory of Harry Edelstein ז"ל

Sadly at Reena, we are in mourning for a very precious member of our family, **Harry (Hersh) Edelstein**, who passed away on March 20th at the age of 78. Harry was part of the Reena family for 31 years.

To know Harry was to love him. He was such a character, pushing everybody's buttons, challenging us and keeping us smiling and on our toes all at the same time. He was smart. He could speak five languages and when he was in one of his storytelling moods, he kept us in awe indefinitely recounting his life.

Harry was not born with a developmental disability. Towards the end of WW2, while trying to defend his mother and sister from attack in Poland, a German soldier smashed him in the head with the butt of his rifle, causing permanent brain damage. After the war, what was left of his family came to Canada. Harry lived in his family home with the support of Reena staff until 1980 when he was able to move into a group home. He lived in a number of Reena homes where he was always treated with respect and admiration for his feisty personality.

Two years ago, when his health began to fail, he moved to a special long-term care program at Baycrest Geriatric Centre* where he continued to be cared for by Reena staff. Ensuring a continuity of support for Harry from group home to long-term care was important to all of us who knew him.

The following excerpt from a letter written by his supervisor when he moved into Long Term Care expresses the feelings of every Reena staff who cared for him over the years....

I have a million Harry stories, and of course many of them involve his colourful use of the Yiddish language. I shared some of these stories with Harry's niece Rena, in our conversations over the last few days. I believe it has comforted her to hear them, as she shared with me some of her own.

Many people have approached me sharing their own moments and stories about Harry, recounting them with a smile, and I realize that collectively we are lucky to have known him in all his glory.

Harry, may you rest in peace in the arms of Hashem as you so richly deserve.

***Reena has a partnership with a number of Long Term Care homes including Baycrest Geriatric Centre, Cummer Lodge and Maple Health Centre where Reena staff continue to support individuals when they move from a Reena home into Long Term Care. The partnership enables persons with a developmental disability to stay connected with their friends and receive the support necessary for good quality of life.**

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The power of silence

Whatever happened to silence? Cacophony seems to be the hallmark of our age. Noise, dissonance – these are everywhere.

John Ruskin called mid-Victorian London "rattling, growling and roaring." He should be living now! Even a home is no sanctuary or refuge from sound. The TV, radio or stereo are ubiquitous.

James Truslow Adams, the American historian, suggested this: "Perhaps it would be a good idea, fantastic as it sounds, to muffle every telephone, halt every motor, stop all activity one day to give people a chance to ponder... on what life is all about, why they are living and what they should really want."

Long ago, Blaise Pascal said: "All the evils of life have fallen upon us because human beings will not sit alone quietly in a room."

In the Talmud, Rabbi Simeon ben Gamliel, said: "All my life, I was brought up by the sages, and I have found nothing better for a person than silence."

The Book of Ecclesiastes teaches that there is a time to speak and a time to be silent. Many Holocaust scholars are convinced that the only true and realistic approach to unimaginable horror is silence. As the philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein put it: "What we cannot speak about we must pass over in silence." An American diplomat boasted that he could remain silent in five languages. And everyone, I am sure, is familiar with the old adage that it is better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to speak and remove all doubts.

Bookmarks

Bernard Baskin

An ancient Greek myth relates that one day, the god of silence, Harpocrates, discovered Venus, the goddess of love, in one of her amorous adventures. Cupid, Venus's son, convinced Harpocrates to remain silent about the event and gave him the gift of a rose.

Since that time, the rose has been a symbol of silence. In fact, during the Renaissance, and later during the reigns of the pre-revolutionary kings of France, the rose was a favourite architectural motif and was often sculpted on ceilings, dining rooms and drawing rooms where diplomats gathered. The obvious implication was that matters discussed "under the rose" were to be held in strict confidence.

In his seminal work, *In Speech and Silence, The Jewish Quest for God*, Rabbi David J. Wolpe writes, "To convey love, sorrow or pride, a look is often more compelling..., more powerful than any word."

The power of silence is represented in the Bible by the painful story of Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abiahu, who offered alien fire before the Lord and were consumed. The passage ends with the words: "And Aaron was silent." The Bible gives us no sense of what Aaron is feeling and the deeper meaning of his silence. Evidently words, no matter how apt or eloquent, would limit, confine or circumscribe the experience.

Finally, Rabbi Wolpe brings us these cryptic words of the chassidic Rabbi Nachmon of Bratzlav: "Know that it is possible to let out a very great scream in a voice that no one will hear. No sound emerges. The scream takes place within the silence. Everyone is capable of such a scream."

Demonization of Israel as free speech?

As anyone who engages in advocacy will agree, inappropriate public comments, whether deliberate or accidental, can have lingering and often irreversible consequences. And when there is an evident absence of prompt – or any – damage control, or even an attempt at clarification, the natural assumption is that the remarks in question must have been intentional.

It is within this context that a statement to the *Hamilton Spectator* ("Y drops extra fee for controversial group," March 31) by the executive director of the Hamilton Jewish Federation (HJF) becomes all the more troubling.

What triggered the *Spectator* article was a heated dispute between Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East (CJPME), a group that has been in the forefront of the boycott, divestment and sanctions campaign against Israel, and the Hamilton YWCA. Tempers flared when the YWCA began to reconsider its decision to allow CJPME to rent its auditorium for a presentation by photojournalist William Parry, who was to discuss his book *Against the Wall: the Art of Resistance in Palestine*. After much debate, the YWCA reverted to its initial position and allowed CJPME to use its facility.

According to a member of the Jewish community who attended, Parry's lecture was the usual concoction of crass generalizations and factual distortions that have come to typify the anti-Israel invective promoted by groups like CJPME.

Inevitably, that hallowed pillar of political correctness that flies under the capricious banner of free speech captured the media's attention in the days leading up to Parry's visit.

It was within this rancorous climate that the federation leadership felt obliged to express its support for the YWCA's posi-

My View

Lawrence Hart

tion. In the process of doing so, the following statement, quoted verbatim, appeared in the *Spectator*: "Gerry Fisher of the Hamilton Jewish Federation said the federation believes free speech, as long as it not hateful, trumps objections to the CJPME's 'demonization' of Israel."

By any stretch of interpretation, such an assertion is astounding. Aside from the preposterous implication that demonization of Israel can be anything but hateful, it – even more seriously – diminishes the construct of "demonization" as a fundamental pillar of what is widely recognized as the "new" antisemitism. In doing so, it significantly undermines the efforts of pro-Israel advocates who use the tenets of the new antisemitism as a basis for argument – especially on university campuses where the tension between "free speech" and "demonization" is so pivotal to the ongoing discourse.

Soon after the *Spectator* story broke, the HJF president received a letter urging that he dissociate himself, and the federation he represents, from the press statement attributed to his executive director; and to "set the record straight." If he was not prepared to do so, he was challenged to a debate "in front of the Jewish community of Hamilton ... to support the position that demonization of Israel is defensible, even in the interests of free speech."

To the time that this column went to press, that letter has gone unanswered. Meanwhile, the HJF's stand has been applauded by both CJPME and Independent Jewish Voices which, to some, must come as a source of great pride and affirmation, if it were not so surreal.

Chupahs: origins and symbolism

It's perhaps the most touching moment of a Jewish wedding. The *chatan* and the wedding party are joined under the chupah by the *kallah*. The chupah, or wedding canopy, is a beautiful and ancient tradition. Today, a look at its origins and symbolism.

We find two biblical references to chupahs: Psalm 19:6 compares the rising sun to a groom's radiance as he exits his chupah **[http://bit.ly/chupah1]**; and Joel 2:16 exhorts a bride to leave her chupah, and the groom his wedding "chamber" to ask Divine forgiveness and avert national disaster. **[http://bit.ly/chupah2]**

Jewish & Digital

Mark Mietkiewicz

In *Chupah: From Eden to Today*, Eliezer Segal explains that today's weddings under the chupah harken back to the "paradigm of all weddings: the Revelation of Torah at Mount Sinai. In the biblical account of the marriage between God and the people of Israel, our sages also discovered allusions to the presence of a chupah, whether in the enveloping cloud of darkness that hovered over the people, or in the fact that the Israelites, about to enter into marriage with God, were made to stand 'beneath the mountain' – just as the bride stands beneath the sheltering chupah on her wedding day." **[http://bit.ly/chupah3]**

I found some discussion and interpretation of the significance of the bride's circling the groom under the chupah. Valerie Thaler writes that the "bride's circle symbolizes her protection of the groom and her shift in commitments: her top priority is now her husband (while before it was her parents). Until recently, liberal Jews usually chose to omit this ritual from their ceremony since it suggested the bride's subservience to her groom." Thayer says the circling has made a "reappearance" in some liberal Jewish weddings. "Some brides now view their circles as an active moment in which she defines familial space." **[http://bit.ly/chupah4]**

Karen Miller Jackson agrees that traditional sources look at the chupah as the groom's domain into which the bride enters. But she then draws from the midrash and from *Song of Songs*, which describe the chupah as a space shared by the bride and groom. "Far from representing the woman's transfer from one domain to another, the chupah in these sources signifies a home built on joint consent and mutual involvement." **[http://bit.ly/chupah5]**

As for what actually takes place under the chupah, the Jewish Virtual Library provides a good summary of the wedding process from bashert to engagement to the ceremony. **[http://bit.ly/chupah6]** I was particularly interested in the chupah-related questions people have asked rabbis, including:

- Can you use someone else's ring at the ceremony?
- Can you say a prayer for a dead parent at a wedding?
- Why are chupahs traditionally held outdoors? Rabbi Leibie Sternberg answers that since Abraham was blessed that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars, we wish to apply that blessing to every couple. **[http://bit.ly/chupah7]**

And there was one query I hadn't expected: Does the groom have to wear a white tie under the chupah?

Responds Rabbi Mark Schaffel: "There is no halachic or even traditional issue I know of... my wife says it's classy!"

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Fundraiser aims to end exodus from Jerusalem

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Nir Barkat

A dinner in Toronto on May 2 will oficially launch a $4-million fund-raising drive to stem the exodus of young Israelis from Jerusalem.

"We want to turn this thing around," said Ian Leventhal, executive director of the Jerusalem Foundation in Toronto.

By all accounts, thousands of Israelis, mostly secular Jews, leave Israel's capital every year in an attempt to improve their lives.

"Jerusalem right now has a problem," said Leventhal, citing limited job opportunities, a lack of affordable housing, a lagging education system and the reluctance of secular Jews to live among a growing population of haredim.

The mayor of Jerusalem, Nir Barkat, has warned that the "strongest" sector of its population will leave unless "current trends" end.

Data from the mayor's office made available to *The CJN* suggests that the problem is extremely grave.

From 2001 to 2007, 113,000 residents of Jerusalem left the city. Forty seven per cent of them were Jewish young adults between the ages of 24-35.

Further, the majority of students studying in Jerusalem leave after earning their academic degrees.

Barkat believes that without this young adult segment of its population, Jerusalem cannot renew itself, generate change or bring life to its urban spaces.

He wants to strengthen Jerusalem by upgrading it in terms of housing, employment, community and culture.

The keynote speaker at next month's dinner, to be held at The Carlu, will be George Will, the conservative American syndicated newspaper columnist.

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Diaspora Jewish soldiers focus of conference

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

The Jewish experience with military service in the Diaspora has been mixed, a conference on Jewish studies was told.

In some countries, such as France and Italy, a career in the military was a function of upward mobility, signifying social acceptance and civil emancipation, University of Toronto historian Derek Penslar suggested at an April 12 graduate student conference sponsored by the Centre for Jewish Studies.

Derek Penslar

But in czarist Russia, soldiering had negative connotations, being associated with forced conscription and conversion to Christianity, he added.

Penslar, who's writing a book on Jews in the military, said there have been four types of Jewish soldiers in the Diaspora over the centuries.

The "citizen soldier" carried out his military obligations willingly, he said, citing Jews who joined the Ottoman, French and German armies.

But the case of the French Jewish officer Alfred Dreyfus, who was falsely convicted of treason in 1895, proved that the the army could be a symbol of thwarted emancipation, he said.

The Jew who joined the "uniformed civil service" and rose in the ranks as an officer did so to achieve social and economic advancement.

Svetlana Frunchak

In many cases, these Jews came from humble backgrounds and married into wealthy families.

"Revolutionary" soldiers joined national guards and militias and, as in Poland, fought for the independence of their respective countries.

"Rebels" and "extremists" were ghetto fighters and partisans in World War II. This group, he said, suffered the highest rates of mental and physical trauma. "They were fighters, not soldiers," Penslar observed.

Commenting on the formation of the Israeli army, Penslar said native-born Palestinian Jews were its chief commanders during the 1948 Arab-Israeli war.

In terms of its doctrine of warfare, the Israel Defence Forces was a hybrid, borrowing from tbe British, U.S. and German armies.

Jewish volunteers from the Diaspora played an important role in Israel's victory in the 1948 war, he said.

They flew or serviced most of the planes in the Israeli Air Force and manned many ships in the navy.

Commanders such as the Canadian Ben Dunkelman and the American Mickey Marcus were instrumental in some of Israel's key battlefield victories.

"They were motivated by a sense of Jewish solidarity," he explained.

In passing, Penslar mentioned the role Jews played in the International Brigades during the Spanish Civil War and in World War II.

The day-long conference also heard from two U of T PhD candidates.

Svetlana Frunchak spoke about Jews in Czernowitz in Ukraine, while Daniel Rosenthal's topic was Jewish women, suicide and Jewish public discourse in interwar Poland.

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Friends of Yiddish and Workmen's Circle present *A Bisl Zun (A Little Sun)* starring **Michael Smolash**, accompanied by **Brian Katz**. Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Members $8, guests $15. Call **Dale**, 416-926-8618 or e-mail ethelcooper30@gmail.com.

Monday, May 2

TAKING ROOT

Shoresh Jewish Environmental Programs and the Jewish Food Movement hold a forum to celebrate the burgeoning Jewish food movement in the GTA, and map the next steps to build a more connected and ecologically sustainable Jewish community. No charge. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Location to be announced. For more info, visit www.shoresh.ca, e-mail risa@shoresh.ca or call 416-805-8382.

YOM HASHOAH

Temple Har Zion holds its Yom Hashoah commemoration. Readings by Holocaust survivors and family members. 7:15 p.m. 905-889-2252.

Tuesday, May 3

SILVER SIMCHAH

Celebrate **Debbi Silver**'s retirement after 23 years with BBYO. 4700 Bathurst St., 6:30 p.m. Call **Kevin**, 416-398-2004.

NAZIS AND JEWISH ART

Temple Har Zion's daytime program committee presents art critic **Ken Carpenter** speaking about "The Nazis and the Stolen Art of European Jews." Bring lunch; coffee, tea, cookies provided. 12:30 p.m. Members $3, non-members $5. Call 905-889-2252.

CHUG HATANACH

York University **Prof. Sara Horowitz** will discuss Chapters 11, 13 and 14 of the Book of Hosea. B'nai Israel Beth David Beth Am, 8 p.m. Session in English. Contact Eanussbaum@aol.com.

RABBI EMERITUS LECTURE

Temple Har Zion Adult Education Committee presents **Rabbi Emeritus Michael Stroh** "What I Believe: Thoughts from 46 Years of Being a Rabbi." 7:30 p.m. Members $3, Guests $5. 905-889-2252.

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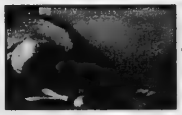

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Shabbat, May 7 Luncheon following service:
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Shabbat, May 7 at 7:55 PM Seudah Sh'lisheet
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Wednesday, May 4

WOMEN'S HEALTH

"Menopause and Beyond" with **Dr. Christine Derzko.** Includes question period. Light refreshments. $75. Savoy Party Room, 10 Torresdale Ave. 7 p.m. Proceeds to Bat Melech, the only shelter in Israel for observant women and children. **Shelley Birenbaum**, 416-667-7655. or sbirenbaum@sympatico.ca.

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"Growing old in two languages: what happens to the mind and brain?" **Prof. Ellen Bialystok** shows that lifelong bilingualism changes the way the mind works at all stages of life, well into old age. Congregation Darchei Noam, 7:30 p.m.

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Heartlines Bereavement Group's grief support program. Hospice Thornhill, 220 Charlton Ave. No charge. Contact **Bonnie Strand**, 905-764-0656, ext. 227.

TEEN VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers needed to help with the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration, Monday, May 9, 6:45 p.m. Holy Blossom Temple. Contact **Jennifer Turack,** 416-781-3514, ext. 231, or jturack@beth-tzedec.org or www.btteens.ca.

CHORALAIRS

The Choralairs of North York closing concert, Sunday, June 5, 1:30 p.m., Earl Bales Park Community Centre, 4169 Bathurst St. No charge. Varied program of Broadway, pop and folk songs. Call **Sally**, 416-636-8247, or **Brian**, 416-631-0029, website www.thechoralairs.com.

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NCSY Kishka Klassic Golf Tournament, Wednesday, June 22. Copper Creek Golf Club. Shotgun start 1 p.m. Includes barbecue at 9th hole, sushi tent, Cocktails 6 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m. Individual golfer $360, foursome $1800. Call **Barbara Meyer,** 905-761-6279, ext. 232, or barbara@ncsy.ca.

FOR SENIORS

Miles Nadal JCC Active Seniors. Co-ordinator **Phyllis**, 416-924-6211, ext. 155. Thursday May 5, 1:30 p,m, "The Creation of *Fiddler on the Roof* and Songs we Love to Sing." With **Jordan Klapman**.

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Adath Israel Congregation, Wednesday afternoon socials. Bridge, mah-jong, Rummikub. Refreshments, $2. Call **Pearl,** 416-638-6317, or **Marcia**, 416-932-1229.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell. 416-630-6486.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. 55+/ **Valerie,** 416-395-7881. May 9, Lunch, Learn and Laugh, noon. Sunday dance, May 15. Casino Rama, May 18,. Tuesdays ongoing acrylic art classes, 10 a.m.-noon, Thursdays, line dancing, 10 a.m., social bridge 12:30 p.m. Seniors woodworking, skilled craftsmen, repairs, etc. Call 416-630-6487.

Insights into Aging 101. Baycrest launches an educational series for boomers and older seniors who want a crash course in how to maintain good health, navigate the health-care system and better manage chronic conditions that come with aging. 5 Tuesday evenings starting in early May. Tuition $135+HST. To register, call 416-785-2500, ext 2383, or visit www.baycrest.org/insights.

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Ryerson/Chang lecture series: Forbidden Desire: The Films of Hitchcock and De Palma with **Kevin Courrier**. Wednesdays, April 27-May 25, 1-3 p.m.

Current events with **Peter Diamant**, Thursdays. 12:45-2:15 p.m.

International and Israeli folk dance with **Teme** and **Sandy.** Wednesdays 10 -11:30 a.m.

Senior social art with **Lil Goldman**. Free for fitness and social members. Mondays 1-3 p.m.

Conversations about Conversion, for those considering conversion or already in a conversion program. Come alone or with a Jewish partner. Thursdays, 7:30-9 p.m. until June 2.

Learn Hebrew. Beginners Reading Hebrew starts May 3. Taste of the Prayerbook begins May 4. Beginners Conversational Hebrew starts May 5. Call for times and fees.

Taste of Judaism – a 3-week course exploring the three pillars of Jewish belief: God, Torah and Israel. What are they and how do they form the backbone of Jewish practice. May 2-16, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Registration for family and children's programs open to all Shabbat Party, Baby and Me Sign, Deborah's Sing-Along, Sport with Jay, Yoga for Kids, Preschool Dance, Learn to Keyboard.

Next prenatal session run by an experienced nurse from Mount Sinai hospital, July 10 and 17. Space limited to 12 couples.

MILES NADAL JCC

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Shabbat Club for ages 3-6. Adult attendance optional. Fridays 11:30a.m.-1 p.m. Hands on play and celebration with cooking, crafts, games. Send child with nut-free lunch. Register, ext. 0.

For more information about the above programs, contact **Sarah Brodbar-Nemzer**, sarahbn@mnjcc.org. ext. 277.

Monthly support group for adult children of Holocaust survivors. Free. Joint program between Miles Nadal JCC and Baycrest. Starts in May. **Harriet Wichin**, harrietw@mnjcc.org, or **Shoshana Yaakobi**, 416-785-2500, ext. 2271, syaakobi@baycrest.org.

Miles Nadal JCC and Suga Jam Entertainment present *A Freudian Slip of the Jung* by **Sean Fisher**. Saturday, April 30, 7:30 p.m. Starring **Moira Dunphy, Sean Fisher, David Frisch** and **Denise Mader.**

William Tannenzapf speaks on "Surviving Hitler and Stalin Through the Eyes of a Father and Daughter." Azrieli Foundation published **Tannenzapf**'s first-person account, *Memories from the Abyss*, with his daughter **Renate Krakauer**'s *But I had a Happy Childhood.* Free. In partnership with the Downtown Jewish Community School and the Azrieli Foundation. May 1, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Info, sharonis@mnjcc.org, or ext. 154.

May 1, 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Toronto Jewish Film Society presents *Crossing Delancey.* Al Green Theatre. $15 General admission, $10, 18-35. Ext. 606.

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CITY HONOURS MITZVAH GROUP: **Coun. James Pasternak, representing the city of Toronto, honoured the members of the Cummer Lodge Mitzvah Group as excellent long-term care homes and services volunteers. From left are Joe Black; acting deputy city manager Heather MacVicar; Harold Kates; Muriel Rosen; Nancy Pruskin; Pasternak; Leon Kaminsky; David Usher and Bernie Waisglass**

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BRIDAL REGISTRY

Ignatieff, Layton talk with *The CJN*

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

After the election call, *The CJN* tried repeatedly to secure interviews with all of the major party leaders.

Just prior to Passover, Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff and New Democrat leader Jack Layton spoke with the paper in separate interviews from their respective campaign trails on a range of topics of interest to the Canadian Jewish community.

Each leader was asked to answer the same questions, except where indicated.

Our deadline for leaders' responses was Monday, April 18.

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CJN: *Would a Liberal or NDP government reinstate the long-form census?*

Ignatieff: "Yes. There's no question about it. I thought [the Conservatives' decision to cancel the long-form census] was an act of vandalism. Canadians need a long-form census, and our process of collecting census data has been rights-respecting from the beginning. [The Conservative government] picked an ideological quarrel for no good reason."

Layton: "Yes. It should never have been abolished. The idea that having information is somehow an obstacle to privacy is just so wrong."

CJN: *What would a Liberal or NDP government's stance be with regard to a potential unilateral declaration of independence by the Palestinian Authority?*

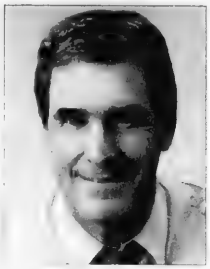
Ignatieff: "That idea awakens concern, because unilateral declarations that are not acceptable to Israel are simply not going to work. It's a practical issue. My party and our country have supported a two-state solution... since the painful partition debates of 1947-1948. A two-state solution implies two peoples making peace... agreeing on borders together, agreeing to all the outstanding issues in relation to Jerusalem, to settlements, refugees, potential land swaps. For one party to come to the UN and seek unilateral recognition as a state would, I think, be a problem. I urge Israel, the Palestinians and the international community to start talking now and make some progress. If we're in government, we'll do everything we can to ensure that Israel and the Palestinians sit down together and do this together.

Layton: "We've always believed that the peace should be negotiated with the partners for justice for Israel and Palestine within a framework of respect for UN resolutions and international law. That would include the right of both Israelis and Palestinians to live in peace and viable independent states with agreed upon borders. So our hopes naturally would extend to a negotiated approach. New Democrats believe in a balanced approach. We're ready to work with [U.S. President Barack] Obama's administration toward that end."

CJN **(specific to Ignatieff):** *In an April 2002 article you wrote for* The Guardian, *you compared the West Bank to an apartheid-era bantustan. You wrote: "When I looked down at the West Bank, at the settlements like Crusader forts occupying the high ground, at the Israeli security cordon along the Jordan river closing off the Palestinian lands from Jordan, I knew I was not looking down at a state or the beginnings of one, but at a bantustan, one of those pseudo-states created in the dying years of apartheid to keep the African population under control." Do you still believe this comparison is apt?*

Ignatieff: "There's no comparison whatsoever between Israel and Apartheid South Africa. There was no comparison intended or implied then or now. I've been very explicit ever since I entered public life in my denunciation of Israeli Apartheid Week. I think it's possible to criticize Israel, but to compare Israel to a regime that was in itself a crime against humanity, based on institutionalized and constitutionalized discrimination, is grotesque. Israel is a democratic state in which Palestinians have constitutional rights. There's simply no comparison between the two.

"If I used the word 'bantustan,' it was in a very different context to say that one of the challenges for peace in the Middle East is to make sure that the Palestinian entity that comes into existence, after a comprehensive peace agreement with Israel is viable. By 'bantustan,' I simply meant to refer to those states as not viable, divided, chopped up. It's important for Israeli security that a Palestinian state be viable. That's the point I was trying to make then and now."



Michael Ignatieff

Jack Layton

CJN **(specific to Layton):** *Last year, NDP sources indicated that you were planning your first trip to Israel. If elected, will you make that trip as part of your prime ministerial duties?*

Layton: "Yes. That would be part of visiting the region, the Palestinian territories as well. Last year, the exigencies of Parliament, and of course my own health challenges I faced, put a damper on some of the travel plans I might otherwise have had."

CJN: *Would a Liberal or NDP government follow up on Liberal MP and human rights advocate Irwin Cotler's suggestion to bring Iran up on charges of incitement to genocide in the International Criminal Court?*

Ignatieff: "I've been to Iran and seen the Ahmadinejad regime up close. We do think Iran is a strategic threat to the entire [Middle East] and to the world. It's incendiary antisemitic rhetoric and Holocaust denial tied to nuclear capability gives Israel a justified concern for its own future. Canada can always count on a Liberal government to be militantly opposed to the weaponization of Iran's nuclear capabilities... and we would follow Cotler's lead. If he thinks he can make a case to the International Criminal Tribunal... I strongly support Cotler."

Layton: "I have not studied the case dossier on that subject. However, we're certainly willing to work with the Obama administration, as I mentioned earlier... and we're very pleased President Obama is taking such strong action around nuclear disarmament, because we have deep concerns about Iran's ability to build nuclear weapons. We've always had a longstanding commitment to nuclear disarmament."

CJN: *Would a Liberal or NDP government continue to provide security funding for communities at risk for hate crimes, as the Conservative government has done through its $3-million Security Infrastructure Program?*

Ignatieff: "We'd continue this program as long as it was needed. A federal government that believes in religious freedom will provide security for every religious community that needs it, not just the Jewish community. Whatever it takes. But I would make the additional point that every Jewish community leader I've talked to doesn't want to be under lockdown. Jewish community leaders want to be open and accessible to the public. They treasure their place in the community and their religious freedom. The simple answer is we've got to be there for as long as any religious community needs it."

Layton: "We certainly have supported the [Security Infrastructure Program] and wouldn't see any end to that. If [the program] is not adequate for doing the job, then it's the kind of thing we'd need to sit down with affected communities to discuss."

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Teens need to stay informed about politics

Marni Shankman
Co-op Student

Guest Voice

With May 2 fast approaching, it seems the upcoming federal election is the number 1 topic on most people's minds and tongues.

However, this is not true for those not making their way to the polls. For those of us under 18, it seems that nobody is taking our views into account or asking for our opinions. As a grade 11 student at Thornlea Secondary School, I can advise that, within my school, there's no talk of the election. I'd be surprised if the students at my school are even aware that there is an election in a few days!

But just because we can't vote doesn't mean we shouldn't stay informed. Teenagers need to be involved. After all, in just a few short years, we'll be allowed to cast a ballot, but we'll be unable to do so if we don't know all the facts and details.

Maybe we don't pay attention to politics because it seems boring. Quite honestly, it is. I find politics utterly boring, consisting of too many promises and ideas, and not enough action. The leaders in the English-language debate did little to convince voters of why they should vote for their party. Instead, they focused on why you shouldn't vote for the other parties. But people tuned in to listen to ideas about the future, not to watch all of the leaders point fingers at one another.

So yes, politics is boring. There are many topics that seem more exciting and interesting. However, politics is important. It's what keeps Canada growing and moving forward.

We teenagers need to be in the know. Otherwise, we will grow into a generation of adults who are ignorant and have a small and limited view of the world. Reading the news can give different opinions and perspectives so that a teenager can learn to think more broadly and from different sides, as well as helping them create informed opinions.

Maybe some teens don't have time to sit down and read a newspaper. That's understandable. After all, we have to juggle school, extracurricular activities and after-school jobs.

But for many, it's not that they don't have time to follow the news, it's that they don't want to. And for most teenagers, the news is just a click away.

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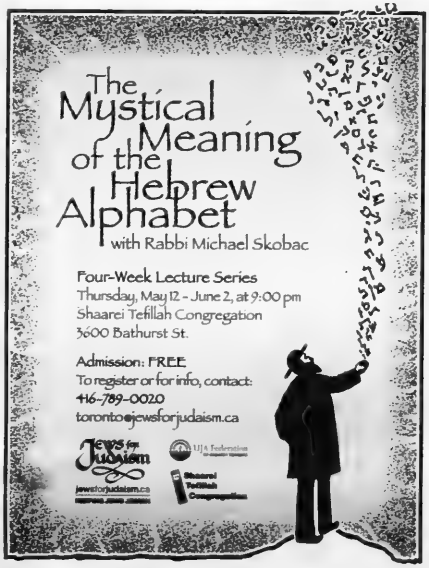

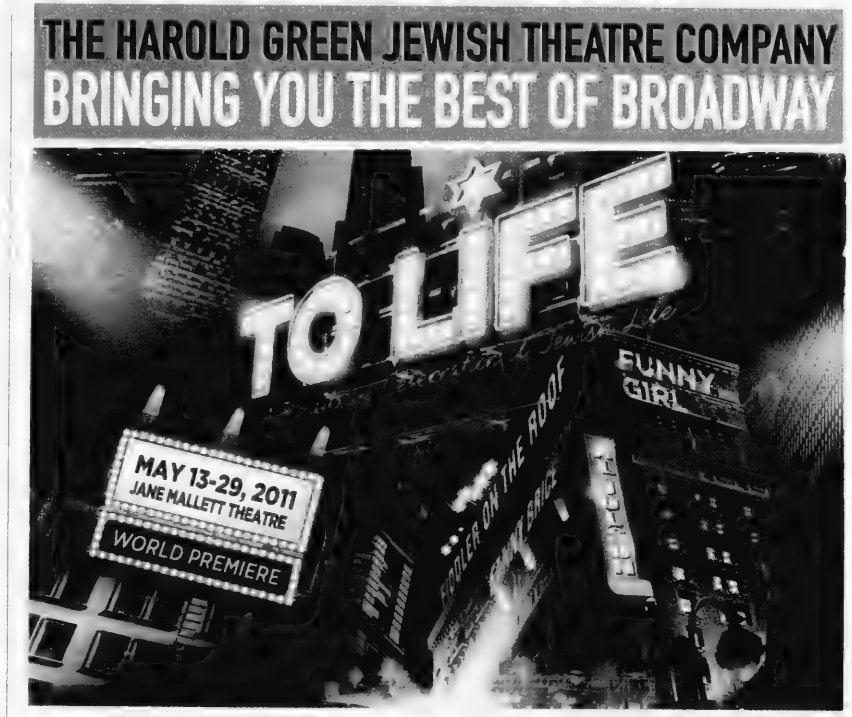
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Tory challenges Hall Findlay in Willowdale

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Prime Minister Stephen Harper faced tough questions on ethics, scandals and respect for Parliament during televised election debates, but he managed to dial his answers back to his favourite subject, the economy.

It seems like the Conservative leader's game plan is being played out in Willowdale as well. Conservative challenger Chungsen Leung, who is attempting to unseat Martha Hall Findlay in a riding that has been Liberal for most of its history since 1979, said the Tories' stewardship of the economy through tough times is what is most appealing to voters. The Conservatives' program of keeping taxes low and ensuring a stable government is key to creating wealth that ensures employment and generates the funds to pay for the country's social programs, he said.

Whether the Tories' promise of a steady hand on the economy's controls will convince voters to abandon the Liberals remains to be seen. The irregularly shaped riding is flanked by Steeles Avenue to the north and Highway 401 to the south and extends as far as Victoria Park Avenue in the east and Bathurst Street to the west.

Leung is challenging the incumbent, Hall Findlay, a lawyer and businesswoman, who won the riding in a byelection after longtime MP Jim Peterson resigned. She defeated Conservative challenger Jake Karns in the 2008 election by almost 8,000 votes.

New Democrat Mehdi Mollahasani is also contesting the riding, but did not make himself available for an interview. At the time *The CJN* went to press, the Green party had not named a candidate, according to the party's website.

Martha Hall Findlay, Chungsen Leung

Though Leung is touting the economy as the riding's major concern, Hall Findlay tells a rather different story. Tory attack ads targeting Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff are not working, she said. Instead, people are intrigued by the Liberals' positions on easier recognition of foreign credentials, settlement services, which were cut by the Conservative government, and calls for the feds to be involved in public transit.

What's more, she continued, "for the people of Willowdale, national issues are our issues. For the first time, a government was found in contempt of Parliament." She accused the Tories of practising "taxpayer fraud" in the way they channelled funds to favoured ridings, and she said the "auditor's report is absolutely scathing in terms of ethics and integrity.

"People are furious at the door, at Stephen Harper because [the scandals] are seen as reflecting on Harper," she said. "He ran on transparency, ethics, and they're furious at the level of control and lack of respect for democracy and Parliament."

Leung said that the "Conservative government has provided Parliament with an impressive commitment to openness, transparency and accountability.

He said that as an immigrant from Taiwan, whose own credentials were not accepted when he immigrated to Canada in 1982, he is sensitive to the needs of immigrants. He said the last pre-election budget included $6 million to help immigrants acquire the accreditation to become productive members of the community.

However, "the key issues I've heard is the economy and job creation," he said.

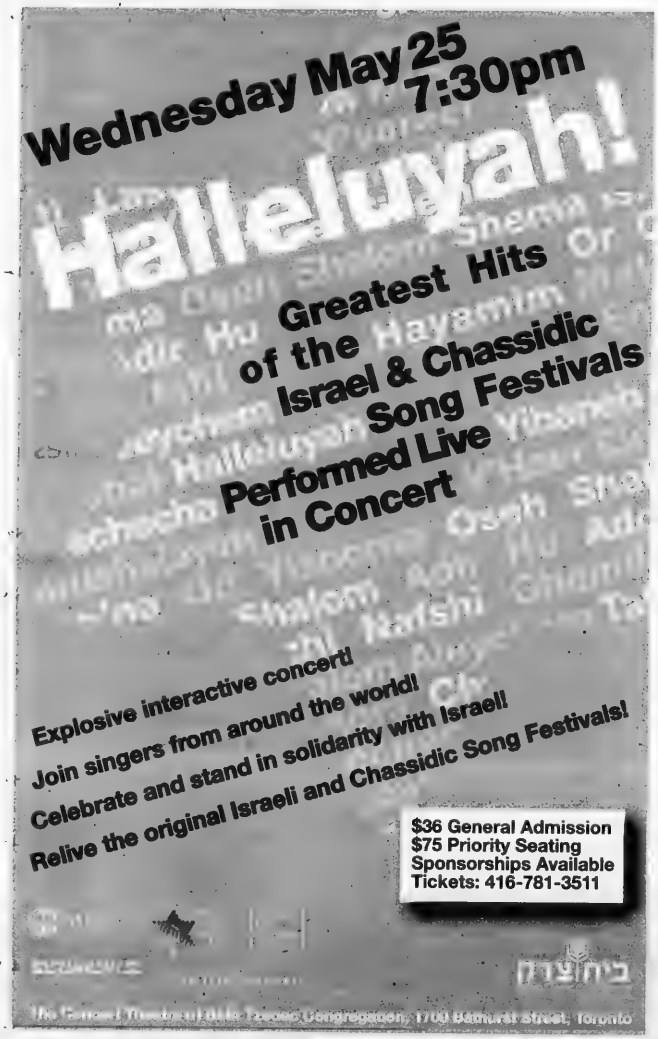
Leung said that in his previous career as a public accountant (he's now an engineer), "I audited big corporations. I think we are heading in the right direction by lowering taxes. It will attract foreign investors to invest here.

"People come to Canada because of opportunity. The future is here. We need to keep our corporations strong and profitable in Canada. This will make our entrepreneurs stronger and make Canada the export nation it needs to be."

On the Middle East, Leung said the government's support for Israel is based on principle and standing up to terror. Asked if Canada should adopt a more even-handed approach, he said "Canada will not be ambivalent in the face of terrorism, between right and wrong."

Hall Findlay said the Liberals "believe in a two-state solution." She said Ignatieff "is a strong supporter of Israel," and the Liberal party backs steps that will lead to a peaceful resolution of the conflict.

Canada can play a constructive role in assisting the Palestinian Authority in the areas of governance and policing, she said, adding that tackling poverty and improving Palestinians' economic prospects would undermine radicals. As for domestic economic issues, Hall Findlay said she supported an end to corporate tax reductions. "I support corporate tax cuts, but not when you run a major deficit. It makes no sense to borrow money to give breaks to the top five per cent of wealthy corporations," she said.



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כאן בטורונטו מכהן אורי מאיר כפרופסור באקדמיה המלכותית למוזיקה, והוא אחראי על תכנית הקונצרטים של האקדמיה. ללכת לקונצרט של תזמורת האקדמיה זוהי חוויה מרוממת מאין כמוה- על הבמה יושבים מעל למאה אנשים בתחילת שנות העשרים לחייהם ומנגנים את מיטב יצירות העולם ברמה שאיננה נופלת מתזמורות מקצועיות- אתה עוצם את עיניך ולא תוכל ברוב המקרים לומר שאין זו תזמורת סימפונית מהשורה הראשונה. ולא דבר קטן הוא זה- להביא אנשים צעירים לנגן יחד ברמה כזאת- צריך לנצח עליהם אמן ברמה עולמית. המשמעת שלהם והבשלות המוזיקאלית הוקנו להם על ידי אורי, שניצח על מיטב תזמורות העולם. אבל זה יותר מזה- יכול אדם להיות אמן מדהים אבל מורה לא מי יודע מה- במקרה של אורי מאיר- ברור בעליל שהוא אוהב ללמד והאנשים הצעירים האלה מעריצים אותו על מקצועיותו וחום ליבו. בסוף כל יצירה הוא מחמיא להם, מחבק אותם ומציג את הסולנים לקהל.

סולנית הערב היתה אמילי רו הקוריאנית, שכבר בגיל עשר ניגנה סולו עם תזמורת רשות השידור הקוריאנית, ומאז זכתה כמעט בכל תחרות פסנתר אליה ניגשה. הערב היא מתמודדת בצורה ראוית הערצה עם קונצרט של מוצארט, והקהל משתולל מהתלהבות.

מעבר לחוויה האסטתית של שמיעת מוזיקה טובה- לראות את הילדים האלה תחת שרביטו של מאסטרו מאיר מרומם את הרוח למקום גבוה וטוב, כי הם מוכיחים שלא הכל הוא ליידי גאגא, מדונה וג'אסטין ביבר- וחוט השידרה של התרבות המערבית ממשיך להתקיים בשקט ומקצועיות.

הקונצרטים של האקדמיה המלכותית מתקיימים באולם המדהים שלהם ברחוב בלור 293, ומחיר הכרטיסים הוא כמחיר כרטיס קולנוע. שלא תגידו שלא ידעתם. אבל שישאר בינינו.

"איך לא הייתי הקורבן ה 59"

ב"ידיעות אחרונות" מספר העיתונאי הבכיר איתן הבר איך ניצלו חייו בטורונטו. לפני מספר שנים הוא התחיל לאבד שווי משקל וליפול במקומות שונים, וכמעט נדרס ברחוב ניו יורקי הומה. בדיקות מקיפות לא העלו דבר, אבל רופא בכיר הביע את דעתו שמדובר כנראה במחלה קשה וחשוכת מרפא. עשה הבר את מה שעושים רבים אחרים במצב כזה- עידכן את צוואתו והתכונן להיפרד מן העולם. ואז בביקור בטורונטו, בשיחת אגב בארוחת בוקר, אמר לו רופא מקומי שהוא סובל מתופעת לוואי נדירה אך ידועה של התרופה שהוא נוטל להורדת כולסטרול. וכך הוחזרו לו חייו, ועם הפסקת התרופה- נעלמו תופעות הלוואי המסוכנות שמהן סבל.

כשרושמים לכם תרופה- קחו עשר דקות ותקראו את דפי המידע שמצורפים לקופסא- אל תצפו מהרופא לספר לכם את כל זה. זה הגוף שלכם והבריאות שלכם, ואין לכם בעייה בהבנת הנקרא. אבל שישאר בינינו.

CAMPAIGNING

With the federal election in the final stretch, Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff, left, and Conservative chief Stephen Harper maintained a vigorous pace on the campaign trail. To read about events in Montreal, go to cjnews.com

'It is important to know what is going on so you can be aware'

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With today's technology, it's easy to stay in the loop. There are dozens of iPod and phone applications that send news wirelessly to your devices, instantly letting you read up on the latest stories.

Brad Pearson of Thornlea Secondary School says that he signed up for an application that sends local news straight to his BlackBerry.

"It's really easy to stay informed," says Pearson. "All I have to do is look at my screen. It was free to download, and it makes it so easy to keep up to date on what's going on in Canada."

Pearson also agrees with the need for teens to stay informed about world issues, especially when it comes to politics.

"If we don't stay informed, when it comes time for us to step up and vote, we will be in complete confusion. We wont be able to think for ourselves because we have no information or knowledge."

Other Thornlea students agree. Eleventh grader Liora Domb always makes sure to keep up-to-date on the latest news regarding the election.

Although many think that parents influence teenagers, Domb feels the opposite. Domb says her parents would not influence the way she would vote, saying that she gets her information from reading the newspaper and watching the news, and from that, forms her own opinions.

"It is important to know what is going on so you can be aware."

And for all those who don't keep up to date or aware of what is happening in Canada, Domb thinks that it is time to become informed.

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The 'wow' factor

How often have you left a meeting, a presentation, a job interview or an audition and wished that you had brought the "wow factor" to it?

What is the wow factor and why do some people have it naturally and others have to work at it? Is it something that can be taught or learned? How do you develop that edge that sets you apart? All of these answers are in the wonderful new book, *The Wow Factor: The 33 Things You Must (and Must Not) Do to Guarantee Your Edge in Today's Business World*, by Frances Coles Jones.

Life Coach Corner

Judy Siblin-Librach

I spoke to Cole Jones and interviewed her about how she coaches people to develop that wow factor in their work and in their lives. When I asked what motivated her to write these books, she answered: "We grew up as a *Sound of Music* family, and we were taught to present ourselves properly." She says it was very easy for her, and she wanted to share that knowledge with other people.

Cole Jones has a theory that comes from a study done at UCLA – the "7%-38%-55% rule." The rule states that there are three elements to any face-to-face communication: words, tone of voice and body language." For example, we've all been introduced to the person who says, "Nice to meet you," with a fishy hand, a nominal smile and an "over our shoulder to see if someone more interesting, important or attractive is coming in the room" gaze.

Contrast that with someone who's genuinely delighted to meet you. You will be automatically wowed by the genuine person who really cares about what you have to say.

So part of it is just being aware of your tone and your physicality. As Cole Jones puts it, "If you say I'm sorry, I missed your call, sound sorry."

Cole Jones has prepared a number of clients to be guests on the *Oprah Winfrey Show*. As well, she suggests when preparing for an important meeting, you should be ready and prepared with the "egg formula."

"In the Duncan Hines cake mix marketing theory, the decision was made in the marketing department to have the 'at-home cook' add an egg to the mix, rather than putting powdered egg in the mix themselves. Why? Because when we add the egg, we take ownership of the cake. We are proud. We feel okay saying, 'I baked.'"

So before your meeting, ask yourself: why is this person's unique contribution valuable to me and the project?"

Cole Jones gives a great example of an actor friend who was going to meet with a big movie producer, and by knowing his work, which featured strong female leads, she was able to go into the meeting well prepared to mention this and then talk about how she could contribute. As Cole Jones says, "This was his egg! His gift was being unafraid to bring strong women to the screen."

So the next time you are getting ready to make a request of another – whether it's financial or emotional, business or personal – take the time to ask, and answer the question: "What's their egg?"

And of course as a coach, my question to you is, what is your egg? What is your unique gift, talent or capability that differentiates you and makes you stand out? That is one of your first clues to finding your own wow factor.

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Fatah may partake in Gaza flotilla: Palestinian official

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JERUSALEM — The Gaza Strip is not experiencing a humanitarian crisis, the Israel Defence Forces quoted a Red Cross official as saying last week.

In an interview conducted by Rotem Caro-Weizman and published on the IDF's Spokesman's Office website, Mathilde Redmatn, deputy director of the Red Cross in the Gaza Strip, said that there "is no humanitarian crisis in Gaza," adding: "If you go to the supermarket, there are products. There are restaurants and a nice beach."

Rather, according to Redmatn, the issue in Gaza was "mainly in maintenance of infrastructure and in access to goods, concrete for example."

Referring to Israel's blockade on the strip, Redmatn said that while "Israel has the legitimate right to protect the civilian population, this right should be balanced with the right of 1.5 million people living in the Gaza Strip."

"Despite the easing of the closure and the partial lifting of export bans in the wake of the flotilla incident, continued restrictions on the movement of people and difficulties in importing building materials hampered sustainable economic recovery and dashed any hope of leading a normal and dignified life," the Red Cross official was quoted as saying.

"Our goal is not to negotiate peace, but to ensure the well-being of the civilian population," Redmatn told the IDF website.

"We understand and recognize Israel's right to security but it needs to maintain the balance between that and the right of Palestinians living in Gaza to [earn] a living and to [access] proper medical care. Of course, this is also the responsibility of Hamas to its citizens and therefore we also have relations with them."

Redmatn also reiterated her condemnation of rockets fired from Gaza into Israel, saying that "rocket-fire from the Gaza Strip is against international law because it is directed at civilians," adding that the Red Cross conducts a "confidential or bilateral dialogue with Hamas on the matter. As time passes, the dialogue also develops."

In related developments, senior Fatah officials will be allowed to take part in a planned aid flotilla to the Gaza Strip, a senior Fatah official said last week, departing from the party's previous policy of only supporting Gaza initiatives from afar.

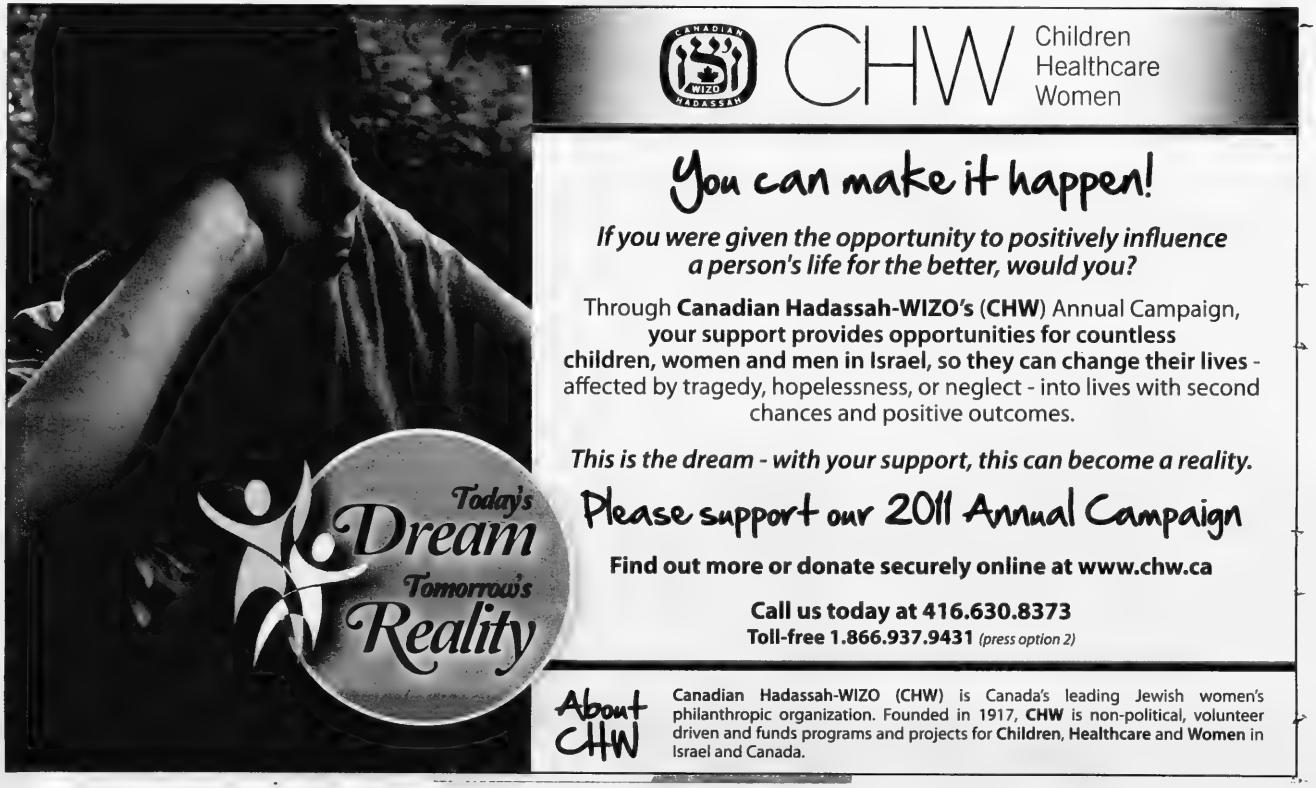
Nabil Sha'ath

The Free Gaza Movement, a pro-Palestinian activist umbrella group, has said it was planning to launch a 15-ship aid flotilla in late May bearing international passengers including Europeans and Americans.

Speaking with Nazareth's *A Shams*, Fatah official Nabil Sha'ath, in charge of the party's foreign affairs portfolio, said Fatah would permit senior officials to partake in the planned flotilla, since it was considered a humanitarian effort geared at lifting the Gaza blockade.

Referring to the possibility that Fatah officials may require authorization from both Israeli security forces and Hamas, which governs the Strip, Sha'ath said: "We don't need approval to arrive at our homeland, and certainly not from a movement like Hamas and Israel's security establishment."

Sha'ath's comments came after donor states to the Palestinian Authority, which held a conference last week in Brussels, condemned uncoordinated aid flotillas to Gazain its concluding statement.



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Schalit's grandfather criticizes PM

In an open letter to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last week, Zvi Schalit, missing soldier Gilad Schalit's grandfather, severely criticized what he considered the premier's inaction regarding his grandson's captivity. He accused Netanyahu of essentially signing the abducted Israeli soldier's death sentence. "A year ago a deal to secure Gilad's release was all but signed, but you thwarted it in a last-minute decision," the elder Schalit wrote. "Your refusal then and today to comply with the request of former defense officials to free Gilad at the said price is tantamount to Gilad's death sentence." Schalit also criticized what he considered Netanyahu's media posturing geared at making it look as if Israel was working to secure Gilad's release, when in fact it was doing nothing. The Prime Minister's Office released a statement in response to Schalit's letter, saying that "actions to release Gilad Schalit are continuous, and are supervised directly by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu."

Turkey slams Israel

Israeli media reported that Turkish President Abdullah Gul said in a *New York Times* editorial last week that the fate of the Arab world uprisings will be determined by whether there is peace between Israel and the Palestinians. "Whether these uprisings lead to democracy and peace or to tyranny and conflict will depend on forging a lasting Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement and a broader Israeli-Arab peace," Gul said in the article. The Turkish president said that Israel, more than any country, needs to adapt to the new political climate of the region. "But it need not fear," he said, "the emergence of a democratic neighbourhood around Israel is the ultimate assurance of the country's security."

Israel Briefs

Mass protests in Syria

Israeli media reported that Syrians took to the streets in large numbers again last week in the central city of Homs, where activists say more than 20 pro-democracy protesters were shot dead early last week by soldiers and irregular forces. Protesters' chants demanded "the downfall of the regime," defying a heavy deployment of security forces and an order by officials to stop all forms of demonstration. The protest went ahead despite a concession by the government, which approved legislation ending the state of emergency in force in Syria for the last 48 years.

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Israelis win medical science award

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"DNA methylation is like the annotation on the instruction booklet that is our chromosomes. Each cell contains the same 'complete booklet' of genetic code, but through the release of chemicals, methylation tells each cell how to 'read' its own specific instructions," said Cedar, who has been a professor on Hebrew U's medical faculty since 1981.

"For example, some things should be read with emphasis, some not. Some things should only be read at one time or another. The human genome is chemically annotated, and we discovered this annotation and figured out what it is and does."

This theory has resulted in new approaches to cancer treatment, since they discovered that healthy cells can "switch" into cancerous ones.

The idea is that if the methylation that causes cancer can be stopped, or prevented, so, too, can cancer.

"Cancer cells, like all cells, have the exact same instruction booklet as normal cells, but they have adopted different properties than normal cells because the annotation, or methylation, has changed," Cedar said.

Currently, there are drugs that can inhibit or slow down the methylation of cancer cells with some success, but more research is needed to develop drugs that will target cancer cells more effectively, he added.

Cedar and Razin's research may be instrumental in that process.

"If we really understand how methylation works, we can develop methods for modulating or altering it. This can be an unbelievable tool for the development of medicine," Cedar said.

John Dirks, the Gairdner Foundation's president and scientific director, said the pair's work is groundbreaking.

"The award is directed at scientists who have made a seminal discovery in medical science," Dirks said after visiting with Cedar and Razin at Hebrew U.

"[Cedar and Razin] started 30 years ago, and it has taken a long time for the medical community to understand the significance of their research, but science often takes awhile to mature, like good wine... I would say this is a very important step forward and we're going to hear a lot more about it."

The chair of the foundation's board, Lorne Tyrrell, who joined Dirks in Israel for the tour, said he was impressed with Cedar and Razin's "amazing" research.

"They have discovered a simple answer for how some genes are expressed in some tissues and not in others, and have provided insight into our basic understanding of how cells grow and develop and become cancerous," Tyrrell said.

"They have given us a new approach for dealing with [cancer]. This will have a long-term impact on disease and health and a transforming effect on medicine."

Relative to the importance of the research, Tyrrell said their labs and offices "are quite modest... but the people are special.

"I enjoyed it so much sitting with them in their lab while they discussed with such passion their science and the history of their work," Tyrrell said.

He also appreciated the fact that graduate students can receive academic credits by working with the scientists on their research, and he admired "Israel's culture of... science."

"Science has a big influence on [Israel's] culture. People appreciate science. I think that's very enlightened," Tyrrell said.

Cedar said that this culture of science is one of the top reasons he immigrated to Israel from New York in 1973.

"There is an advantage to doing science in Israel. Science and research is a culture, an infrastructure. Society has to want to support it.

"It has to be ingrained in the culture of the people, and in Israel, it's the culture of the Jewish people that prizes academic challenge, studying, learning, the desire to find out about things and do something to help mankind, and there is a willingness on the part of society to invest in this."

Cedar and Razin are not the first Israeli recipients of Gairdner awards. Michael Sela, former president of the Weizmann Institute of Science, received an award in 1980, and 2004 Nobel Prize winner Avraham Hershko, of the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, won a Gairdner Award in 1999.

Cedar said he was thrilled to be counted among the recipients.

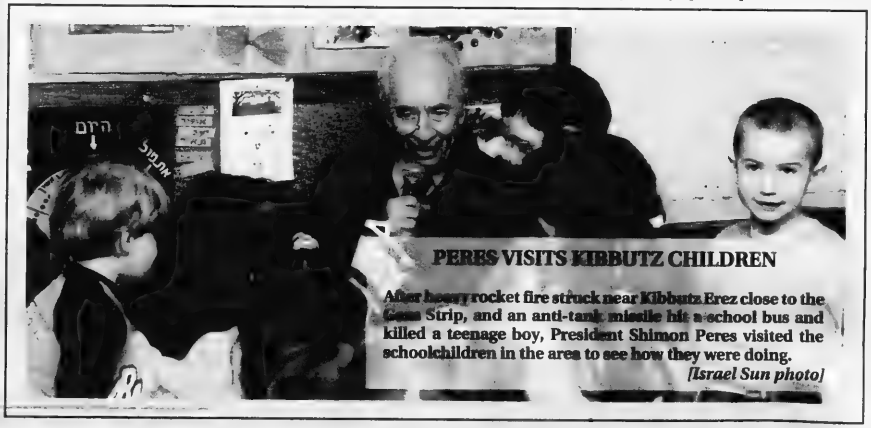
"It feels great to receive this award," he said. "You don't do the work to get a reward, but it's encouraging. It's nice to know that other people recognize that what you've done is important and worthwhile. Having these awards stimulates science, brings about a general interest in science, helps educate the public, and encourages scientists."

Dirks said some of the highlights of his trip to Israel included meeting with Hebrew U president Menachem Ben-Sasson and Israel Academy of Sciences president Ruth Arnon, as well as touring the Weizmann Institute campus, and attending an evening reception for the award-winners hosted by Canada's ambassador to Israel, Paul Hunt, at his official residence.

"It has been really special," Dirks said. "Everything has been great – the hospitality, the meetings, the beauty of the country, the weather."

Tyrrell said the meeting between Canadians and Israelis was particularly special.

"The atmosphere was very nice," he said. "To see the Canadian and Israeli cultures come together was just amazing. Israel is really a very special place."



PERES VISITS KIBBUTZ CHILDREN

After heavy rocket fire struck near Kibbutz Erez close to the Gaza Strip, and an anti-tank missile hit a school bus and killed a teenage boy, President Shimon Peres visited the schoolchildren in the area to see how they were doing.

[Israel Sun photo]

Warsaw can do better

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As Poland stands poised to assume the EU presidency on July 1, no one in the family of nations is happier than Israel. Over the past two decades, Poland has distinguished itself as one of Israel's staunchest supporters in Europe. When problems in Brussels arise, Jerusalem knows it can count on Warsaw.

Laurence Weinbaum

Poles have also come to recognize that Israelis are among their sincerest well-wishers. In recent years, many Israelis and Diaspora Jews have rediscovered and renewed ancestral ties to the land that they, their parents or grandparents once called home. Israeli-Polish relations, cultural and commercial, scientific and social – whether formal or informal, official or unofficial – are flourishing.

No post-communist country in Europe has come close to matching Poland's courage or candor in confronting the darkest chapters in its own wartime history, including transgressions of commission and omission. This has engendered Israel's respect and strengthened the connections between the two nations.

For this reason, the Polish government's recent announcement that it will end attempts to enact legislation on the restitution issue is very disturbing and perplexing.

Ever since the fall of communism, successive Polish governments have pledged to resolve the complex issues arising out of the plunder of private property and postwar expropriations and nationalizations.

Since turning back the clock is impossible, any "solution" is inherently imperfect. To be sure, this is not a strictly Jewish issue, as non-Jews were also dispossessed. However, the case of Polish Jewry was one of total despoliation.

An entire people was stripped of everything it had accumulated through centuries of toil. To make modern consideration of the matter even more complicated, most Jews who lost property were murdered, and their heirs no longer live in Poland. Survivors who sought to reclaim their properties immediately after the war were often met with hostility and even murderous violence. This only hastened their departure and added to their bitterness.

Poland blames Germany for the immeasurable destruction, human and material, of World War II – and rightly so.

But the fact is that all immovable property belonging to Jews killed in the Holocaust remained in Poland. The survivors did not take their apartments, houses, stores, lots, factories or forests with them, and the Polish government, local authorities and individuals to whom they devolved were enriched by those assets.

Radoslaw Sikorski

In a recent interview with *Ha'aretz*, during an official visit to Israel, Poland's Oxford-educated foreign minister, Radoslaw Sikorski, hastened to explain: "The Holocaust that took place on our soil was conducted against our will by someone else."

In view of what is now known, this is somewhat misleading.

The latest scholarship to emerge in Poland makes clear that the participation of locals in the dispatch of Jews was hardly an exceptional phenomenon.

On occasion, intoxicated by the lure of instant enrichment, Poles did not recoil from taking part in the killings, whether orchestrated by the Germans or at their own initiative. And for many years, not a few Poles slept in Jewish beds, ate off Jewish china, played Chopin on Jewish pianos and rocked their babies in Jewish cribs. Presumably, some still do.

The Bible tells us that God sent Elijah to confront Ahab after the innocent Navot was stoned to death so that his land could be seized.

"Hast thou murdered and also inherited?" Elijah asked. Had that question been put to the people of Poland after World War II, the answer for quite a few would have to have been, "Yes."

And some among Polish officialdom would have us believe that there is nothing wrong with perpetuating that state of affairs.

Quite paradoxically, even as Polish scholars unflinchingly document the magnitude of local complicity in the destruction of Polish Jewry, Poland's government is adopting the approach taken by its communist predecessors – denying all responsibility.

Instead, to deflect criticism, Sikorski lashed out at Washington for its very real failure to take any meaningful action during the war to save Polish Jews. That too is a page taken from a tired, communist-era playbook and has no relevance to the present discourse.

The Polish government has justified its stance by claiming that its treasury could not sustain the burden of any payout. That, of course, is a disingenuous argument.

Modern-day Poland has one of the strongest and most dynamic economies in all of Europe. If anything, Poland should take a cue from Macedonia. That small Balkan country, whose economic and geopolitical situation is far more precarious than that of Poland, set a noble example in 2002 in enacting and implementing comprehensive restitution legislation that addressed the issue of property lost in the Holocaust.

Historic wrongs are rarely righted and the challenge of real justice is impossible where the Shoah is concerned.

But in refusing to face the issue and rejecting the idea of even a symbolic resolution, it is as if Poland's government has turned its back on all that is great and glorious in Polish tradition.

No one better symbolizes that tradition than Wladyslaw Bartoszewski, whose personal heroism in Poland during the Shoah should inspire to action. As the grand old man of Polish diplomacy observed in his memoirs about that period: *warto byc przyzwoitym* – it pays to be decent .

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Report links Iran, China

Yossi Melman

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JERUSALEM — Near the city of Qom, Iran has a secret plant that is part of its chemical weapons program, according to a secret U.S. cable sent by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, which is part of the WikiLeaks documents obtained by *Ha'aretz*. Clinton instructed the U.S. Embassy in Beijing to take action against a Chinese company that is involved in the transfer of equipment, know-how and technology to Iran.

The document, dated July 24, 2009, reveals American concerns about the company, Zibo Chemet, which has supplied vital equipment for Iran's chemical-weapons program. Such sales are forbidden, according to the regulations of the Australia Group, which supervises the sale of sensitive chemical technology, equipment and materials. China is member of that group. According to the cable, "We have new information indicating that Zibo Chemet transferred technology for the production of glass-lined reactor equipment to Iranian customers, significantly enhancing Iran's ability to produce indigenously chemical equipment suitable for a chemical warfare program."

The cable asks the U.S. Embassy in Beijing to pass on information about the company to the Chinese government and demand that it take aggressive action to get the firm to cease its shipments. The cable also provides background on the company, revealing its dubious track record.

It says the company in April 2007 was blacklisted by the United States amid suspicions that it supplied similar equipment to Iran, North Korea and Syria. The earlier suspicions forced the Chinese government to open an investigation into the company and take "limited punitive action," which is not detailed in the cable.

But, despite the company's dubious past and the steps taken, it did not refrain from holding secret contacts with Iran. According to the cable, the company "recently transferred Australia Group-controlled technology to manufacture glass-lined chemical reactor vessels to the Iranian entity Shimi Azarjaam. This glass-lining plant is located in Shokoohieh Industrial Park, Qom."

The equipment supplied by Zibo Chemet includes technology and expertise that would allow the Iranian company to produce glass-lined reactor vessels resistant to the chemicals they contain. The raw chemicals from which weapons such as nerve gas are produced are placed into these containers, which must be glass-coated so the chemicals don't eat away at the containers and evaporate into the air.

Clinton's cable shows that as the international community anxiously follows the progress of Iran's nuclear program, Iran continues to develop conventional and unconventional weapons, including chemical ones. And this progress has gained momentum in recent months as the revolutions in the Middle East divert attention from the Islamic Republic. Iran's decision to speed up the development of chemical weapons at the end of the 1980-1988 Iran-Iraq War was one of the lessons of that conflict.

Saddam Hussein's army used chemical weapons against front-line soldiers during that war; to this day thousands of these Iranian veterans are still suffering. One of the largest suppliers for Iran's chemical program was Israeli businessman Nahum Manbar, now serving 16 years in prison. He is due to be released in two years, after all his requests for a reduced term were denied.

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Israel offers socially responsible investments

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JERUSALEM — In sectors where consumer opinion matters, charitable donations boost sales. But while a donation may be a clever move for business, that doesn't necessarily make a company a good investment.

One goal of the nonprofit Maala – Business for Social Responsibility is to convince investors to choose companies that are socially responsible. For this reason, Maala and the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange initiated the Maala Socially Responsible Investing Index, which includes companies from the Tel Aviv-100 Index that Maala has deemed socially responsible.

The Maala-SRI index, launched in February 2005, lists 38 companies. Investors can buy into the index through KSM's (a manager of index-linked certificates) exchange-traded note, KSM Maala or Psagot's mutual fund, Psagot Maala.

Comparing the Maala SRI index to the TA-100 can tell us whether contributing to society indeed makes a company a better investment. Through 2008, Maala SRI kept a close pace to the TA-100, but in 2009 and 2010, it began lagging behind Tel Aviv's main benchmark.

Since its launch, Maala has averaged annual returns of 8.6 per cent, while the TA-100 averaged 10.6 per cent. Maala returned 62 per cent over the past six years, while the TA-100 returned 82 per cent.

Israel isn't the only country that has tried to push investors to pick socially responsible companies. Such investment options exist in the United States, too. One is via iShares' exchange-traded fund KLD, which tracks the MSCI USA ESG Select Index, an index that includes 190 companies committed to the environment, society and governance, or ESG.

If we compare the KLD fund to the exchange-traded fund SPY, which tracks the benchmark Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500, we see that the KLD fund tracked the SPY fund nearly perfectly over the past six years. KLD, which like Maala, was launched at the beginning of 2005, averaged annual returns of 2.4 per cent, while SPY averaged 2.6 per cent. KLD returned 15 per cent over the past six years, while SPY returned 16 per cent. Part of the difference can be explained by the fact that KLD has higher management fees.

In a twist of humour and entrepreneurship, the company USA Mutuals launched the VICEX mutual fund at the beginning of 2005, too. That fund's name is no coincidence – it was introduced as an antithesis to all the do-gooder funds. It invests in companies that sell cigarettes and alcohol, profit from gambling, drill for oil and deal in arms.

It turns out that when compared to SPY, VICEX was considerably more volatile. But over the past six years, investing in vice paid off more than investing in virtue. After fees, the VICEX returned an annual 2.9 per cent and a total of 18 per cent, beating out SPY's 16 per cent. Given that VICEX's annual fees of 1.8 per cent are significantly higher than SPY's 0.1 per cent, it's fair to say that the vices outperformed the S&P 500.

Stock Exchange in Tel Aviv

So does this mean investors should steer clear of socially responsible companies? To answer that, we need to know what's behind the various indexes' returns.

We'll find out by breaking down performance based on business sector. The KLD social responsibility fund has a similar sectoral distribution to that of the S&P 500. All industries included in the S&P 500 are represented in the MSCI social responsibility fund, and all have an equal weight.

VICEX, in comparison, concentrates on consumer goods, consumer services and industrial materials. In periods when these sectors did better than others – such as after the prices of oil or basic food-industry inputs increased – VICEX also showed higher returns.

However, the fact that MSCI's social responsibility index mirrors the sectoral breakdown of the S&P 500 means that the KLD fund's returns were almost identical to the SPY fund's. This will ensure that KLD and SPY will have nearly identical returns in the future, too.

Comparing the sector breakdown of the Maala index to the TA-100 as a whole paints a fairly similar picture. Some sectors, such as industrial investment, gas exploration, financial services, computers and wood products, have no representation in Maala. Real estate and investment and holding companies are under-represented, while services, insurance, electricity and electronics are over-represented.

Therefore, we can say that Maala's returns dragged behind those of the TA-100 not because Maala is somehow inferior, but because the sectors with heavier representation in the do-gooder index didn't do as well as other sectors over the past six years.

Investing in socially responsible companies is a moral decision. But it's not an investment strategy, and should not be considered a replacement for one. Traditional strategies see investors choosing assets based on proper distribution, low correlation between assets and the desired risk level.

It is possible to include social responsibility indexes in your portfolio in a way that conforms with an investor's overall strategy.

Investor seeking exposure to the U.S. market who want to put their money into socially responsible companies could invest in the KLD fund. This fund imitates the more general SPY fund almost precisely because the MSCI USA ESG Select Index has the same sectoral breakdown as the S&P 500.

However, an investor seeking exposure to the Israeli capital market who chooses a Maala-based fund will receive returns unequal to the TA-100 because Maala SRI and the TA-100 have different sectoral breakdowns.

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Israeli growth strong

Moti Bassok
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JERUSALEM — The Israeli economy is continuing to show strong growth. Gross domestic product climbed 7.8 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2010 on an annual basis, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics. For the second half of 2010, GDP growth was 5.8 per cent.

Another important indicator, the Bank of Israel's composite state-of-the-economy index for March 2011, increased by 0.5 per cent from February. The increase indicates continued growth in domestic consumption and exports, as well as manufacturing production. March was the second consecutive month in which almost all components of the index rose.

Israeli industrial exports in the December 2010 to February 2011 period jumped 23 per cent in annual terms, mostly as a result of a 28.1 per cent rise in high-tech exports, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported. The increase in exports, reflecting the recovery of western economies, came despite exporters' complaints in recent months about the fall in the dollar against the shekel.

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New ways to view Anne Frank

One of the hallmarks of graphic novels and memoir is their use of the personal voice.

This is best seen in Art Spiegelman's *Maus*, where the author's idiosyncratic relationship with his father and his own discomfort with the meaning of success as a writer about Holocaust experience, account for much of the book's liveliness and provocation.

Anne Frank: The Anne Frank House Authorized Graphic Biography (Farrar, Straus and Giroux) lacks such a personal voice, and in this, it is a more distanced and abstract text than the original *Diary*. *Anne Frank: The Anne Frank House Authorized Graphic Biography* is by Sid Jacobson and Ernie Colón, who have held important positions at Marvel and DC Comics.

Reviewed by Norman Ravvin

As an "authorized" biography linked with the Amsterdam museum devoted to Anne Frank's memory, the *Biography*'s approach is historical: rather than create a unique artistic look and voice – as Spiegelman did in *Maus* – Jacobson and Colón make use of elements familiar from other graphic texts, without bringing any new experimentation to the genre. These elements include a lively use of colour, the quick cuts and close-ups that graphic artists borrow from film, and the use of muted black and white to convey the darkest historical events.

The *Graphic Biography* proceeds chronologically, telling its story in chapters that mix Anne's own narrative with a detailed description of wartime events. Both before and after she went into hiding, Anne Frank was well-informed about how the war was progressing. But the reader of the *Graphic Biography* learns a great deal more about the German treatment of Europe's Jews than Anne herself did while her family hid in the "secret annex." Clearly, the *Biography*'s authors see their goal as dual: to tell the familiar story of Anne's hiding and the creation of her *Diary*, alongside a broader account of the disaster that befell European Jews. The latter goal is served throughout the book by the use of detailed maps, and through sections headed "Snapshot," usually a single page made up of five or six image frames that address a key historical issue.

Who, one might wonder, do the creators and their sponsors, the Anne Frank House, have in mind as their *Biography*'s audience? Young people will be drawn to the book's graphic presentation, and might be in need of the history lesson it offers. In this, it would seem that the success of *Maus* with young adults provided the model for retelling Anne's story in graphic form.

As the *Biography* notes in its conclusion, Anne's *Diary* has found success in a remarkable number of venues and cultural contexts. Having appeared first in Dutch in 1947, it has been translated into more than 70 languages. It was reworked as a Broadway play in 1955 and as a Hollywood film in 1959. Books on the *Diary* and on Anne's life, sometimes associated with museum shows and the Anne Frank House, have appeared in impressive number. Most provocative of these – notably absent in the *Biography*'s "Suggestions for Further Reading" – is Philip Roth's 1979 tour de force, *The Ghost Writer*.

The creators of the *Graphic Biography* end with a full-page image of the Amsterdam museum, which includes "the original diary itself, which is there on display." The image of the well-known red notebook, which Anne addressed as Kitty, reminds readers, however fleetingly, that the *Diary* itself is readily available in a variety of editions, whether early ones, edited by Otto Frank, or more recent versions, which are complete with scholarly apparatus, photographs and historical essays.

If the *Graphic Biography* attains substantial success, might it simply supplant the *Diary* as the primary source on Anne for young readers? Will young readers who find their way first to the *Biography* be encouraged to return to the source and read the *Diary*? Is there a good reason to turn the *Diary* into a *Graphic Biography*, beyond the possibility that the willingness to read is being supplanted by a desire to look, and then read a little? A spokeswoman for the Anne Frank House has said, "Not everyone will read the diary... The one doesn't exclude the other."

One thing is assured: Anne Frank is a key icon of the Holocaust years, and her *Diary* is among the major texts of Jewish response to the war. The treatment of such a legacy is serious business.

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EYE ON ARTS

By BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO JEWISH FOLK CHOIR TO PERFORM 85th SPRING CONCERT

The **Toronto Jewish Folk Choir** is soon to perform its 85th annual spring concert with guest artists **Beyond The Pale** and Winnipeg composer-pianist **Sid Robinovitch**.

Founded in 1925 primarily by immigrant garment workers, the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir is Canada's longest continuing Jewish performance group. Designed to commemorate the original immigrant workers who founded the choir, its concert program features Robinovitch's evocative suite *In Amerike*, with the composer on piano. Its lyrics are from the poem *In Kanade* (*In Canada*) by the late Montreal Yiddish poet **Sholem Shtern**.

The choir, with **Lina Zemelman** on piano, also performs a lively mix of music in Yiddish, Hebrew, English and more. Soloists are sopranos **Miriam Eskin** and **Galina Kuznetsov**, tenor **Martin Houtman** and bass **Herman Rombouts**. The Choir's conductor is **Alexander Veprinsky**.

Posluns Auditorium at Baycrest, 3560 Bathurst St., north entrance, 2nd floor (wheelchair accessible). $25, $20; children 12 and under free. Sunday, May 15, 3 p.m. 416-789-5502, tjfolkchoir@sympatico.ca. For information, please visit the website www.winchevskycentre.org/institutions/choir.html

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Musical Notes

• Toronto singer-songwriter **Donna Greenberg** is joined by pianist **Jordan Klapman** and guitarist **Tony Quarrington** to perform a concert of jazz standards and Greenberg's original tunes. Some of the proceeds will benefit the Lymphoma Research Fund at Princess Margaret Hospital. $12. Trane Studio, 964 Bathurst St. Tuesday, May 3, 8 p.m. Reservations, 416-913-8197.

The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir

• Active Seniors presents *The Creation of Fiddler on the Roof and Songs We Love to Sing*, featuring live piano and sing-along with **Jordan Klapman**. Miles Nadal JCC, Thursday, May 5, 1:30 p.m. 416-924 6211, ext. 155.

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Arts in Brief

• Friends of the late **Gerry Salsberg** (1949-2010) are planning a celebration of his life and "his generous heart, remarkable talent, loving spirit and boundless wit and humour, and of course that wonderful voice!" Second City Theatre, 51 Mercer St. Sunday, May 1, 1 p.m.

• "The Life and Times of Yiddish" with **Prof. Kalman Weiser**. This series of talks explores the social history and origins of Yiddish. Miles Nadal JCC, May 5 to 26.

Thursdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. $48. sharonis@mnjcc.org or 416-924-6211, ext . 154.

• The deadline for submissions for the Canadian Jewish Playwriting Competition is Thursday, June 30. The prizes are $1,000 and a staged reading at the Miles Nadal JCC. Previous winners are **Vern Thiessen** (*Einstein's Gift*), **Don Molnar** (*Sara's Cave*) and **Alex Poch Goldin** (*Yahrzeit*). For more information, e-mail esthera@mnjcc.org

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At the Galleries

• *Pictures of Resistance – The Wartime Photographs of Jewish Partisan Faye Schulman* features photos by the only known Jewish partisan to document the World War II partisan experience on film. Presented as part of the Contact Festival. Gallery at the Miles Nadal JCC, May 1 to 31. deannad@mnjcc.org, 416-924-6211, ext. 262.

• Ten professional artists open their home studios to the public for the 14th annual Thornhill Visual Artists Tour & Sale, May 7 and 8. The artists create in a wide variety of styles and media including oil, acrylic, watercolour, mixed media and stone and clay. Visit www.thornhillva.com for gallery locations and hours.

• Bonhams of London, England is hosting an Israeli Art & Judaica auction next month. A featured piece is *Marseille Port*, a 1933 painting by Romanian-born Dadaist artist **Marcel Janco** that is expected to sell for a minimum of 120,000 British pounds (around $190,000). Janco moved to Israel in 1941 and established the artist village of Ein Hod in 1953. Other artists in the May 24 sale include **Israel Hershberg**, **Ori Reisman**, **Jakob Steinhardt** and **Ludwig Blum**. www.bonhams.com

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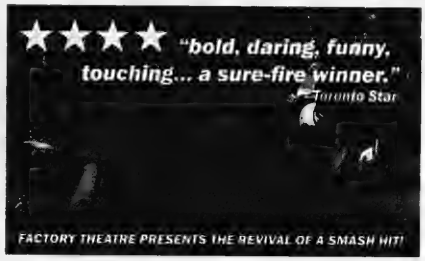

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Guns N' Roses' drummer returns with an appetite

Robert Collins
Special to The CJN

Steven Adler understands that he's lucky to be alive.Two decades of heroin and crack cocaine addiction will take a toll on the toughest constitution.

"I tried killing myself," the former Guns N' Roses drummer admits. "It is not easy! A human body can put up with a lot. I had a stroke, a mild heart attack and I was in a coma for four days – all at once. My doctor said I'd be brain dead or lose the left side of my body. I was blessed because I can still play drums and I didn't lose my brain."

Adler, 46, can now laugh at his own expense. It's part of a boundless enthusiasm for life that has been his constant companion since defeating his demons.

Twenty-one years ago Adler was musical royalty — one-fifth of Guns N' Roses, the biggest and best hard rock act of the late 1980s. Widely labeled as "the most dangerous band on earth," Guns N' Roses upped the ante to effectively destroy what would subsequently be called hair metal. They ditched the makeup and turned everything up, leaving behind a critically acclaimed masterpiece album, *Appetite For Destruction* still the best selling debut album of all time.

With the music came a distinctly decadent Los Angeles lifestyle. *Appetite For Destruction's* lyrics of easy sex and hard drugs were born from experience, and Adler partied harder than anyone. So much so that in July 1990 he was fired from a band full of drug addicts for excessive drug use. It was the beginning of a downward spiral that took Adler over 20 years to pull himself out of.

"I wasn't expecting to get kicked out of the band," he says "That *was* unexpected. I was just doing the same drugs that the other guys were doing. That's what all my idols did! "

Adler chronicled the many highs and near fatal lows in a fascinating autobiography, *My Appetite For Destruction: Sex & Drugs & Guns N' Roses*, published by Harper Collins last summer. As an author, Adler held nothing back, whether detailing orgies orchestrated by Aerosmith's Steven Tyler; the crushing realization that he'd been sacked by the people he considered his best friends; or the desperation and self-loathing of addiction, the many lowlights including smoking a crack pipe in the car as his mother drove him to rehab.

"Writing the book was emotionally, physically, mentally and spiritually healing," he declares. "I got to put everything in my life on paper. At the beginning of the book I talked about hanging out in nightclubs as a teenager and getting sexually abused by older men. I thought that if I said those words out loud I would feel worse and people would think bad of me.

It was the complete opposite. Once I said it and people understood, it was like a huge weight was lifted off of me."

Former Guns N' Roses drummer Steven Adler

For Adler, moving forward included repairing his relationship with his family. Unrelentingly rebellious as a youngster, every time his mother kicked him out of the house he was taken in by her parents. Those grandparents are the first people thanked in the book's dedications and they're proudly included in its photo gallery in a shot taken at the 13-year-old Steven's bar mitzvah.

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Hijacking the Holy Land lacks nuance

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

The Arab-Israeli conflict is a complex dispute brimming with shades of grey. It does not lend itself to simplistic black-and-white analysis.

Yet Joel Israel's *Hijacking the Holy Land*, scheduled to be broadcast on Vision TV on Monday, May 2 at 10 p.m., presents a somewhat one-dimensional account of an infinitely complicated problem.

Barabara Crook

In methodical fashion, it ticks off the shortcomings of the Arab side: The Arabs rejected the 1947 United Nations Palestine partition plan. They exploited Palestinian refugees for political ends. They sowed the conditions for the outbreak of the Six Day War. They forced Israel to build the controversial separation barrier.

Hijacking the Holy Land is also on firm ground in advancing the thesis that the Palestinian Authority has not done nearly enough to promote the idea of peace. The Palestinian media spews hatred against Israel. Palestinian schools generally portray Israel and Jews in a negative light. Palestinian clerics deny the historical Jewish connection to Israel and defame Jews in disgusting antisemitic diatribes.

These accusations are made by, among others, Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook of the Palestinian Media Watch organization.

But in other key respects, *Hijacking the Holy Land* misses the mark and is patently misleading.

Its specious claim that Yasser Arafat's successors, Mahmoud Abbas and Salam Fayyad, seek nothing less than Israel's destruction is belied by their consistent advocacy of a two-state solution. Its allegation that the Palestinian inhabitants of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip are the descendants of Arabs from the Arab world is unsubstantiated.

Its implicit suggestion that radical Islam is really no different than mainstream Islam is suspect. Its conclusion that Israel's withdrawal from Gaza brought a hail of Qassam rockets rather than peace ignores an important point: Israel's pullout from Gaza was unilateral.

In this documentary, a procession of Palestinian extremists vent vile views. But where are the moderates, the reasonable Palestinians, who are prepared to coexist with Israel? They are nowhere to be seen.

In this vein, *Hijacking the Holy Land* leaves the impression that Israel has no Palestinian negotiating partner. This is untrue, as a former Israeli prime minister, Ehud Olmert, has attested.

This film would have been more useful and credible had a nuanced approach been used.

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A sampling of films at Hot Docs festival

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Staff Reporter

Shortly after he was elected president of the United States, Barack Obama issued a brief statement rejecting Israel's controversial settlement policy in the West Bank.

"It is time for these settlements to stop," he said, echoing a sentiment to which his predecessors have fully subscribed.

In Igal Hecht's film, *The Hilltops*, scheduled to be screened at this year's edition of the Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival, Obama's tart comment is juxtaposed against an uncompromising retort issued by Daniella Weiss, one of the leaders of the settlement movement.

Cockily dismissing her opponents as ignoramuses, she declares, "The land is ours." She adds that no one but Jews are entitled to the West Bank, known biblically as Judea and Samaria.

A fairly detached movie, The *Hilltops* explores the Jewish claim to the West Bank through the eyes of the settlers. Curiously enough, a Palestinian Arab who appears on screen as a counterpoint does not even attempt to make the case for Palestinian statehood in the West Bank.

Apart from Weiss, a self-assured woman with tunnel vision, Hecht trots out a succession of settlers who elaborate on the thesis that the West Bank belongs to Israel and only Israel.

One of them, Nadia Mattar, dislikes Obama intensely. Proceeding from the fallacious assumption that Obama has not stated his position clearly, she says, "Better an enemy who speaks his mind than one who gives you honey and stabs you in the back."

Later, in a questionable and self-serving remark, she claims that the majority of Israelis do not want to relinquish the West Bank.

Still another settler, whose name I did not catch but who sounds like an American, claims that the Palestinian inhabitants of the West Bank are merely guests "in my country."

Although it is hard to tell whether Hecht sympathizes with their aims, he leaves a nuanced impression of the settlers. On the one hand, he sees them as idealists and zealots who love Israel. On the other hand, he regards them as lawbreakers who flout the authority of the state by building unauthorized outposts in the heart of Arab populated areas in the West Bank.

The Hilltops, in short, presents them as a fiercely committed, formidable ideological force.

The Hilltops – which will be screened at the Royal Ontario Museum on Sunday, May 1 at 4:30 p.m. and at the Cumberland 2 on Tuesday, May 3 at 9:45 p.m. – will be followed by an Israeli short, *Susya*.

Directed by Dani Rosenberg and Yoav Gross, it is a spare but telling film told from the Palestinian point of view.

Twenty five years ago, during the first Palestinian uprising, the Palestinian inhabitants of Susya were evicted from their homes so that an ancient Jewish village from the Roman era could be excavated.

In *Susya*, a Palestinian father and son return for a brief visit. Surveying the excavations, the father says, "Here, this was our home." As if to emphasize his point, he adds, "This is our home." Not surprisingly, a feeling of hopelessness overcomes him.

When an Israeli soldier in a jeep asks them to leave the site, the old man grows still more bitter. "This is racism," he says. As he walks away, the jeep trails him, gunning its engine menacingly in an attempt to intimidate the Arabs.

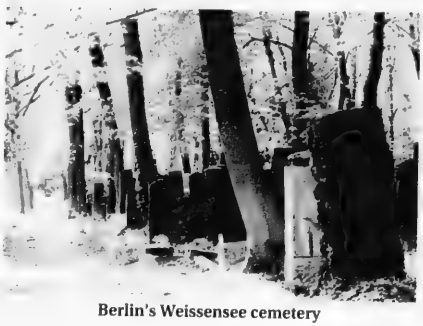
Susya leaves a viewer with a bad taste in the mouth.

Britta Wauer's German-language film, *In Heaven, Underground: The Jewish Cemetery in Berlin-Weissensee*, is a portrait of Europe's largest active Jewish cemetery. Dedicated in 1880, this sylvan retreat contains the remains of 115,000 German Jews in 130 separate sections.

Distinctly different characters glide through Wauer's nostalgic film.

German students collect rubbings from headstones. Israeli troops in uniform pay tribute to Jewish soldiers who laid down their lives for Germany in World War I.

A German Jewish man recalls playing in the cemetery as a youth. A young couple who live in a cottage on the grounds talk about the cemetery. A policeman assigned to the cemetery speaks about the Jewish customs he has learned over the years.



Berlin's Weissensee cemetery

Weissensee, an invaluable repository of Jewish history, was left untouched by the Nazis. Thankfully, they did not get around to levelling it in an orgy of anti-Semitic animus.

There will be three screenings of *In Heaven, Underground*. The first two take place on Sunday, May 1 at 9:45 and on Tuesday, May 3 at 3:45 p.m. at the Isabel Bader Theatre. The third screening will be held on Sunday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Toronto International Film Festival Bell Lightbox.

Limor Pinhasov's *Melissa – Mom and Me* is a portrait of two attractive thirty-something women sharing emotional pain. It brings together an Israeli and an American who were once strippers in a club in Japan.

Yael, known in Tokyo as Jenny, has since become a painter and a wife in Tel Aviv. Melissa, a single mother and a former drug addict, lives with her mom in a small town in North Carolina. The pair are reunited after a seven-year absence when Yael, feeling lonely and recalling their days in Japan, suddenly shows up at Melissa's doorstep one day.

They share memories and heartaches and re-establish their bond. Melissa's mother adds a layer of moral complexity and ambiguity to this drama.

Melissa – Mom and Me will be screened at the Royal Ontario Museum on Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m. and Friday, May 6 at 10:30 a.m.

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'My grandmother was very spiritual'

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"Like every young person you do what your family wants you to do," he explains. "My grandmother was very spiritual, and she thought doing Jewish things was important for my life. They weren't important for me, but she was older and wiser."

Part of Adler's physical and psychological revival is his commitment to his new band, Adler's Appetite. It's a chance for fans to enjoy old favourites from Guns N' Roses' heyday, paired with a few new tracks from the mature and newly sober rockers.

"When I'm on stage playing with my new band it totally reminds me of back in the day playing clubs on Sunset Strip. And the new songs go over just as great as the [Guns N'Roses] songs. It's a kick ass rock and roll show. Every night we think, 'God help whoever has to open up for us.' We don't care if we play for two or 2,000 or 200,000 people, you're going to get the same thing."

Two decades of squabbling egos and legal battles make a reformation of the original Guns N' Roses' line-up unlikely. Still, Adler makes a convincing argument why it should happen.

"There are two reasons why I want to do a tour with the original G'n'R guys," he says. "There's all the love I receive around the world. I have heard '*Appetite For Destruction* is the soundtrack to my life' in so many languages. I've heard it thousands of times and that is the greatest thing anyone can say to me. We owe it to those fans. And two, the money we could make! The whole thing could make billions of dollars. All we have to do is get on stage with each other for 90 minutes."

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Shahar Peer could reach tennis top 10 this year

Marvin Glassman
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MIAMI — Two years ago, Israeli tennis star Shahar Peer made world headlines when she was denied a visa to enter the United Arab Emirates to compete in the 2009 Dubai Tennis Championships.

The ban backfired, not only because the tournament was fined $300,000 (US) and forced to allow Peer to compete for the next five years, but also because it strengthened Peer's determination to play above expectations.

Peer recently entered the Sony Ericsson Open in Miami, and the 23-year-old has demonstrated that her legacy in tennis will not be based on a single political incident. Rather, she channelled the anger and pain of the past and turned 2010 into her best year of competition. Ranked 38th in 2009, she returned to Dubai in 2010, finished as a semifinalist and went on to six other semifinals in international tournaments that year. In June 2010, her outstanding results, including a runner-up finish at the Moorilla Hobart International in Australia, raised her world ranking to No. 14, making Peer the highest-rated Israeli man or woman ever in tennis history.

"Sports and politics should never mix, and to this day, I never forgot the anger when I was banned. But I play better when someone tries to take something from me. I became more determined than ever to do well in tennis. Now that I made history in my sport for the right reason, I want to continue to get better," Peer said following her second round match (a 6-2, 6-2 loss to Spain's Anabel Medina Garrigues) at the Sony Ericsson Open.

Despite the loss, Peer has kept her momentum going. With two quarter-final finishes this year (Dubai and Indian Wells), she has continued to move up the rankings to a current position at No. 11. A top 10 ranking is within reach this year.

To that end, Peer has worked with some of the best coaches in tennis. For the past six months, she has been coached by Craig Kardon, who guided both Lindsay Davenport and Martina Navratilova to the No. 1 ranking in tennis. And she's hired Harold Solomon, who was instrumental in Jennifer Capriati's winning the 2001 French Open. Peer is hoping to improve her serve and net play.

"Shahar has as much of a chance as anyone in tennis to have her best year yet," said former player Mary Joe Fernandez, who has done television commentary on Peer's matches for many years. "With the Williams sisters [Serena and Venus] being injured for the past year, there is a void in tennis, and Shahar has the resolve and determination to get into the top 10. While Shahar does not possess a big weapon like an explosive serve, she rarely beats herself with unforced errors and has beaten top 10 players this year with her improved play at the net. With a will to always fight to the end in her matches, I think she can continue to finish deep at most tournaments."

Since the Dubai incident and because of her international exposure at tournaments around the world, Peer has become one of the most recognizable Israeli athletes in the world. She has won both Woman of the Year (2009) and Athlete of the Year honours (2006-2009) in Israel, and she's used her celebrity status to benefit others when she is honoured by Jewish and Israeli organizations at tournaments.

Peer received much praise for joining last year's March of the Living in Poland, leading 10,000 students to the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camps. She was accompanied by her maternal grandmother, Yuliana Eckstein, an 81-year-old survivor who lost her parents and brother at Auschwitz and who was liberated in 1945.

"She [her grandmother] never told me the horrors until she went with me to the camps. Leading the March of the Living has given me strength and values that make winning or losing a tennis match not seem that important anymore," Peer said.

Barring injury, Peer will be in Toronto to compete at the Rogers Cup from Aug. 8 to 14 at the Rexall Centre.

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Clinton: Talks are the only way

Natasha Mozgovaya
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WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said last week that Israelis and Palestinians must immediately return to negotiations, even amidst the Arab revolutions recently sweeping the region.

In an interview with PBS' Charlie Rose, Clinton urged that it's in the best interest of both Israelis and Palestinians to return to "the hard work of determining borders, determining the security requirements and dealing with all the other issues that they have to face."

Clinton reiterated the U.S. opposition to any unilateral effort by the Palestinians to declare a state in the United Nations and emphasized the importance of a two-state solution through negotiations.

"Negotiations are the only way" to achieve a two-state solution, Clinton said.

Hillary Clinton

She added that both the Israelis and Palestinians had their reasons for being concerned about proceeding with negotiations even before the upheaval in the Arab world, and are now trying to analyze what impact the uncertainty of the region will have on their future positions.

Clinton also commented on Iran, saying that the U.S. doesn't want Tehran to be given "one iota of credit" for the revolutions sweeping the Middle East.

Clinton said Iran is trying to take advantage of the situation in the Arab world, and emphasized that the U.S. sees Iran as a major threat to the region.

With regards to the revolutions sweeping the Arab world, Clinton said, "We are now in scene one of act one of a five-act drama that will develop over a considerable period of time, and in which we have to determine our interests, our range of influence and what conflicting motivations may be involved."

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Teaching in Israel was 'extremely challenging' but rewarding

Rina Goldberg, far right, went on a hike through the Galil as part of the Jewish Education Service of North America's (JESNA) Lainer-Masa Fellowship program.

More news for young Jews on heebonics.ca

Riva Gold
Special to The CJN

For many people, teaching young kids in a foreign language and in a distant country would be a daunting task. For Hamilton-born teacher Rina Goldberg, it was the opportunity of a lifetime.

Goldberg, now 27, intensified her passion for Jewish education by participating in the Jewish Education Service of North America's (JESNA) Lainer-Masa Fellowship program in Jerusalem.

Masa, an organization that provides subsidized programs for Jewish youth to work, volunteer or study in Israel, allowed Goldberg to take courses at Hebrew University and simultaneously tutor kids at a local elementary school.

"Since my teen tour to Israel, I knew I needed to return for a longer period of time," said Goldberg, who participated in the program in 2004. "I had learned about the country from a young age and wanted to experience everyday life there."

As a third-year Jewish education student at York University, she was eager to see how teaching in Israel would compare.

Looking back, her year in Israel did not disappoint. "It was incredible. Living in Jerusalem definitely changes you," she said.

"I felt like I had the best of both worlds – I was living with North Americans, but also making friends with Israelis, and connecting with the locals. It was an incredible learning experience."

Throughout the program, she took courses about the Israeli education system at Hebrew University.

"In my classes, I became more educated about political and social issues, and as my awareness grew, my connection to Israel strengthened."

Although she'd travelled to Israel many times before, Goldberg felt that living there was a completely different experience. For her, it was the simple daily tasks like getting groceries in Hebrew and bargaining at the market that made her feel like she belonged.

"Everything I did there helped me feel stronger in my Jewish identity, from celebrating holidays to just ordering concert tickets," Goldberg said.

"That year, I realized that Israel wasn't just my 'kibbutz-in-the-sky' dream, but that it was a real place, with difficulties and challenges just like any other country," she said.

For her internship, Rina worked at an elementary school where she tutored Grade 1 students in English, Hebrew and math.

"The kids were at once impulsive and thoughtful," she said. "They moved very fast– literally and in terms of their curriculum. Sometimes it was difficult to grab the children's attention, but once they focused, they brought a ton of energy to the lessons."

Rina Goldberg

Goldberg was particularly impressed by how globally aware the kids were, even at a very young age.

"On a politically tense day, one of my students asked me if I'd heard the news," she recalled. "When I asked him what he meant, he said that something very sad had happened. It was my first time hearing such worldly awareness from a first grader."

Throughout the year, Goldberg was surprised at how attuned the Israeli children were to what was going on around them.

"It was refreshing and unlike anything I'd seen before."

At the same time, the Israeli classroom proved to be an extremely challenging environment.

"Even though I loved it, it was very tough for me. It's a very hard life being a teacher in Israel," she said. "It wasn't easy adjusting to the differences in language and culture. Even the schedule was different."

Ultimately, though, she describes her overall teaching experience as "really fun" and extremely rewarding.

"I feel like I was learning more about myself, my Jewish identity and my identity as an educator."

In addition to her courses and internship program, Goldberg enjoyed a variety of Israeli cultural, social, and religious events throughout the year. She even attended a Masa event where then-prime minister Ariel Sharon spoke to an audience of roughly 20,000 students.

"He was talking about some of the amazing internships we were doing, and he mentioned me by name," Goldberg gushes.

"It was a very special moment for me. A reporter even interviewed me on the radio in Hebrew afterwards. It was the kind of experience I just can't imagine happening anywhere else."

Goldberg considers herself very lucky to have been able to participate in the internship program, stressing that she would not have been able to go without the funding she received from Masa and York's Jewish studies department.

"I was also really lucky to have the support of my parents, at a time when many parents were really worried about letting their kids travel to Israel," she added. "My family has always been very committed to Israel."

After the program, Goldberg finished her degree at York and pursued a master's in Jewish education at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.

"When I got back from Israel, I realized that the best thing I could do with my knowledge and experience was to become a Jewish educator in North America."

Today, she teaches kindergarten at the Abraham Joshua Heschel School in New York City.

As a teacher, Goldberg hopes to share her passion for Judaism and Israel with young people.

"For me, teaching, increasing Hebrew literacy, and helping children feel good about their Jewish identities is my way of doing tikkun olam."

"I want to show by example that it's possible to grow up in North America and still learn to speak Hebrew fluently and have a full Jewish life."

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More of you to love

Dear Ella,

It's taken me a while to get up the nerve to write this. I was hoping that once I got it off my chest, I would put it behind me. So far, I have been rehashing the conversation over and over, coming up with things I could have and should have said.

A few months ago, I went to my high school reunion. My friends insisted that it would be fun and they finally talked me into it. I bought a new dress, new shoes, got all dolled up and looked pretty good, or so I thought.

I wasn't there more than 10 minutes when Sandy, an old classmate whom I hadn't seen in over 20 years, came over. She was very excited to see me. She threw her arms around me in a tight hug. I didn't remember being so close to her that she should have that kind of reaction.

She stepped back and said, "I see life's been good to you. There's so much more of you to love."

I was speechless, and that doesn't happen too often. Here comes the worst part. I said, "I'm doing well thanks, Sandy. How have you been?" I totally ignored what she'd said, thanked her, and continued being nice, when all the while I was crushed.

I haven't been able to get that scene out of my mind. What should I have said to this woman? I still feel as if I want to call her up and give her a piece of my mind.

Classless Classmate

Dear Classless Classmate,

People can be cruel, especially when they are covering up for their own insecurities. Sounds to me as if Sandy wanted to get her shot in before you had a chance to ask about or comment on anything to do with her.

Sometimes people can cope better with their own inadequacies if they make sure everyone around them feels worse than they do.

I know you think you handled the situation poorly, but in fact you handled it perfectly. You showed restraint and class. When you didn't react in a negative way, Sandy was diffused. She didn't get the reaction she was trying to invoke.

You can't control what people around you do and say. What you *can* control is your reaction to it. By taking the high road and ignoring her comment, you gave no credence to her jab and maintained your self-respect. However, by brooding about it long after the incident is over, you have given Sandy her reward.

If her comment upset you so much, perhaps you have to look at yourself to see why you can't seem to detach your thoughts from it. She clearly hit a nerve for you. You have put far too much energy into thinking up a revengeful response. Instead, you should be using that energy to dig deep and see why her comment had such a negative effect on you. Sandy may have opened up an underlying wound that needs to be healed.

Once you have the answer to that, you will be well on your way to working on your own self-esteem. The control is in your ball park – use this incident to improve your own life.

Ask Ella

Ella Burakowski

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN, *e-mail: ellacjn@gmail.com. But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*

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The CJN's French-language reporter in Montreal, Elias Levy, writes about:

Rabbis Josy Eisenberg and Daniel Epstein who explore the significance of a story by chassidic Rabbi Nachman of Braslav in a recent book.

Israeli author Ron Leshem, below, who will be in Montreal for the Blue Metropolis International Literary Festival (April 27 to May 1). Here Leshem talks about his latest novel, which takes place in Iran. Much of his research was done through his Internet friends.

Also on the web

Amin Meleika, a 26-year career Egyptian diplomat who began his post as Egyptian consul-general to Montreal only about one month before history took over in Cairo's Tahir Square and resulted in the peaceful ouster of Hosni Mubarak, speaks with *The CJN*.

After 67 years, a Laurentian town has repealed an anti-Jewish regulation still on its books. The municipal council of Rivière-Rouge has stricken a bylaw opposing the settlement of Jewish immigrants on its territory.

The heartbreak and strain of raising a child with autism are recounted with candour and humour in *Bad Animals: A Father's Accidental Education in Autism* (Viking Canada) by Montrealer Joel Yanofsky.

The power of family

There is something special about my clinics. I am there in two roles: the primary is dealing with medical issues such as diagnosis, recommendations for treatment, followup, explanations to patients and families and referrals for tests and specialists.

The second role, part of being an academic physician, is teaching medical trainees, from late-year medical students to post-graduate trainees from family medicine, internal medicine and geriatric medicine programs. Those trainees close to the end of their training are the young physicians who will soon be taking care of all of us, including our elders.

I feel a special responsibility to medical students and post-graduate trainees. Part of it comes from an ancient tradition in medicine, espoused by the venerable Hippocrates: one of the duties that physicians owe to the younger generation is to act as teachers and mentors.

The Hippocratic Oath (fifth century BC) also required the physician to teach his teacher's progeny: "to consider dear to me as my parents him who taught me this art... To look upon his children as my own brothers, to teach them this art if they so desire, without fee or written promise." However, this has, over the centuries, evolved to include all those who come to physicians as students.

Among the many concepts I try to give these young students and physicians are the importance of family in the care of elders and the fact that the children show enormous devotion and love. In most medical education and experience, one does not necessarily get to experience the ties that bind the generations of families together, nor to witness the enormous dedication that most children exhibit in words and action toward their parents.

Senior Side of Life

Michael Gordon

I recall years ago hearing quite often that a characteristic of North American families is that they are not as devoted to their elders as they are in other countries, including those from which many immigrants come to Canada. The evidence often cited, for example, was that multiple-generation families often lived in one dwelling, a reflection of the attachment of the children to their parents.

Of interest is that many of these immigrant groups, when given the option in Canada, will move away from their parental home as they embark on their own lives. The issue is often that in the country of origin, living separately is not a social or economic option. If anything, I often find myself – as part of my supportive approach to caring family members – counselling them to make sure they are taking care of themselves as they endeavour to be devoted children. I have often observed children who sacrifice important aspects of their own life, work and family in their desire to properly care for their beloved parent.

Although pivotal within the Ten Commandments (No. 5: Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee), which many people refer to within their religious tradition, even when they are not particularly observant, some children jeopardize their own well-being in their quest to be dutiful children.

My students often comment on the attentiveness of the family members. I emphasize the importance of these relationships when care must be provided to frail and dependent elders. The ties that bind are strong: all of us in health care must recognize this wonderful manifestation of filial love and build on those strengths while providing the best possible care.

Dr. Michael Gordon is medical program director of palliative care at Baycrest and co-author with Bart Mindszenthy of Parenting Your Parents (Dundurn Press). His latest book, Moments that Matter: Cases in Ethical Eldercare, follows his previous book, Brooklyn Beginnings: A Geriatrician's Odyssey. All can be researched at his website: http://www.drmichaelgordon.com.

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Young soldiers remember and stand guard

Soldiers of the Israel Defence Forces on Yom Hashoah v'Hagvurah stood beneath the sculpture by Nathan Rapoport at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. The sculpture pays tribute to the men and women who resisted the Nazis in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in May 1943.

[Flash90 photo]

Leaders applaud bin Laden's demise

Barak Ravid
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JERUSALEM — Israeli officials lauded U.S. President Barack Obama's statement announcing the assassination of Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu saying that Israel shared the "joy of the American people."

Obama issued the statement just before midnight on Sunday, Washington time. He said bin Laden's body had been recovered from Islamabad, Pakistan, by U.S. authorities.

"Justice has been done," Obama said in a heartfelt address Sunday, commemorating the nearly 3,000 people who were killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on New York and Washington orchestrated by bin Laden.

Osama bin Laden

In a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office on Monday, Netanyahu called the U.S. operation a "resounding victory for justice, freedom, and the values shared by all democratic countries fighting shoulder to shoulder against terror."

The prime minister personally congratulated the U.S. president, as well as American soldiers, saying that "the State of Israel shares the joy of the American people on this historical day, that of bin Laden's ouster."

Israeli President Shimon Peres said that "bin Laden was the great murderer and was destined to be hanged.

"This is a great achievement for the American security establishment, a great achievement for the U.S. president, this is a great achievement to the free world," Peres said.

Defence Minister Ehud Barak said: "Again we have come to realize that the fight against terror is shared with the world's leading democracies, and it will be won by a joint, multi-layered effort that has yet to be finalized."

Speaking hours after the announcement of bin Laden's death, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said: "I want to offer my thoughts and prayers to thousands of families of those killed in terrorist attacks.

"These were not just attacks against America, but the whole world. Innocent people, most of them Muslims, were targeted in markets and mosques, subway stations and airplanes," she added, in her brief remarks. "I know that nothing can make up for the loss of the victims or fill the void they left.

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Election Results

Due to the paper's Monday morning deadline, results for the May 2 election were unavailable for this issue. Please see our post-election coverage on our website, cjnews.com.

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Staffenberg Returns

CALGARY — The Calgary Jewish Federation gets a new executive director, Drew Staffenberg, next month. He replaces Lance Davis, who left last July for Toronto for personal reasons. Staffenberg served as executive director of the federation's predecessor, the Calgary Jewish Community Council, as well as the city's Jewish community centre, from 1985 to 1993. He's currently executive director of campus development for the Jewish communities of Princeton, Mercer and Bucks, N.J. After leaving Calgary in 1993, he was executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver until 2001. From 2001 to 2005, he headed the Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia.

WORLD

Another Rabba

NEW YORK — A second woman will be ordained with the title rabba. The Academy of Jewish Religion in Riverdale, N.Y., is set to ordain Kaya Stern-Kaufman, 47, of Great Barrington, Mass., at a May 12 ceremony, the *New York Jewish Week* reported. Her ordination comes a year after Rabbi Avi Weiss, head of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, a modern Orthodox shul in New York, gave the title rabba to Sara Hurwitz, who serves the congregation, causing controversy in the Orthodox world. A month later, he said he would no longer give women the title rabba. He isn't affiliated with the Academy of Jewish Religion. Stern-Kaufman is one of seven women to be graduating from the academy, a pluralistic rabbinical school, this year, and the only one who will receive the title rabba.

Students Released

LOS ANGELES — Three teens admitted to antisemitic and racist vandalism at their Southern California school. Three Calabasas High School 11th-graders were identified by the Los Angeles County Sheriff as blanketing the school – including lockers, walls and a sidewalk – on the April 23-24 weekend with swastikas, a picture of Hitler and phrases such as "gas chamber" and "whites only. Seven students and two teachers, most Jewish, were named in the graffiti. The students were released last week, uncharged. The graffiti was removed before school started April 25. The school has a large number of Jewish students.

Invite Rescinded

LONDON — Britain rescinded an invitation to the royal wedding to Syria's ambassador because of Syrian government attacks on anti-regime protesters. The invitation was withdrawn the day before the April 29 wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. More than 450 anti-government protesters have been killed in a month of demonstrations. Hundreds more have reportedly been jailed.

Israel Helped Argentina in 1982 War: Book

BUENOS AIRES — Israeli prime minister Menachem Begin agreed to help Argentina during the 1982 Falklands War as revenge for Britain's crackdown on the Irgun during the British Mandate, a new book says.

Operation Israel: The Rearming of Argentina During The Dictatorship, by Argentine journalist Hernan Dobry, details how Israel secretly supplied arms and equipment to Argentina via Peru.

Menachem Begin

The book says Begin authorized the deal by saying, "Is this going to be used to kill the English? *Kadima*. [Go ahead.] Dov from up there is going to be happy with the decision." Dov Gruner was a close friend of Begin who was captured and hanged by the British in April 1947.

The testimony is provided by Israel Lotersztain, a salesman for Isrex, an Israeli defence company in Argentina.

Israel's support to Argentina during the 1982 Falklands War was legal, but was only shown by a few other countries, "such as Libya and Peru," Dobry told JTA.

Israel armed Argentina's military dictatorship with air-to-air missiles, 23 French-built Mirage IIICs fighter aircraft, fuel tanks for fighter bombers, gas masks and missile radar alert systems, according to the book.

Britain retook the Falklands in June 1982, less than three months after Argentina invaded them. More than 250 British and 650 Argentines were killed in the battle.

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Survivors honoured for educating others

More than 2,000 people gathered to mark Yom Hashoah v'Hagvurah commemoration

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

More than 2,000 people gathered on Sunday to mark the annual Yom Hashoah v'Hagvurah commemoration at Earl Bales Park, where local Holocaust survivors and educators were honoured for their contributions to Holocaust education.

The ceremony, called The Faces Behind the Stories, was co-sponsored by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre and the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem. It featured a candlelighting ceremony, a performance by the Yeshivat Or Chaim vocal ensemble and speakers representing three generations affected by the Holocaust: Faye Schulman, a survivor and partisan, Howard Sokolowski, a child of survivors, and Samuel Buckstein, a grandchild of survivors.

The service, commemorating 66 years since World War II ended, also included prayers and songs, the March of the Colours by the Royal Canadian Legion and the Jewish War Veterans of Canada, and a brief address by Amir Gissin, Israel's consul general in Toronto.

Gissin said the community gathers for the commemoration every year because of "the need to learn something new about the Holocaust... to understand a new perspective."

He praised Canada as a country that can be compared to no other when it comes to supporting Holocaust education and the State of Israel.

"We will continue to meet here every year, to remember and to hope to learn a new thing, hear a new story, because this is our duty, not just for ourselves, but for the generations to come," Gissin said.

Schulman, who survived the Holocaust as a Russian partisan, one of the "Jewish boys and girls who fought back as armed resistance fighters," said that because so few partisans survived, their stories are seldom heard.

"We had to fight every day to survive... For 2-1/2 years, we lived in the woods, winter and summer. We never slept in a house. The roof was the sky.

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Holocaust survivor Faye Schulman spoke about fighting the Nazis as a Russian partisan.
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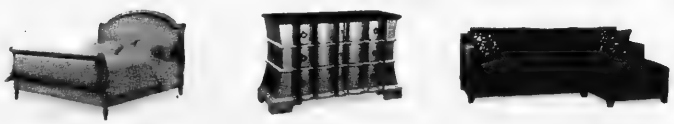
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Celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut

At a remove of more than 70 years, with three new generations of sons and daughters, the unceasing rolling away of the clouds of time and the inevitable fading of the fine lines at the edge of memory, those of us born in the aftermath of World War II would have difficulty imagining how dark and foreboding the world seemed to our parents, say, in May of 1940.

In late May 1940, with the Allied army trapped in the harbour of Dunkirk, France, the overthrow of democratic western civilization by the genocidal, Nazi-led Axis actually seemed possible.

Between May 26 and June 3, 1940, nearly 340,000 British, French and Belgian troops were saved from capture in what remains to this day, one of the most dramatically, heart-rending operations of self-sacrifice and rescue.

But it was horribly clear to everyone in the West and especially, alas, to the millions of European Jews seeking safety from the Nazi predators that Hitler was on the march and there was little military roadblock in his malevolent, genocidal path.

Worse.

Some 18 months later on Jan. 20, 1942, the high core of the Nazi administrative apparatus met at the Wannsee Conference to plan the systematic mechanics of the Final Solution for the Jews of Europe. After that meeting, each and every Jew in Europe – man, woman and child – was targeted for death by the Nazi regime and its many collaborators.

From the editor's desk...

And worse still.

Six months later, in June 1942, the British Eighth Army failed to stop German forces at the battle in Gazala in the North African desert advancing inexorably eastward toward Suez.

The road to the oil fields of the Middle East lay open to the Nazis. It was the same road that led to the Jews of Mandatory Palestine, now exposed and vulnerable to the approaching horde of Hitler's murderers. The leaders of the Yishuv, the Jewish population in Mandatory Palestine, made contingency plans for their last fighting stand against the invading Germans.

It was not only soothsayers or the psychiatrically disturbed who warned that "the end is near." People from all walks and stations of life were justifiably frightened for their lives, for their families, their countries and their way of life.

But some four months later, from late October to the beginning of November 1942, fighting continuously, long, hard and in deathly cruel circumstances, the Allied army defeated the Germans in the second battle of El Alamein and stopped the German advance some 100 kilometres west of Alexandria. Britain's heroic prime minister Winson Churchill praised the victorious forces. Of that battle, he said: "We had neither a victory before it, nor a defeat after it."

The war against the Nazis would last nearly three more years. Millions upon millions more would yet die in battles of fire and blood or be murdered.

Jews from around the world joined the battle against the Nazis in great numbers. No cause was more moral, more compelling or more just.

Jews from Eretz Yisrael – Mandatory Palestine – served in various units of the British army even as they farmed, built and developed the land and defended it against Arabs hostile to the possibility of a sovereign Jewish state in the Middle East.

Five years and one month after the pivotal battle of El Alamein, the peoples of the world understood the important necessity of creating conditions for the establishment of an independent state for the Jews of the world.

The declaration of the UN General Assembly partition resolution Nov. 29, 1947, read in part: "The Mandate for Palestine shall terminate as soon as possible, but in any case not later than August first, 1948... *Independent Arab and Jewish states... shall come into existence in Palestine two months after the evacuation of the armed forces* of the Mandatory Power has been completed, but in any case, no later than October first, 1948." (My emphasis)

Local Arabs as well as the Arab League spurned the idea of *two* independent states and rejected the result of the vote that approved it. They immediately launched a war against the Jews of the Yishuv.

The Jews defended themselves and their communities. Then, too, the situation seemed horrendously bleak and desperate. But six months after the partition vote, on the fifth day of Iyar, May 14-15, the Jews of Eretz Yisrael declared the establishment of sovereign, free, independent Medinat Yisrael. With the help of volunteers from overseas, the 650,000 Jews of the Yishuv, defeated the armies of the Arab League and the local Arab fighters who tried so desperately to kill the Jewish state at its birth.

If the Arabs had wanted then to build their own society as much as they wanted to prevent the rise of a Jewish one, there would today be an independent Palestine too.

But they never have.

Perhaps one day they will.

We have not yet lost our hope.

Celebrate Yom Ha'tzmaut next week. It is a profound, watershed moment in modern history.

Next week's column will be written in Jerusalem.

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An Israeli entrepreneur sells flags on the streets of Jerusalem in anticipation of the country's 63rd Independence Day next week, on May 10.

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FAST program surpasses one-million mark

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

In the half dozen years since its inception, Fighting Antisemitism Together (FAST) has reached almost 1.1 million young Canadians through its "Choose Your Voice" anti-racism and antisemitism program for grade 6, 7 and 8 students.

Elizabeth Comper, who launched the program with her husband, Tony, in 2005, referred to the educational venture as "a mitzvah" in a phone interview last week.

"We're excited about it," she said. "We never thought seven years ago that we would hit the one-million mark."

Tony, a past president and CEO of BMO Financial Group, and Elizabeth, a former teacher, launched the program in 2005 in Toronto with Canadian Jewish Congress. CJC served as a consultant on the program, which includes a DVD and lesson plans.

While the program is now used nationwide, including at 19 faculties of education, the "big effort this year" is to increase its penetration in British Columbia and Alberta, said Tony. The focus originally was more on schools in Ontario and Quebec.

Other areas of expansion include private schools, which have been "systematically coming on stream," he added. Last year, Elizabeth spoke at Bialik Hebrew Day School as well.

The Toronto-based couple speak about the program at participating schools as often as they can, Elizabeth said.

From left, Elizabeth Comper, Elana Aleinikov, Sheila Ward and Tony Comper display learning materials for FAST's anti-racism program.

They have also taken part in Toronto's Holocaust Education Week and are launching a pilot program in the GTA – a competition offering students a chance to speak at Holocaust Education Week, based on what they write about the program and how it affected them.

FAST itself was an award-winner last year, when it received an Award of Excellence from the Canadian Race Relations Foundation. "That was a huge, huge honour," Elizabeth said.

The Choose Your Voice program fosters "great kindness, respect and tolerance," she added. "And the most important thing is that it creates a safe environment for children to be open and discuss any of their fears or concerns."

FAST's founding dates back to a rash of antisemitic incidents in 2004, which led the couple to reach out to other non-Jewish business and community leaders to lend their support to the project.

The Compers were introduced to Jewish tradition in the early 1970s as newlyweds, when Elizabeth began her career at a Lubavitch school in Montreal.

She said she and her husband could never understand antisemitism. "We always said if we ever have an opportunity, we want to be able to do something, because this is not right... This is not how we see life in Canada."

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Amir Gissin addresses program. *[Michael Rajzman photo]*

'Holocaust was a crime that challenged fundamental values all civilized peoples hold dear'

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The bed was the ground and the pillow was the rifle," Schulman said.

"Because my family was killed I felt I had to do as much as I could... doing ambushes, attacks on the murderers, blowing up bridges, trains and more."

Schulman reacted to the oft-stated claim that Jews didn't fight back against the Nazis, "that we went like lambs to the slaughter. This is not true... We fought back," she said, defiantly.

"I was just a teenager, but I saved the lives of many wounded Jewish and gentile partisans... Unfortunately, I couldn't save my own family," Schulman added, fighting back tears.

"I am still grieving them."

She said that "in the woods, the ground is soaked with Jewish blood," but she hopes her testimony about the partisans will inspire future generations.

Louis Greenbaum, the program co-chair, acknowledged the presence of many Canadian politicians, including Toronto-Centre MP Bob Rae, Thornhill MP Peter Kent, York-Centre MP Ken Dryden, Vaughan Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, Thornhill MPP Peter Sherman and York Centre MPP Monte Kwinter, before he read a statement by Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

"It is important that we take this opportunity to remember the victims of the Holocaust and their families. It helps keep strong the conviction in our hearts to do everything we can – through our actions and our words – to stand firm against the forces of intolerance and remain vigilant against genocide," Harper's statement said.

"The Holocaust... was not just a crime perpetrated against a specific group of people; it was a crime that challenged the fundamental values all civilized peoples hold dear: freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

"We must never allow the crimes of the past to be repeated or forgotten. We are committed to ensure the lessons of the Holocaust are never forgotten."

Greenbaum also read a statement by Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty that addressed Holocaust survivors as "living witnesses to undaunted courage, unfailing strength and unwavering hope.

"Let us take this occasion to remember those who perished, those who were orphaned and displaced, as well as those who took a stand and made the choice to extend a helping hand," McGuinty's statement said.

Elsewhere in the city on Sunday, the Azrieli Foundation organized simultaneous book signings by Holocaust survivors who have published memoirs through the foundation's Holocaust Survivor Memoirs Program.

Rachel and Adam Shtibel, co-authors of *The Violin/A Child's Testimony* appeared at the Richmond Hill Indigo; *Under the Yellow and Red Stars* author Alex Levin was at the Yorkdale Indigo; *From Generation to Generation* author Agnes Tomasov appeared at Chapters in Bayview Village, and Renate Krakauer, author of *But I Had a Happy Childhood,* signed books at the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre.

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No one was fooled

To great fanfare and ostentatious fawning last week, Fatah, the largest faction in the PLO, led by Palestinian Authority (PA) leader Mahmoud Abbas and Gaza's Iranian-backed Hamas, led by Khaled Meshal, announced that their organizations had signed an interim agreement that was aimed at uniting the Palestinian people. The agreement was brokered by Egypt and signed in Cairo, the apparent culmination of secret tripartite contacts over the past few weeks.

According to Fatah negotiator Azzam al-Ahmed, the two sides had agreed "on all points of contention, including the make-up of the unity government, fixing a date for presidential and parliamentary elections, and restructuring the PLO."

According to Mahmoud Zahar, who was part of the Hamas negotiating team in Cairo, the plan "does not involve negotiations with Israel or recognizing it." To ensure his point was clear, Zahar added "It will be impossible for an interim government to take part in the peace process with Israel."

And so, once again, the leaders of the Palestinian people have acted unwisely and have chosen a path that steers them further away from independence. Unless and until Hamas irrefutably proves that it has abandoned its sanctified grisly mission of destroying the Jewish state, how can Israel be expected to sit down with a Palestinian government that has now accepted into its ranks the very individuals who champion the genocide of the Jewish people and the politicide of the Jewish state?

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was concise and correct when he told his cabinet on Sunday that a future peace between Israel and the Palestinians will be created "only with those who want to be on our side, and not those who want our annihilation. Israel extends its hand in peace to all peoples of the region, to all of our neighbours that aspire to live alongside us in peace and will stand steadfast against whoever tries to attack us and endanger our existence."

Israel's president, Shimon Peres, who has been perhaps Israel's most ardent booster of the peace process with Abbas, was clearly taken aback by the agreement. "I call upon my friends in the leadership of Fatah: unite for peace. Don't make compromises. Don't permit a division that legitimizes destruction and hatred. We were for peace, we are for peace and we are committed to a two-state solution. The United Nations cannot accept or recognize a terrorist organization as a state in September. It is not too late. Let's take the road of peace. Let's not create an impossible situation – neither for the Palestinians, nor for us."

The Fatah – Hamas unity agreement makes an independent Palestinian state less, not more, imminent. No one was fooled by it, except perhaps Abbas.

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The director of international relations for the American Jewish Committee said Vatican-Israel relations could happen within a year. Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum based his statement on conversations with cardinals and church officials. It came just weeks after Pope John Paul II went to Rome's main synagogue, the first time a pope had visited a shul.

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Diaspora Jews fought with Israelis

The winds of time have resulted in a blockage of the memories of many Jews as to the very significant contribution of more than 4,400 young Jews hailing from the Diaspora, to the Israeli victory in its War of Independence. Among a large segment of young people, there is a remarkable lack of any knowledge of any aspect of the events of those days. More than 250 volunteers from Canada fought with Israeli forces, one of the most prominent being Col. Ben Dunkelman, a charismatic veteran of World War II who led the Israeli 7th Brigade in its important role of cleaning up the Galilee. Sadly, there were nine Canadians who fell in the midst of operations, of whom three were gentiles, veterans of the Royal Canadian Air Force. Among these was the top Canadian air ace of World War II, George (Buzz) Beurling, a colourful figure on the Canadian scene who had earned a great reputation for his combat victories. The other two gentiles were Leonard Fitchett and Fred Stevenson. Their memories are enshrined in the Roll of Honor at the Machal Memorial situated at Sha'ar V'gai in the Jerusalem hills.

This lacuna in our common knowledge has encouraged the World Machal Organization to embark on the inauguration of a website at www.machal.org.il, and it's calling on veterans and their survivors to submit vignettes relating to their experiences, and urging all Canadians to visit the site and refresh their memories.

Ralph Lanesman
Raanana, Israel

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Canadians gave their lives in 1948 war

This Yom Hazikaron, as we remember the thousands of members of the Israel Defence Forces who sacrificed their lives in defence of the State of Israel, and the victims of terror, perhaps we should also remember the 11 Canadian Machalniks who gave their lives in the 1948 war.

• George (Buzz) Beurling of Verdun, Que. Canada's top World War II fighter pilot, he was killed near Rome, May 20, 1948, in a crash of an airplane being readied for its ferry flight to Israel. Buried in Haifa Military Cemetery, non-Jewish section.

• Harvey Cohen and Ed Lugech, first cousins, of Toronto. Served in Palmach Yiftach Brigade and participated in battles of Nebi Yusha and Malkiyeh. Missing and believed waylaid by Arab irregulars near Sarafand in late June 1948. (Update from Maurice Moshe Sadeh: lost in the battle of Malkiyeh, on the Lebanese border, May 15,1948. Remains reinterred 2009.)

• Reuben Schiff of Toronto. Served on Aliya-Bet ship Paducah. Killed July 11, 1948, near Abu j'Ab while looking for his shipmate and Palmach comrade, Lou Ball. Buried in Nachlat Itzhak.

• Sidney Rubinoff of Toronto. Served with Palmach in battles of Nebi Yusha, Malkiyeh, Operation Danny, and capture of Lydda and Ramleh. Wounded at Latrun July 17, 1948, and died on way to hospital. Buried in Nachlat Itzhak.

• Sidney Leisure of Toronto. Served in 7th Brigade, 72nd Battalion. Killed Sept. 7, 1948, during Operation Hiram in battle for Tamra hill in the Galilee. Buried in Nahariya.

• Leonard Fitchett of Vancouver. Ex-Royal Canadian Air Force pilot. Served in 103 Squadron. Downed in his Beaufighter by anti-aircraft fire on Oct. 20, 1948, while attacking Egyptian-held Iraq el Sueidan police fortress. Buried in Haifa Military Cemetery, non-Jewish section.

• Wilfred Canter (pilot) of Toronto; Willy Fisher (navigator) of Winnipeg; Fred Stevenson (co-pilot) of Vancouver. The three RCAF veterans served in 103 Squadron. During a night supply run to Sdom on Oct. 24, 1948, their C-47 exploded in the air after an engine caught fire. Canter and Fisher are buried in Rehovot. Stevenson is buried in Haifa Military Cemetery, non-Jewish section.

• Ralph Moster (pilot) of Vancouver. Killed Dec. 7, 1948, with three others when their Grumman Widgeon crashed into the Sea of Galilee during a training flight. Buried in Nachlat Itzhak.

(List compiled by the late Eddy Kaplansky, Machal pilot and historian.)

Wilf Mandel
Thornhill, Ont.

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Searching for her brother

I am seeking assistance in determining the fate of my brother, Yisrael Joseph (Utchi) Baras, who lived in Montreal from 1948 to 1951. He moved to Toronto in 1952, after which we lost contact. It is possible that he may have left Canada for Detroit, Chicago, Philadelphia, New York or New Jersey. He was born in Tet, Hungary, on March 27, 1928, and survived Auschwitz, Dachau and other concentration camps. I would be extremely grateful for any assistance in tracing this long-lost brother.

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The religious value of Yom Ha'atzmaut

Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner

Long before the United Nations' vote of November 1947 and David Ben-Gurion's declaration of the following May, much of the Torah-observant Jewish world was skeptical regarding the significance of a secular Jewish state. Could "secular Jewish" be anything other than an oxymoron? How would Judaism fare under a government composed of people who were often indifferent to religious law? And, as with every other entity in the known universe, the ultimate question was asked: would it be good for the Jews?

Even Rabbi Abraham Isaac HaCohen Kook, champion of religious-secular co-operation, insisted on the ultimate religious character of the state he envisioned. As an alternative to the *Hatikvah* anthem, with its hope "*lihyot am chofshi b'artzeinu*" – to be a free people in our land – Rav Kook composed *HaEmunah*, a song that dreamed "*lashuv el eretz kodsheinu*," to return to our holy land. Rav Kook believed that secular administration could contribute toward the ultimate rejuvenation of the Jewish nation in its land, but would be nothing more than an interim stage in the journey toward our national destiny.

This rejection of secular government has led some to argue that Yom Ha'atzmaut, the anniversary of the establishment of that secular government in Israel, is not to be accepted as a religious holiday. However, the weight of Jewish tradition insists that despite its secular character, the fact of independence – the ability of Jews to live in, develop and govern the land of Israel – is worthy of religious celebration and gratitude to God.

There are at least three reasons for this celebration.

First, we celebrate our independence for the safety it brings. Not for millenia has the viability of the Jewish nation seemed so strong. While the theory that the creation of a Jewish state would eliminate antisemitism has proved incorrect, Jews living on their own soil are still best suited to defend themselves. The pogroms of Kishinev, the Inquisitions of Europe and the Klansmen of North America are impotent ghosts to a country with a Jewish majority.

The sages of the Talmud (Rosh Hashanah 18b) saw religious meaning in this safety, ruling that most of the ritual fasts observed in our exile are suspended in "a time of peace." The 11th-century commentator Rashi explained that "a time of peace" refers to a time when "the hand of the nations has no power over Israel." (It's noteworthy that 13th-century Nachmanides understood this differently, arguing that "peace" refers to the time of the restoration of the Temple in Jerusalem.)

Rabbi Meshulam Roth, who emigrated from Romania to Israel in 1949, underscored the religious significance of our safety when he wrote of Israel's Independence Day (Responsa Kol Mevaser 1:21), "Here is redemption from slavery to freedom, in that we were redeemed from enslavement to become free, we achieved independent government, and we were saved from death into life, saved from the hands of enemies who stood against us to destroy us. We are obligated to establish a holiday!"

Second, we celebrate the opportunity to dwell within our own boundaries, as a majority, and so evolve a true Jewish identity as a community. As much as our globalized culture and economy have rendered borders porous, neither Internet meme nor multimedia fad can trump the card of physical proximity in shaping the independent identity of a community. A contiguous nation develops its own memes and fads, and on a deeper level its own morals and ideals, via the vectors of neighbourhood, school, workplace and shared experience.

The Torah itself declares the importance of physical separation for our evolution. One of the messages sent to the Jewish people via the prophet Balaam (Numbers 23) blessed them as "*am l'vadad yishkon*," a nation that dwells alone. The sages sought to encourage this separation, enacting dietary laws as well as Shabbat restrictions that would encourage Jews to occupy unique physical space.

This vision of separate community is not a philosophy of chauvinistic denigration of the other, or xenophobia, but a positive wish for physical and social space in which to evolve an identity of our own. As Asher Ginsberg, a.k.a. Achad Ha'am, wrote in 1909, "A complete national life involves two things: first, full play for the creative faculties of the nation in a specific national culture of its own, and, second, a system of education whereby the individual members of the nation will be thoroughly imbued with that culture, and so moulded by it that its imprint will be recognizable in all their way of life and thought, individual and social." Certainly, Ginsberg's vision of a "specific national culture" did not include religion – but the principle applies to any attempt to mould a nation's identity, and so the opportunity to occupy our own space and reap the religious benefits is cause for worshipful gratitude.

הַתִּקְוָה

כָּל עוֹד בַּלֵּבָב פְּנִימָה,
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עוֹד לֹא אָבְדָה תִּקְוָתֵנוּ,
הַתִּקְוָה בַּת שְׁנוֹת אַלְפַּיִם,
לִהְיוֹת עַם חָפְשִׁי בְּאַרְצֵנוּ,
אֶרֶץ צִיּוֹן וִירוּשָׁלַיִם.

Hatikvah, Israel's national anthem

Third, we celebrate the opportunity to develop the Land of Israel itself. Long before the legal and medical professions captured the imaginations of Jewish parents, tilling the soil, planting seeds and reaping a harvest were considered virtuous trades and the province of "nice Jewish boys."

God placed Adam in Eden "to work it and to protect it," and although the Sages have identified layers of meaning in the text, rabbis such as 11th-century writer Rabbeinu Bahya ibn Paquda insisted that the text also retains its literal meaning, that Adam was meant to work the soil of the Garden. Many of our biblical role models worked the land, and we were biblically blessed (Deuteronomy 11), "If you will listen to My commandments... you will gather your grain, wine and oil."

Certainly, farming the soil of our ancestral land involves explicit religious value as we fulfil the various commandments of tithing, gleaning and observing the Sabbatical cycle. Moreover, working the earth is praised as honest labour that carries inherent virtues. King David said (Psalms 128), "When you eat the labour of your hands, you are fortunate, and it is good for you."

Rabbi Eliezer Waldenberg, a leading Israeli authority in Jewish Law in the late 20th century, included agronomy as a religious factor in a long responsum encouraging aliyah to Israel (*Tzitz Eliezer* 7:48:12). He wrote, "There is also the mitzvah of working the land in Israel. The value of establishing settlement by working the land, for those who benefit from the labour of their hands, should not be light in anyone's eyes... If working the land, in general, is known as the choicest of labours and trades in that it is generally clean of elements of theft and harming others and similar improprieties, then in the Holy Land these actions of 'to work it and to protect it' are, themselves, mitzvah actions."

Certainly, we have many more reasons to be grateful for the return of Jews to Israel. Many thousands of Jews live Torah-observant lives, and even spend their days in Torah study (often funded by the Israeli government, the single-largest sponsor of Torah study in the world) in Israel. The Land of Israel provides an on-going resource for renewed Jewish identity for thousands of Jewish teens each year. Many mitzvot can be fulfilled only in Israel.

But regarding the specific question of whether a religious Jew can celebrate the founding of a secular state, these three reasons – safety, community and the opportunity to develop the Land of Israel – make Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day, a day for every Torah-observant Jew to rejoice.

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Two women celebrate Israel's independence by showing the flag on the ramparts of Jerusalem. ***[RNS file photo]***

Tears mingled with joy

In my last column, I wrote about the contrasts and similarities between the two holidays of Purim and Pesach. Once again, I wish to speak about two holidays that stand in close proximity: Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut.

Placing Yom Hazikaron, the day of remembering, just before Independence Day, sets apart sombre remembrance from the celebratory mood of Israel's birthday.

Nearly 23,000 soldiers and fighters (many before the state was born) and 4,000 civilian victims of terror have died creating and protecting Israel. Their memory informs Yom Hazikaron and the two minutes of silence observed throughout Israel that, as Lawrence Durrell writes in another context, "commemorate an irremediable failure of the human will."It's a failure that has cost so many thousands of lives.

Jean M. Gerber

in Vancouver

Ther's another poignant quote mounted at the site of the 9/11 memorial in Washington, D.C., from Virgil's *Aeneid* (itself a book of bloodshed) that applies here: "No day shall erase you from the memory of time ."

How true is it that their memories will be daily on our minds? Sadly, probably not every day. Indeed, as we survey the prevalence of warfare in our world, we see how badly our human will to peace has failed.

But some days stand out.

Soon after the 1973 war, I was visiting a neighbour in Jerusalem. A knock came at the door, and two young (so young!) soldiers stood in the doorway. She graciously ushered them in, and they presented her with medals from the army honouring her oldest son, who had died in the Yom Kippur War. I was speechless. When they left, she pointed to another set on the shelf: her husband had died in the 1967 war.

What horrible failure had taken these two precious, unique lives? Yet she loved the state that they all had paid for so dearly.

That year, following the '73 war, we saw whole congregations rise when *Yizkor* was recited for the fallen: no family was untouched (another neighbour had also lost a son). There are no words.

Passing from Yom Hazikaron to Yom Ha'atzmaut brings us from tears to gladness and rejoicing. Can the human spirit pass so quickly from one state to another?

While we're not commanded to hasten from this mourning to joy, there are times when we're commanded to commit to an emotion: we're commanded to love God, even at times when it's the farthest thing from our minds. We're commanded to rejoice on Simchat Torah, a very difficult thing to do when destruction threatens.

So are we commanded to rejoice on Yom Ha'atzmaut? No, but we are expected to move from contemplating some of the darkest moments of our people and then, as sunset comes on the close of Yom Hazikaron, pass into joyous celebration of the rebirth of Israel after 2,000 years of exile. That's quite a feat of psychic legerdemain.

Centuries ago, the prophet was asked, "Can these bones live?" The answer then was yes. Despite destruction and exile, the bones, the People of Israel, returned to Zion and rebuilt not only the ruined Temple but their lives as well. A second destruction followed, but this time, no benevolent monarch allowed a second return.

Centuries later, Jews, reeling from the destruction of one-third of its people, still insisted "These bones shall live!" Today, they do once again.

What an incredible undertaking: to recreate a language restricted for centuries to scholarly commentaries while dozens of vernaculars were the daily speech of Jews across the globe. What an amazing resurrection, a knitting together of those dry bones, so that Israel can have police officers and thieves, athletes and preachers, scholars and dustmen.

The Israeli constitution leans very heavily on a prophetic mission.

"The State of Israel... will promote the development of the country for all its inhabitants; will be based on the precepts of liberty, justice and peace taught by the Hebrew prophets; will uphold the full social and political equality of all its citizens, without distinction of race, creed or sex; will guarantee full freedom of conscience, worship, education and culture."

It's a big task we as Jews have set ourselves, one that's often lost in the struggle for Israel's very existence.

But on these days, we remember together and celebrate together, tears mingled with joy.

Our glass is more than half full

This column is dedicated to all those pessimists who think the Jewish nation is frail and in danger from omnipresent enemies.

From my vantage point, things are looking good for the Jews, especially in terms of the North American Diaspora. I know we should bewail our exilic condition, especially in the season of Passover and Yom Ha'atzmaut, when we remember Zion. We ought to pine for Israel, but we live here and should admit that things are good and vibrant. Two examples should suffice.

In North America today, there are more Jews studying Judaic texts than ever before: more than in the time of Moses, more than in the time of Maimonides, and more than were studied in any yeshiva in Europe. This fact represents an incredible reality: a growth in text-based learning and commitment to Jewish knowledge in the modern Jewish world. It also represents an advance in Jewish communal development that belies any negative assessment. For the first time in history Jewish education has been democratized. Boys and girls, men and women, rich and poor, all have access to some form, some level, of Jewish learning. That unheralded fact points to our successful quiet revolution.

Some of these North American schools, programs and teachers are incredibly creative. There are new curricula and old-style Chumash and Rashi courses. Hebrew is being spoken, and so is Yiddish. Some even sing in Ladino. Jewish studies in the universities is blossoming, as is the publication of books on Jewish topics. Growth and creativity are normative.

On the other hand, there are, of course, problems, most notably the high cost of Jewish education. But problems don't efface the impact of this innovative moment.

Jewish growth and healthy adaptation to modernity is keenly seen in the world of kosher food. Sue Fishkoff's *Kosher Nation* opens an interesting window into the billion-dollar business of keeping Jews well fed. She reports that people who search for kosher food spend $12.5 billion per year, while across the United States, consumers spend approximately $200 billion on kosher food every year. Clearly that is a major investment and a significant one. To begin with, we must consider the incredible expansion and diversity of kosher food. Once the sole provenance of targeted companies such as Manishewitz, the industry now supports products as public as Hellman's mayonnaise and Heinz ketchup. There's a vast complex of companies, with more than 200 factories in China alone producing ingredients that go into final products, all of which must receive kosher certification. Crazy as it sounds to some of us, Oreos are kosher!

In order to support this vast economy, companies rely on product interest from Jews and non-Jews. Kashrut is no longer the domain only of kosher-seeking Orthodox Jews. Some seek it out because of allergies, while others believe it's healthier or in some ways cleaner or purer. But the point of this phenomenon is that North American Jews are increasingly factored into the food market economy: they represent a powerful consumer element. If the kosher consumer gets upset, companies listen, as Stella D'oro and Duncan Hines found out.

Norma Baumel Joseph

in Montreal

Thus, the eating practice that was initiated to separate Jews from their neighbours may now unite them or integrate them into North American praxis. Notably, kosher food is a growth industry on all counts and signifies good news, upending any prophecy of doom. We have eaten our way into Eden. There are more kosher products in stores than my grandmother could ever have imagined (or eaten). Kashrut is a vast and complex industry serving and reflecting a community that is intricate and diverse. We are a vibrant, healthy, well-fed "kosher nation." And our influence is expanding, not waning.

We may do things differently, but we're not dead. In 1964, *Look* magazine predicted the death of the American Jewish community by 2000. Others prophesied the demise of Orthodoxy. But *Look* magazine went bankrupt and Orthodoxy is an ever-growing and lively – if contentious – sector of the Jewish world.

It's time for prophets of doom to quit. I'm not advising turning a blind eye to enemies, but it's time to stop being afraid.

We have problems, but things are good and emergent. And then there's Israel: a thriving, resilient country, growing and strong. It has battles, internal and external, but Israel is our partner.

Let's eat and study together.

The Jewish Film Festival is back

The Toronto Jewish Film Festival, the single most important cultural event of the year in the Jewish community, is off and running again. This year's version runs from May 7 to 15 and features an astonishing variety of documentaries and feature films. I was particularly struck by four of the films, all dealing, directly or indirectly, with the Holocaust, an event seared into our consciousness.

Before Nazi death camps in Poland like Auschwitz, Treblinka and Sobibor began working furiously to exterminate European Jews, German paramilitary mobile killing squads, known as Einsatzgruppen, spearheaded Germany's diabolical campaign to consummate the Final Solution. They killed one million people in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and the Baltic states. The victims were mainly Jews but also Roma and Soviet prisoners of war.

Einsatzgruppen: The Death Brigades (May 13 at 1 p.m. at the Bloor Cinema), a French documentary directed by Michael Prazan, is an exhaustive examination of the antecedents, ideology and lethal work of these cold-blooded killers, who were pressed into service in Germany's first organized attempt at mass murder. This shattering film, 180 minutes in length, consists of graphic file footage and interviews with witnesses, executioners and survivors.

Formed prior to the war under the direction of SS Obergruppenfuhrer Reinhard Heydrich, the Einsatzgruppen were unleashed after Germany's invasion of the Soviet Union in 1941. They were charged with the task of ethnic cleansing in what the Nazi leadership deemed as a war of annihilation against Jews and communism.

Deployed into four groups and attached to army units, they comprised 3,000 members from the SS, police forces, local volunteers and Soviet prisoners of war, all led and supervised by highly educated thugs like Otto Ohlendorf and Artur Nebe, who considered Jews sub-humans.

Fortified by extra rations of vodka, the murderers left a grisly trail of death in places such as the Ponary forest, Kaunas, Babi Yar and Minsk, inciting pogroms and shooting and gassing Jews. Although they robotically followed their orders to the letter, some of the killers fell into the slough of depression and quit. Still others, empowered by their duties, actually enjoyed the thrill of the hunt.

When the Einsatzgruppen were no longer required, having been rendered redundant by the network of extermination camps, they were ordered to erase the evidence at mass graves. Jewish prisoners exhumed and burned the corpses before they were killed themselves.

The clinical testimonies of

Sheldon Kirshner

in Toronto

the witnesses, executioners and survivors are nothing less than chilling. "They had to die," says a Lithuanian killer of the Jews. "They knew death was inescapable. They went bravely."

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Adolf Eichmann, a high-ranking Gestapo functionary who symbolized the banality of evil during the Holocaust, is at the core of Raymond Ley's German-Israeli co-production, *Eichmann's End: Love, Betrayal, Death* (May 9 at 1:45 p.m. at the Al Green Theatre and May 10 at 4:30 p.m. at the Cineplex Odeon Sheppard Centre).

Jan Karski

Tasked with exterminating the Jews of Hungary, Eichmann slipped out of Germany after the war and found refuge in Argentina under the name of Ricardo Klement. The West German secret police was aware of his whereabouts but kept the information to itself.

The Mossad, Israel's external intelligence agency, stumbled upon his hiding place when Lothar Hermann, a German Holocaust survivor living in Buenos Aires, discovered that his daughter, Silvia, was dating Eichmann's son, Nick.

Hermann informed the German authorities and they, in turn, tipped off Israel. On May 21, 1960, a drugged Eichmann was smuggled aboard an El Al plane bound for Tel Aviv. In a show trial in Jerusalem, he was convicted of mass murder. After his execution, his ashes were scattered in the Mediterranean Sea.

Eichmann's End is a docudrama based on extensive interviews with Eichmann conducted by Willem Sassen, a pro-Nazi Dutch journalist, in Buenos Aires in 1957. Eichmann consented to the secret interviews, published in *Life* magazine three years later, because he wanted his version of events to colour the history of his role the war. Ley integrates the revealing interviews – in which Eichmann portrayed himself as an honourable man and a proud German nationalist ready to carry out any order – into Silvia's fairly brief relationship with Nick. To this he adds additional interviews. Rafi Eitan, the Mossad agent who had a hand in Eichmann's kidnapping, recalls the abduction. Gabriel Bach, the assistant prosecutor at the Eichmann trial, makes interesting observations.

It's a fine film, throbbing with deception, intrigue and vengeance.

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In 1978, the French film director Claude Lanzmann interviewed Jan Karski, a courier for the Polish government-in-exile during World War II. Having visited the Warsaw Ghetto and the Belzec death camp, Karski was one of the first eyewitnesses to alert the Allies about the Holocaust. In *The Karski Report* (May 12 at 8 p.m. at the Al Green Theatre), a riveting film, this courageous and passionate Pole recalls memorable meetings with Franklin Roosevelt, the president of the United States, and with Felix Frankfurter, a U.S. Supreme Court justice.

Roosevelt, having heard Karski's account of the dire and deteriorating situation in Poland, promised to punish war criminals after the war. Soon afterward, Roosevelt asked Karski to pass on his report to Jewish community leaders and U.S. government officials. Strangely enough, Frankfurter did not believe that wholesale massacres of Jews were taking place in Poland. He simply could not wrap his head around the Holocaust.

This infamous photo shows a member of the Einsatzgruppen shooting a Jewish woman and her child.

Karski, a somewhat theatrical figure given to dramatic pauses and stares, admits that the Holocaust was incomprehensible and that its full implications cannot be grasped. He then falls into a reverie that is bound to leave viewers in an unsettled state of mind.

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David De Jongh's *Otto Frank, Father of Anne* (May 10 at 1 p.m. at the Bloor Cinema and May 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cineplex Odeon Sheppard Centre) poignantly explores the painful and lengthy process in which Anne Frank's father – a German patriot and a German army officer in World War I – came to terms with her untimely death and turned her expressive diary into one of the most important documents of the Holocaust.

Returning to Amsterdam in 1945, Frank, a sad and solitary figure, read her diary and found it moving. A Dutch publisher then convinced him it was worthy of publication. The film charts the diary's publication into foreign languages, its transformation into a Broadway play and a Hollywood movie and Frank's decision to establish a foundation in Anne's honour to combat racism and prejudice.

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Couple aids kids with neurological disorders

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Staff Reporter

Dana and Jared Florence weren't looking for recognition when they started their charity Three To Be. They were hoping to help find for a cure for cerebral palsy (CP), the neurological disorder that afflicts their triplets – Cole, Taylor and Brody.

Nevertheless, after three years of fundraising for research into the disorder, the Florences will receive the Canadian Friends of Meir Medical Center Israel's medal of merit at a gala next month, in honour of their work raising awareness about the disorder in children.

The Florence children were all diagnosed with CP at 10 months of age.

Israel's Meir Hospital serves about 800,000 people in and around Tel Aviv and is currently fundraising to expand its children's hospital and its pediatric health initiatives.

Since the birth of their children three years ago, the Florences have become passionate advocates for research into treatment and therapy for children's neurological disorders.

They've partnered with a team of medical doctors and researchers at two Toronto hospitals: SickKids and Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital, and they hope to eventually benefit from the experience of doctors at Meir Hospital as well.

Arie Raif, president of the Canadian Friends of Meir Medical Center, said once he heard about the Florences from a friend, he knew he wanted his foundation to honour their achievements.

The medal of merit is given annually to "people, who, by their own contributions, help advance the cause of humanity," Raif said, adding that he couldn't think of more worthy recipients.

The Florence family from left, Taylor, Dana, Cole, Jared and Brody.

Facing a diagnosis that would have devastated other parents, the Florences instead used their experience to effect a positive change in the world, Raif said.

Since giving birth, Dana has become a stay-at-home mom, leaving a career as a day school teacher to focus on her children's needs. In the process, she's almost singlehandedly changed the landscape for parents caring for children with neurological disorders.

In addition to looking after the kids, she also handles the day-to-day operations of Three To Be, which is on the cusp of receiving charitable status from the Canada Revenue Agency, she said.

After her children were diagnosed, Dana, 29, said she and Jared only wanted to know what they could do to help their kids overcome their disorder.

"I wanted to know what was out there in terms of a cure," she said. "I noticed a lot of adult-oriented research [on CP], but not much for kids. Why? Because there was no money, no voice for kids suffering from neurological disorders."

That's when the Florences decided to become that voice. With Jared's background as an event producer, the couple decided to start planning an annual fundraising gala.

Their inaugural Stems of Hope fundraising event was held in September last year and was attended by more than 800 people.

It raised almost $500,000 and featured appearances by Global TV's Leslie Roberts and Anne Mroczkowski and TSN's Michael Landsberg among others.

Earlier this year, Three To Be held its Kids Care Fair to raise more funds. And Dana and Jared are planning their 2nd annual Stems of Hope event scheduled to take place Sept. 24 at the Koolhaus in Toronto.

The Florences are using funds raised to go toward the purchase of a Robotic Lokomat Pro for the Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital. The Lokomat is a kind of repetitive walking machine that will be used to conduct a large, randomized cross-over research trial to evaluate improvements in walking in children with cerebral palsy who use robot-assisted gait training, the Florences said.

The Lokomat may also help children learn how to walk and gain independence, "the greatest gift for any child with motor impairment," according to the Three To Be Facebook site.

The Florences said the machine costs $500,000, and Holland Bloorview will need another $500,000 to staff and run the Lokomat program for a three-year term.

To date, the money raised from Three To Be's activities has also helped pay for SickKids to hire a team of six researchers to study children's neurological disorders.

Florences to receive Meir Medical Center's medal of merit

Dana and Jared have both gained perspective on what's important in life.

Their first advice for other parents raising children with neurological disorders, they said, is to never give up on the kids.

"No matter what prognoses the doctors give you, don't give up on them," Dana said, citing numerous sessions with doctors who said her kids would never reach various developmental milestones that they have all reached.

"Parents look at Three To Be as a symbol of hope and to remember not to give up. And they look at Dana as an ambassador for this cause," Jared said.

In the meantime, the Florences are modest about their Meir Medical Center award.

"We're not looking to get medals," Jared said.

Dana concurred, adding: "Being alongside [this year's other Medal of Merit award recipients], Liberal MP Joe Volpe and [orthopedic surgeon] Dr. Allan Gross, is such an honour. We're touched by it."

The Meir Hospital Israel Medal of Merit Awards ceremony will take place on June 29 at the Westin Prince Hotel. For more information, visit www.meirfriends.com.

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Fatah-Hamas unity deal won't lead to peace

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

Last Tuesday (April 27), when Fatah and Hamas made their surprise announcement about having reached a unity agreement in Cairo, Reuters initially reported the following: "Restoring Palestinian unity is seen as crucial to reviving any prospect for a Palestinian state based on peaceful coexistence alongside Israel. Fatah, the mainstream Palestinian movement until a 2006 election victory by Hamas, backs negotiated peace but the Islamists reject it."

What is also surprising is how thoroughly these two sentences contradict each other. But this is no mere slip of the pen. Rather, it's very revealing of a state of confusion, if not bewilderment, that has long affected key elements of the media whose primary task is to accurately describe events – in this case, about internal Palestinian affairs and ultimately the "peace process."

The passage above indicates that Palestinian statehood depends on both Palestinian unity and peace with Israel. Yet readers are then told that only one party to that unity, Fatah, supports peace while the other, Hamas, rejects it. What sort of "unity" is this? It makes no sense. Still, the effort to reconcile the irreconcilable, to make it appear that contradictions somehow cohere, is not all that rare a phenomenon.

At bottom, though, there's only one part of that passage that's true: the Islamists reject peace (negotiated or otherwise) with Israel. Mahmoud Zahar, the senior Hamas official who participated in the Cairo talks with Fatah, declared: "Our program does not include negotiations with Israel or recognizing it... It will not be possible for the interim national government to participate or bet on or work on the peace process with Israel."

Then again, Fatah, too, has been rejecting a negotiated peace with Israel, while trying to make Israel appear to be the recalcitrant party. Furthermore, contrary to what Reuters wrote, the "prospect" for a Palestinian state these days – foremost, having the UN General Assembly recognize such a state this September – is "based" not on peace with Israel, but on its absence, and in violation, let's not forget, of internationally accepted agreements.

So, indeed, the Reuters statement of "fact" is a total mess, but it's worth repeating that it nicely captures the utterly confused state of affairs that prevails today. Take just one other example, among many others: in "Hamas, Fatah, set to end rift," April 27, a cbc.ca report stated that "Restoring unity between the two sides is seen as a necessary precursor to any rapprochement between Palestinians and the State of Israel."

The CBC did then note Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's claim that "the Palestinian Authority must choose either peace with Israel or peace with Hamas. There is no possibility for peace with both." Nonetheless, it failed to explain how the Hamas-Fatah unity agreement can conceivably lead to "rapprochement" with Israel.

Netanyahu had been under increasing pressure, both domestically and internationally, to initiate a plan to try to pre-empt the Palestinians' statehood gambit at the UN. The Fatah-Hamas unity agreement may very well reduce, if not eliminate, the pressure. At least for some, that is. For those who fail or refuse to acknowledge the contradiction in this "unity," Netanyahu might still be expected to strike a "deal" with the Palestinians.

Aluf Benn, the highly respected editor-at-large for *Ha'aretz* who has become increasingly critical of Netanyahu for not seizing the initiative from Abbas, acknowledged in an April 28 column that a unity deal involving the rejectionist Hamas indeed removes the pressure on Netanyahu. "As for Netanyahu," Benn wrote, "the Palestinian reconciliation deal justifies his warnings that any territory vacated by Israel will fall into Hamas hands and become an Iranian terror base. It strikes any proposals for interim agreements and unilateral withdrawals, intended to appease the world, off the agenda."

Benn is far from pleased about this, but it's not something that Netanyahu alone maintains. Rather, the lethal Hamas-Iranian connection (along with Fatah's weakness in the West Bank) is an undeniable reality that the international community must finally wake up to.

Paul Michaels is communications director for the Canada-Israel Committee.

Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh, left, and Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas sat together at a meeting in Gaza in 2006. ***[RNS file photo]***

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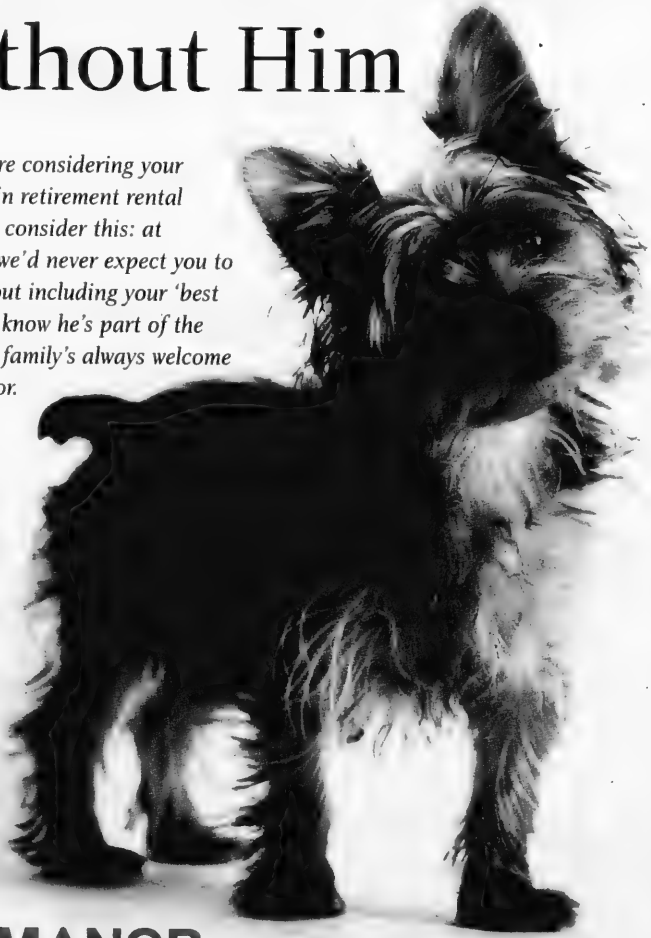

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Dentist committed to helping kids in Israel

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Toronto dentist Richard Nurgitz is an award-winning competitive amateur cyclist who has taken part in fundraising bike rides for the Canadian Cancer Society and Beit Halochem, among other organizations.

He's also a musician who plays viola with the York Region-based York Symphony Orchestra and once considered a professional career in music.

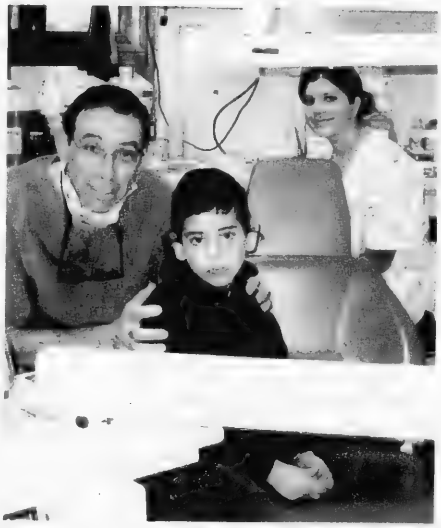
But the new chair of Canadian Dental Volunteers for Israel (DVI) says that relieving pain for young patients as a volunteer dentist at Jerusalem's Trudi Birger Dental Clinic, where the DVI program is housed, is "probably the most rewarding experience" he has ever had.

Nurgitz – a Winnipeg native who moved to Toronto with his family at 16 and graduated in dentistry from the University of Toronto in 1973 – visited the DVI clinic for the first time eight years ago. He and his wife, Naomi, were in Israel on a Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue mission at the time.

On a free day, he arranged to visit the clinic, and offered to help if they could use him. He spent the day working there, and was so taken by the experience that he decided to return annually to volunteer for two to three weeks at a stretch.

On a recent trip, Nurgitz treated a young girl who needed such extensive dental work, including multiple root canals, that he didn't think it could be completed in a timely manner by DVI volunteers.

"Her front teeth were so badly broken down that I felt unless she has teeth that look nice, how's she going to smile?" he said. "How's she going to feel good about herself?"



Richard Nurgitz, left, with a young patient at the DVI clinic.

He began to investigate whether it would be possible to bring her to Toronto for an extended stay, to have the work completed here. The logistics were daunting, and he was happy that a colleague in Israel took on her case instead.

But Nurgitz is still thinking about the possibility of extending the DVI program to Toronto for similar cases. In addition to helping kids, he said, it would give local dentists who can't travel to Israel an opportunity to help Israeli youngsters too.

Among his other ideas for DVI Canada are a charity bike ride and a dental lecture series that can double as a fundraiser and also raise awareness of the program.

DVI Canada is affiliated with the Jewish dental fraternity Alpha Omega (AO), in which Nurgitz has also been active. AO also organizes educational lectures, but is not part of DVI.

Nurgitz, who took over the chairmanship from Irv Petroff in March, said that DVI, together with AO, has raised between $50,000 and $60,000 a year for the clinic, which has an operating capital of $500,000 (US).

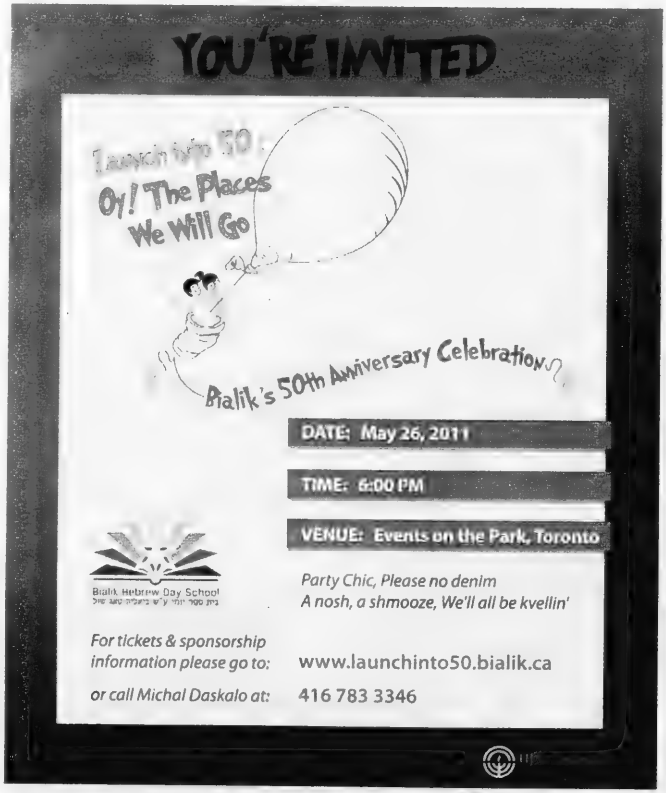
The budget is "pretty lean, considering they have 15 to 17 part-time employees and a pediatric dentist who's in charge," Nurgitz said.

A staff hygienist educates families about nutrition and oral care, while up to five dentists at a time work on patients. The dental equipment is modern and comparable to what you would find here, he added.

Volunteer dentists from more than 20 countries work at the clinic, which provides free dental care for children in the Jerusalem area whose families cannot afford treatment. The patients, who are referred by the city's social welfare service, range in age from 5 to 18, and come from a variety of religious and ethnic backgrounds.

Last year, just over a dozen of the dentists were from Canada.

"It's a wonderful program," said Nurgitz. "We need to promote it more."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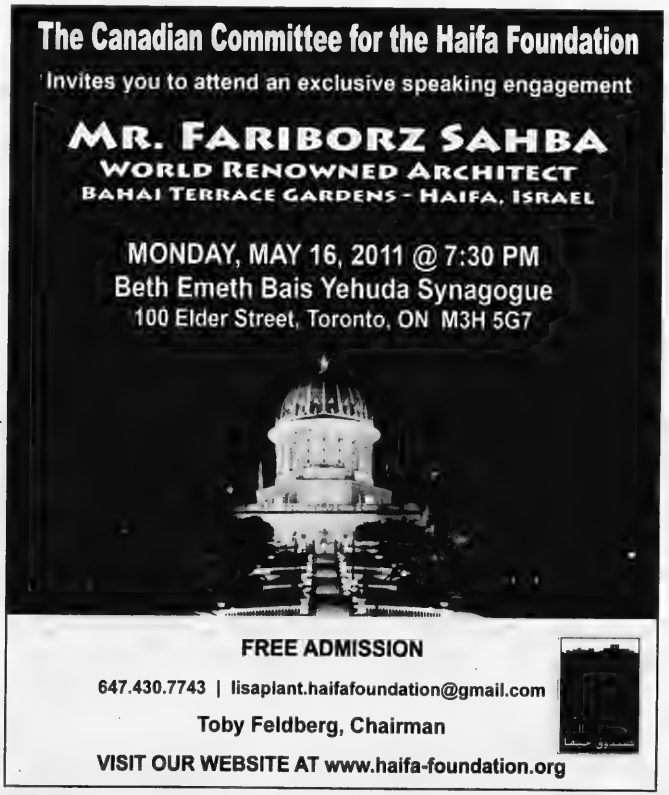
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Hoops provide hope for Israeli youth

Cara Edell
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More than $83,000 was raised at this year's Hoops 4 Israel, a basketball tournament created by young adults for young adults.

Since Hoops 4 Israel director Dave Goodman founded the event five years ago, almost $540,000 has been raised for the low-income and unemployed citizens of Bat Yam.

Sponsored by RioCan, the tournament took place April 24 at the HoopDome in Downsview Park.

More than 100 players, 12 organizing committee members and 70 volunteers helped make this year's tournament a success, Goodman said.

"Hoops demonstrates that young Jews in their 20s and early 30s are capable, and ready to take a more active role in leading our community, supporting Israel and influencing their peers to do so as well."

In Bat Yam, Israel's fastest-growing Ethiopian community, 60 per cent of men age 45 to 64 are unemployed, and 40 per cent of young people are considered at-risk. Many of the children are lacking language skills and basic education.

The money raised by Hoops 4 Israel helps fund strategic initiatives implemented by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto to support the citizens of Bat Yam.

"The funds will go toward before and after school programs, with components of sports, recreation and arts to keep kids off the streets and [will] provide them with supplemental meals," Goodman said.

Dave Goodman, left, and Daniel Winberg of Hoops 4 Israel *[Cara Edell photo]*

"We are also trying to allocate some of our funds for vocational programs for Ethiopian adult immigrants, to make it easier for them to obtain work and provide for their families."

Hoops 4 Israel funds programs that teach leadership and teamwork skills to the young people enrolled, Goodman said. This leads to better grades in school and zero drop-out rates among high school students.

"We are hoping to enhance the overall family unit... in Bat Yam, and while the future of the community relies on the children, the present relies on the older siblings and adults," said Daniel Winberg, a Hoops 4 Israel volunteer chair.

"Hoops is an important event because we have found a way for young Jewish students and young professionals to support a great cause and at the same time enjoy doing it," Winberg said.

The tournament unites the Jewish community, Goodman said. "It makes a statement, not just in fundraising success, but in standing with the State of Israel. We have grown our volunteer organizing committee and have turned it into an efficient process. We have also fostered great relations with sponsoring companies and participants alike."

Winberg said sports and fundraising go well together. "Many hands make light work. The best teams, both on the fundraising and the overall achievement level, are those that utilize each member's maximum potential."

This year, Hoops 4 Israel invited high school students to participate in the tournament. "We believe that their involvement is crucial, moving forward. We really like the idea of students in Toronto supporting students in Bat Yam, as it's a cause that they can really relate to," Winberg said.

Goodman said Hoops 4 Israel is now operating at carbon neutral and creating great awareness of running a large scale event with strong environmental standards.

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The Yizkor prayer

Rabbi Moshe Stern

Yizkor, which, in Hebrew, means remembrance, is a memorial prayer within Jewish liturgy. Believed to have originated as part of the prayer service during the period of the Crusades, its earliest mention can be found in Machzor Vitry, authorized by the 11th-century talmudist, Rabbi Simcha Ben Shmuel of Vitry (d. 1105).

Originally this prayer was recited only on Yom Kippur based on this sentence at the end of Parshat Shoftim: "Atone for Your people Israel, whom You have redeemed." Our sages teach that the first half of this sentence refers to the "living" and the second half to the "dead." The reference to the "dead" as being "redeemed" reminds us of the soul's immortality. Furthermore, it makes clear that part of our belief system includes the understanding of reward and punishment, in that reward is manifested in "closeness to HaShem" and punishment in "distance from HaShem."

The current custom is to recite the *Yizkor* prayer four times a year: on Yom Kippur, Sukkot (Shmini Atzeret), the last day of Passover and the second day of Shavuot.

Although the soul can no longer do good deeds after death, it can still receive great merit through the charity and good deeds of the living. Therefore, the *Yizkor* service includes a pledge to give to charity in memory of the soul for whom the prayer is being recited. It is important to act upon this pledge, or the words become meaningless and can have a detrimental effect on the soul of the deceased.

The following are some halachot (Jewish law) about the *Yizkor* service:

- Praying with the community is preferred and provides shared comfort in each other's loss.

Rabbinic Reflections

A minyan is not required and the *Yizkor* service may be recited in privacy by those unable to get to the synagogue.

- There is a custom in some congregations wherein those blessed with both parents leave the synagogue during the *Yizkor* service. There might be an element of superstition in this custom and thus it is not universally practised. Many congregations recite the memorial prayer (*K'El Maleh Rachamim*) for those murdered in the Shoah and for those who died in defence of Israel, with everyone present.
- There is a common misconception that during the first year of mourning, *Yizkor* is not recited and mourners leave the synagogue. It is true that during the first year, when the wounds are fresh and the loss felt intently, one might not be able to control oneself and might disturb the prayers of others. Perhaps such people might wish to leave the synagogue. Generally, however, *Yizkor* is recited the first year, for it serves as an atonement for the deceased, especially during the first year of judgment.
- *Yizkor* is usually recited for those we are obligated to recite *Kaddish* for: parents, spouse, siblings, children. However, one may say *Yizkor* for any relatives who have no one to recite *Yizkor* on their behalf.
- It is the custom when *Yizkor* is recited to light a yahrzeit candle in memory of the departed. If a candle is not available or permitted, an electric lamp may be used.

Rabbi Moshe Stern is the spiritual leader of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation in Toronto.

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Two sides of the same coin

Money Matters

Rabbi Jay Kelman CA

In watching the recent leadership debate, I was struck that, regardless of the question or issue being discussed, Prime Minister Stephen Harper would talk about the economy and Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff would talk about the moral obligation to respect Parliament.

Unfortunately, ethics and the economy were presented as two distinct issues. There are fewer more basic messages of the Torah than that of morality and the economy being two sides of the same coin. There are more mitzvot – approximately 130 out of 613 – on the topic of money than on any other subject. And this link pertains both on the level of private business and national economic policy.

True faith in God is demonstrated by our monetary dealings. A person who believes in God doesn't cut moral corners to accumulate wealth. It's not by chance that our rabbis equated faith with farming, the economic engine of the ancient world. The entire enterprise of farming is dependent on faith. Without faith that nature will cooperate and reward one's efforts, one would be silly to work so hard with no guaranteed return. This faith in nature must be matched by faith that honesty and integrity will produce the greatest of yields. "Man does not live by bread alone."

Similarly our national economic policies reflect the moral strength of a nation. It seems from what the pollsters tell us that Canadians have yet to fully grasp the link between economics and morality. Polls show that by a ratio of approximately two to one, Canadians are more concerned with economic issues than ethical ones relating to the running of Parliament. This is quite understandable as we struggle to recover from a severe economic downturn.

Yet, at the same time, such results should raise serious concerns, not just because it would seem – and I hope I'm incorrect in this inference – that too many show a greater concern for money over morality, but because too few see the link between the two.

I'd like to believe that many, though not all, of our policy disagreements are rooted in tactics, not goals. I would think that all our leaders want strong corporate growth, tax relief for families, better health care and for Canada to take a leadership role in the world. But, unfortunately, in the real world, not all can be done at the same time. In addition to setting priorities, often there are fundamental disagreements about the best way to reach the same goal. This is something we most readily see with the sharp disagreements regarding the Arab-Israeli conflict. Largely they reflect not who desires peace more – this supreme value is something that is axiomatic to Judaism and is shared by almost all – but rather what method will produce the best chance for peace.

Unfortunately, such moral focus is so often absent when others discuss the Mideast conflict. On this issue, there seems to be a very real moral divide among the political parties.

When the debating ends and the governing begins, it's crucial that the highest moral standards be the cornerstone of our economic policy. If that can happen, the Canadian people will be the true winners.

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Sermons that can inspire us all

Views & Reviews

Martin Lockshin

Rabbi Norman Lamm has had an illustrious career over the past six decades as a thinker, writer and spokesman for what he calls centrist Orthodox Judaism. He served as the rabbi of two major Orthodox synagogues in New York City until 1976, when he became the president of Yeshiva University (YU). He left that position in 2003, but he remained at YU and today is its chancellor.

Rabbi Lamm's writings have touched many lives, including my own. He was the founding editor of *Tradition* magazine, which used to be seen as the leading (and for awhile the only) intellectual publication for American modern Orthodox thought. An essay that he published in *Tradition* in 1967, Faith and Doubt, was later expanded into an important book that was reprinted and revised twice, most recently in 2006. His small book, *A Hedge of Roses: Jewish Insights Into Marriage* (1977), defending and justifying the traditional Jewish rules of "family purity" (i.e. married couples abstaining from sexual activity at points in the wife's menstrual cycle), is a model for thoughtful, gentle apologetics.

Rabbi Lamm has now published his second volume of collected sermons. (A number of the sermons are also available for free on the web.) This latest volume, *Festivals of Faith: Reflections on the Jewish Holidays*, was edited with a thoughtful introduction by YU Prof. David Shatz, himself a leading centrist Orthodox writer and intellectual, a generation younger than Rabbi Lamm. A third collection of sermons is also planned.

Often, collections of sermons are of interest primarily to other rabbis, who have the difficult task of preaching every week and must find new insights into the week's Torah portion or into the celebration of a Jewish holy day. Indeed, rabbis (of any denomination) who consult this volume will find a rich source of inspiration. But this volume may be of interest to Jews outside of the rabbinate for several reasons.

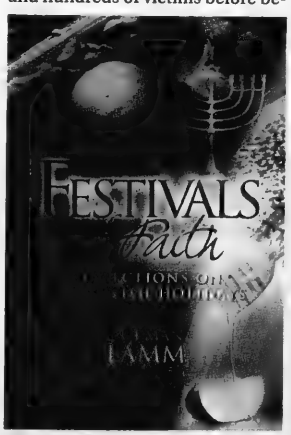
First, the book embodies the fine (and generally neglected) art of rhetoric, practised by a true professional. Shatz, who grew up in Rabbi Lamm's synagogue, notes in his introduction that the rabbi's "creativity and eloquence shaped my interests and perspectives from the time I was 13," as the sermons "opened for me and others the world of sophisticated Jewish ideas, both their power and their beauty."

While, of course, readers do not get the chance to appreciate Rabbi Lamm's famed delivery, I think they will still see why his congregants used to look forward to "sermon time," and why they sat transfixed as he spoke.

Secondly, the book has interest as a historical source about the United States of the 1950s and 1960s. Like any good rabbi, the author makes constant reference to events of the day. In 1963, he congratulated from the pulpit "the Negroes of our country" (using the language common then) for their political accomplishments on the civil rights front, and urged Jews to apply lessons learned from that model to spiritual issues.

I learned about a fascinating chapter of American history from Rabbi Lamm's 1954 sermon where he mocks Senator Homer Ferguson from Michigan who, at the urging of various right-wing groups, spearheaded a campaign (ultimately successful) to change the wording of the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance from "one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all" to "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Decrying the campaign as hypocritical because these supposedly religious men had just recently engaged in the vicious and destructive witch hunt of McCarthyism, the young Rabbi Lamm preached: "What a pale victory for religion! What a desecration of everything holy to any religion to proclaim it so patriotically, to reduce religion to two words, but to wait two years and hundreds of victims before beginning to realize that McCarthyism is no good... The good senator just threw a kiss to God but we wonder whether God is going to throw one back."



Rabbi Lamm also did not shy away from criticizing presidents and vice-presidents of the United States from the pulpit for falling short morally (not just for allegedly failing to be sufficiently supportive of Israel, the type of criticism one generally hears from the centrist Orthodox pulpit today).

Lastly, readers who are open to it will find much that is inspiring and uplifting here. For reasons of space, I will mention only two ideas that appealed to me.

In one sermon (from 1962), Rabbi Lamm analyzes the reasons why modern people have lost their sense of shame: "It is not because we have a high opinion of ourselves. Quite the contrary, it is because we have too low an opinion of ourselves, because we have almost no... image of dignity to be jolted and hurt. Our sophisticated generation has been nurtured on Freud and weaned on Kinsey. We have been taught to expect the worst of ourselves... Our problem is that we have so contemptible a view of our own value, of our own moral worth and significance, that that which is mean and despicable seems to us to fit into the picture we have drawn of ourselves." Rabbi Lamm tried to inspire his congregants by teaching them that just as the Torah expects much from us, we should demand more of ourselves, too.

In another sermon (from 1965), Rabbi Lamm discusses the differences between contemporary rabbinic leaders and the prophets of old: "Oh, if I were a prophet! If I had the courage of an Isaiah or the fearlessness of a Jeremiah!... I would accuse – without concern for this or any other year's fundraising campaigns – many of our great national [Jewish] organizations of pious fraud for their myopic obsession with antisemitism... when the really great danger to Jewish existence is ignorance and assimilation."

Rabbi Lamm's sermons can inspire us, reminding us of the good old days before much of centrist Orthodox Judaism in the United States and in Canada began to align itself so vigorously with right-wing causes. It was not that long ago that a centrist Orthodox rabbi could support liberal causes and encourage young people, as Rabbi Lamm does in this book, to get involved in society, join picket lines, organize mass meetings, and show that they care about "economic justice or social progress or racial equality or political integrity."

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The photo "Let's Play Ball" (April 28) should have indicated that the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School is celebrating its 13th anniversary, not its 30th as we stated. *The CJN* regrets the error.

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מיט דעם טויט פֿון חוה ראָזענפֿאַרב, די וועלט באַרימטע שרייבערין,איז אויסגעלאָשן געווארן דאָס ליכט פֿון יידיש שאַפֿן אין מאָנטרעאַל.

וואָס האָט איר טויט געהאַט צו טאָן מיט אָדעס?

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אין ביידע שטעט האָט מען געקענט לעבן ווי גאָט אין אָדעס. דאָס האָט נישט געמיינט אַז אַלע יידן אין אָדעס זענען געווען רייך. וואָס האָט געמאכט אָדעס אנדערש פֿון אַנדערע רוסישע שטעט איז געווען איר פּאָזיציע ווי אַ פּאָרט שטאָט וואָס האָט צוגעציען צו זיך מענטשן פֿון אַלע אָרומיקע לענדער. אָדעס איז געווען אַ קאָסמאָפּאָליטישע שטאָט, אָפֿן צו דער וועלט, אַ משפּיליש שטאָט וווּ נייע געדאַנקען זענען נישט באַגראָבן געווארן ווי אין די שטעטלעך וואָס האָבן נישט אַריינגעלאָסט די ליכט פֿון השכלה.

אין די ערשטע יאָרן פֿון צוואַנציקסטן יאָרהונדערט האָט זיך געפֿונען אין אָדעס דער קרעם די לאַ קרעם פֿון יידיש שאַפֿונג .אויף די נאָסן פֿון אָדעס האָט מען געטראָפֿן מענדעלע – דעמ זיידן פֿון אונדזער יידישער ליטעראַטור, מרדכי ליפֿשיץ – דער רעדאַקטאָר פֿון דער ערשטער, מאָדערנער ליטעראַרישער ציטשריפֿט אויף יידיש,"קול מבשׂר", אלכסנדר צעדערבוים, דער ערשטער רעדאַקטאָר פֿון "המלי" די ערשטע העברעישע ליטעראַרישע ציטשריפֿט, ח ים זשיטלאָווסקי – דער פֿילאָסאָף פֿון יידישער וועלטלעכקייט, ח.נ. ביאַליק, אחד העם, שמעון דובנאָוו, און זשאַבאָטינסקי. אין דער זעלבער צייט האָט אי.סאָק באַבעל, וואָס האָט גוט געקענט יידיש, געשריבן וועגן יידן אויף רוסיש און געוואָרן אַ מיסטער פֿון דער רוסישער שפּראַך.

חוה ראָזענפֿאַרב, וועז זי איז אָנגעקומען קיין מאָנטרעאַל נאָכן חורבן, האָט זיך געפֿונען אין אַ שטאָט זייער ענלעך צו אָדעס. מאָנטרעאַל איז אַ פּאָרטשטאָט, איז געווען קאָנאָדעס גרעסטע קאָסמאָפּאָליטישע שטאָט, מיט אַ פֿראָנצויזישער מערהייט, אָן ענגלישער מינדערהייט און אַ גלענצענדע יידישע קהילה וואָס האָט געהאַט די פֿריהיט זיך אויסצולעבן קולטורעל אין ביידע יידישע לשונות. די שטאָט האָט אויך געהאַט אַ יידישע פֿאָלקס-ביבליאָטעק, און אַ טאָג ציטונג – דער קענעדער אָדלער.

לאָמיר דערמאָנען מאָנטרעאָלער יידישע שרייבער וואָס האָבן באַריכטערט די וועלט פֿון יידישער ליטעראַטור. י.י. סיגאַל, שלום שטערן, אידא מאָזע, יעקב זיפֿער, שמשון דונקס, מרדכי חסיד, ש סימכאָוויטש, נוח גאָטליב. זיי זענען געווען פֿון דעם ערשטן דור יידישע שרייבער אין מאָנטרעאַל. נאָך דער שואה האָט מען געהערט פֿון רחל קאָרן, מלך ראָוויטש, יהודה עלבערג, משה שאַפּיר, חוה ראָזענפֿאַרב. אין דער זעלבער צייט איז אַרויסגעקומען פֿון דער מאָנטרעאַלער יידישער קהילה אירווינג לייטאָן, א.מ. קלײן, און מרדכי ריטשלער וואָס האָבן געבראַכט דאָס יידישע מאָנטרעאַל צו קאָנאָדע אויף ענגליש.

מאָנטרעאָלס יידישע שרייבער האָבן איבערגעלאָזט אַ גלענצנדע ירושה .וועט וועט עס איבערזעצן אויף ענגליש?

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'Canada and Israel remain tightly connected'

Miriam Ziv

On May 14, 1948, David Ben-Gurion stood before a hopeful crowd at Independence Hall in Tel Aviv and declared the establishment of the State of Israel in the ancient homeland of the Jewish people. With this announcement, the Jewish people ended their long, bitter exile and immediately began working to fulfil their broader mission: to establish a thriving, prosperous democracy where Jewish tradition and culture could flourish.

Guest Voice

This Yom Ha'atzmaut marks the 63rd anniversary of Ben-Gurion's momentous speech. In only 63 years, the State of Israel has evolved in extraordinary ways, going from a struggling agricultural society to an economic powerhouse that houses more startup companies, produces more patents, and generates more Nobel prizes than any other country in the world. Israel's accession to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in May 2010 is a testament to the international recognition of Israel's achievements as a vibrant democracy and to its ability to contribute to the global economy.

On the political and regional level, one cannot talk about the year that was without mentioning the dramatic changes that occurred in the Middle East. In Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Syria and other Arab countries, millions of citizens flooded the streets, to protest their regimes and demand democratic reform. As the only true democracy in the Middle East, the State of Israel hopes for the realization of a stable reform process and democratic transition in these countries.

However, in the midst of these historic changes in the Middle East, changes that hold the promise of new freedom and democracy in our region, we are faced with the question that inevitably ensues: once the dust settles, will it be the moderates or the extremists who will prevail?

> **The strength of our relationship with the Diaspora lies in our unity**

Although this question is of major significance to the entire world, it is an immediate reality for Israel. Unfortunately, Israel continues to face the realities of extremism. However, despite the pain and outrage these realities cause, true peace remains our most desired goal. More than being a time for celebration, Yom Ha'atzmaut is a time for hope and an opportunity to dedicate ourselves to this very important objective. Israel remains steadfastly committed to the two-state solution and wholly dedicated to the principles of freedom, democracy and peace laid out by Ben-Gurion in our declaration of independence.

Canada and Israel have remained tightly connected by these principles and values that we share. We had the opportunity to celebrate these values when Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visited Canada almost a year ago.

This visit prompted a rapid boost in our co-operation, especially in the field of innovation. Last November, the first Canada-Israel Technology Innovation Summit was held in Toronto, and the followup to the conference will be held in Israel in July. This promising initiative will allow Canada and Israel to go beyond co-operation on research and move toward collaborating on the commercialization of products that are developed as a result of our partnership.

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty in Israel in 2010

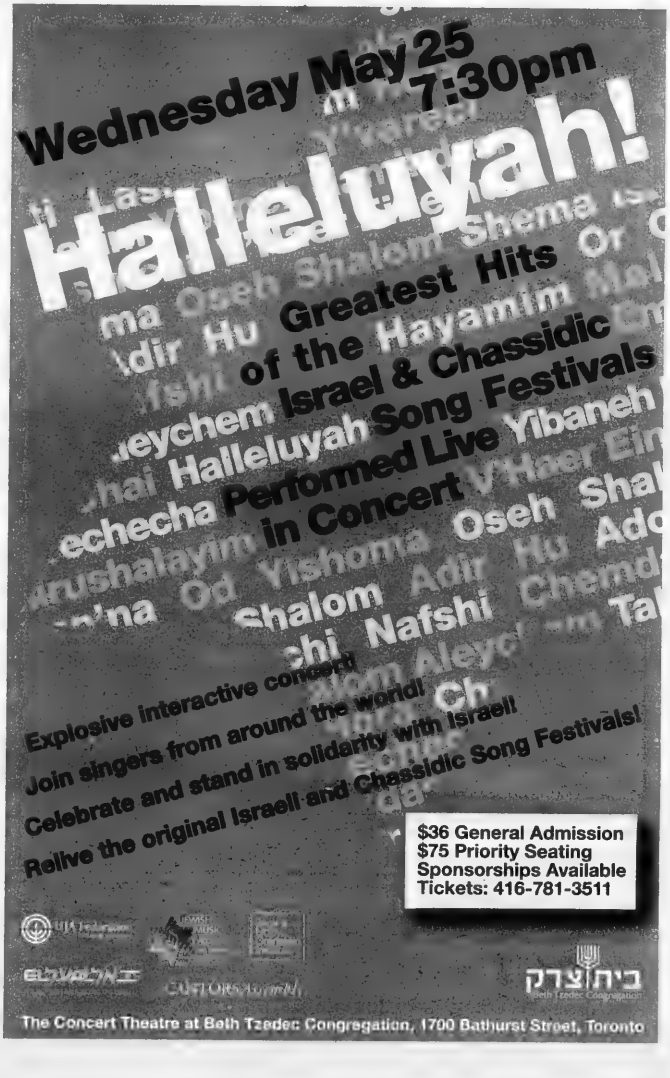
Another noteworthy advancement in our relationship is the increased cooperation between Israel and the provinces. Premier Dalton McGuinty's announcement of the Ontario Brain Institute, whose first international partnership is set to be with Israel, is a good example. As well, Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter will be leading a trade mission to Israel this year in an attempt to increase business and research ties between Israel and Nova Scotia.

The ground is fertile for co-operation between Israel and the different orders of government in Canada, as well as the academic world. In this respect, I have had the opportunity to meet with many university presidents across the country over the last year, and all those who I have met have shown a keen interest in working with Israeli academic institutions in different fields. Academic collaboration remains an important priority in the expansion of our relations.

The government of Israel has dedicated this 63rd birthday to celebrating the bond between Israelis and the Jews of the Diaspora. As ambassador of Israel to Canada, I have the unique opportunity to witness the engagement and the dedication that is put into strengthening ties between the Canadian Jewish community and the State of Israel. This past year, I have travelled across Canada and visited various communities from the East Coast to the West Coast, and have been consistently been touched by the warmth and the energy of the Canadian Jewish community. I consider myself very fortunate to work alongside such a generous, enthusiastic and creative group of people.

The strength of the Israel-Diaspora relationship lies in our unity. This Yom Ha'atzmaut is a perfect opportunity to take pride in our successes, to reflect on the challenges that lie ahead and to remind ourselves that together, there is nothing we can't achieve.

Miriam Ziv is Israel's ambassador to Canada.



Kachol Lavan centre marks five-year anniversary

Sara Dobner
Special to The CJN

Since its founding in 2006, Kachol Lavan, the Centre for Hebrew and Israel Studies, has become the jewel in the crown of the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's Israeli Forum.

Kachol Lavan was founded to fill an educational gap for the Canadian Israeli community and to help carry on our rich, unique and beloved Israeli culture, Hebrew language and Jewish heritage.

More than half the children of Israeli immigrants do not attend Hebrew school, nor do they participate in any Jewish educational programs. With every passing year, the risk that these children will lose their Jewish and Israeli identity, and their connection to the community, increases. To help these families, Kachol Lavan has been offering high quality, affordable educational programs for the last five years.

Kachol Lavan is a not-for-profit program of the Schwartz/Reisman Centre and funded by federation. The centre offers a variety of programs, including Sunday classes for junior kindergarten to Grade 8; extracurricular programs, including chess, Israeli folk dancing and student choir; bat/bar mitzvah program, and adult Hebrew class, adult choir and high school Hebrew credit programs.

From 70 students in its first year, Kachol Lavan has grown to an impressive supplementary Hebrew school with 300 young students and some 50 adult learners. To address the increasing demand, Kachol Lavan will open a third campus next year in Thornhill Woods, in addition to its current two campuses – in Toronto and in Thornhill.

A source of pride for Kachol Lavan is the increasing number of students from non-Hebrew-speaking families at the centre. Their number has doubled since Kachol Lavan's inception, and they now represent 21 per cent of its students.

Children at Kachol Lavan celebrate Purim.

"One of Kachol Lavan's goals is to bring the contemporary and vibrant Israeli culture to Canadian Jewish kids, and not only to Israeli kids," said Ariel Zaltzman, Kachol Lavan's managing director. "We are proud of bringing Israeli and Canadian Jewish kids together to share with them our rich culture and strengthen their Israeli Jewish identities.

"Kachol Lavan will continue to ensure that all the children in our community can afford to strengthen their connection to the State of Israel, the Hebrew language and their Jewish heritage."

Debbie and Robert Zober drive from Barrie every Sunday to take their three children to Kachol Lavan. Robert also drives one evening a week to attend a Hebrew adult class.

"At Kachol Lavan, the kids actually learn to speak Hebrew in an Israeli accent, and not only to read and write," Debbie Zober said. "Since they started Kachol Lavan this year, I can talk to them in Hebrew and they understand me."

She said that Kachol Lavan is unique among Jewish schools in the Toronto area, as it is run by Israelis who have an Israeli mentality, and the school connects the kids to Israeli culture. "The kids feel at home and enjoy learning Hebrew and learn about current events in Israel. The teachers are excellent and get to know the kids, and cater to the individual needs and level of the kids."

The teachers know the Zobers are planning to make aliyah next year, so they do their utmost to help so that the move to Israel will be easier for the family. "I love it when at Chanukah the kids sing *Sevivon Sov Sov Sov*, and not *Dreidel Dreidel*," Debbie said.

Yael and Meir Gluzberg send their two children to Kachol Lavan, because it's the only organization in the Toronto area that can pass on to their kids the Israeli spirit, atmosphere and culture that they try so hard to maintain at home. While they speak Hebrew at home, it's important for them that their children learn how to read and write Hebrew as well.

"It's a great experience for the kids to immerse once a week in the warm Israeli environment that Kachol Lavan has so successfully created," Yael said.

Following last year's first successful gala fundraiser, Kachol Lavan is gearing up for its second fundraising event, which will mark the centre's five-year anniversary. An Israeli party, the event will include three hours of Israeli music – old Eretz Yisrael songs and modern songs – featuring an electrifying performance by Israeli singer Einat Sarouf. A light dinner and wine will be served.

Amir Gissin, Israel's consul general for Ontario and Western Canada, and Ted Sokolsky, president and CEO of federation, both supporters of the centre, will attend the gala.

Kachol Lavan is "an experience... where a youth or a child feels like they are in Israel," Gissin said.

The gala is supported by a volunteer advisory board that includes representatives from the Israeli consulate, educators, parents and community leaders. It's hoped the event will raise the community's awareness of Kachol Lavan. Proceeds will go to expand the centre's programs.

The gala will be held May 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Canadian Institute for the Blind, 1929 Bayview Ave. Tickets are $80 in advance or $100 at the door (with a tax receipt up to the maximum allowed). For more information, contact events@kachol-lavan.com or call 905-482-1818, ext. 208.

Sara Dobner is a Kachol Lavan advisory board member.

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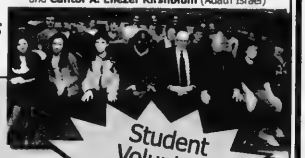

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Kibbutz ulpan: my original Israel experience

Ruth Ladovsky
Special to The CJN

Forty years ago, I took a break from my university studies to travel to Israel and and live there for a year. Not unlike the younger generation of today, we gravitated to Israel for a meaningful Jewish experience. I would have loved a Taglit-Birthright Israel experience, but nothing quite like that existed yet.

Back then, our passport to the world of Jewish travel was a kibbutz ulpan program. For cross-cultural interactions, an informal education and some "tikkun olam," what could be better than a chance to live and volunteer for six months on a kibbutz? In addition to mornings spent picking oranges in the pardes or irrigating apple orchards, there were daily afternoon conversational Hebrew classes and dinner in the chadar ochel every night.

The kibbutz that I had the good fortune to live on, which still operates to this day, is Kibbutz GalEd, in northern Israel, in the region of Megiddo, close to Elyakim, the village founded by Yeminite Jews.

GalEd was established in 1945 by a a nucleus of German Habonim members formed in 1938. The land on which the kibbutz lies was purchased with money that Yitzhak Ochberg, a South African philanthropist had given to the Karen Hayesod. The kibbutz signpost reads Even Yitzhak (stone of Yitzhak) in his honour, as well as GalEd, (Hebrew for "monument"), in memory of the Habonim members killed in World War II.

Ruthie Ladovsky and nephews Jacob and Nathan overlook Lebanon in October 2010.

Like all kibbutzim, its membership consisted of a wide variety of interesting characters.

Two of the founding members of GalEd who made aliyah to Mandatory Palestine in 1938, Dr. Giora Yoseftal and his wife, Senetta, even went on to become members of the Israeli Knesset. Dr. Yoseftal held several ministerial portfolios in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

Kibbutz life was a perfect opportunity to meet the younger generation of Israelis. They demonstrated as much curiosity about our North American lives as we did about their Israeli ones. And, of course, many of our new friends were also serving in the army, coming home for Shabbat and returning to their bases early Sunday morning.

With our ulpan and new Israeli kibbutz friends, we had lots of opportunities to tour the land. I still recall the highlights: tiyulim (day trips) to Caesaria, Har Hermon, Beit Shean, the the Druze village of Daliyat El Carmel and a three day march (tza'ada) through the Judean Hills (hiking by day and camping at night), culminating with a march into Jerusalem.

Without Facebook or Twitter, we celebrated our new friendships.

I turned 21 while on Kibbutz GalEd, in the company of new friends.

Now fast-forward 40 years!

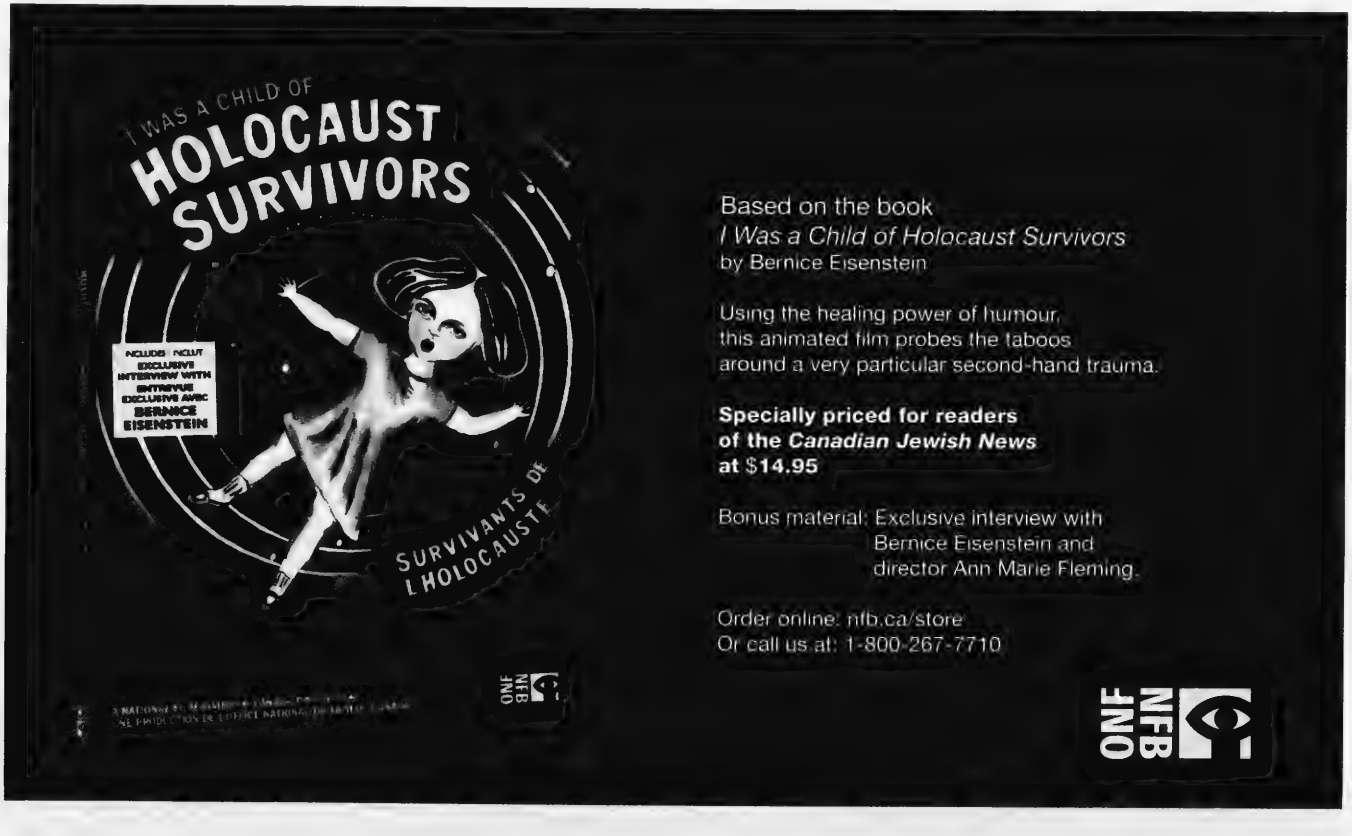
Travel to Israel has taken on many new dimensions. There are still kibbutz ulpanim (albeit not many), and there will always be the classic one- or two-week tours highlighting major cities and sites. But for travellers who have already experienced Israel a number of times, we can now combine our love of being in the country with a very specific, particular interest. This personalizes our connection to the land, to the people and to the adventure that awaits us. Whatever one's interest – study, hiking, bird watching, biking, volunteering, touring, or even a restful Shabbat – it can all happen in Israel.

There are several organized special interest trips each year, such as Hebrew University's Live and Learn, Beit Halochem's Courage in Motion, One Family Fund's Cross Israel Hike, Sar-El's army base volunteer program, Kolel's Food for Thought culinary tour, and UJA and JNF missions. The list is endless.

All of these experiences are open to travellers of all ages. The opportunities are also endless to create one's own unique adventure!

It's a perfect way to feel as though you're turning 21 again.

Ruth Ladovsky lives in Toronto, has been to Israel many times and is always eager for the next opportunity to go back.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Prime Minister Stephen Harper issued the following statement on the commemoration of Yom Hashoah:

"On Yom Hashoah, Canadians of all faiths will stand together to remember the suffering and murder of the millions of innocent men, women and children who were victims of the Holocaust.

Stephen Harper

"It is important that we take this opportunity to remember the victims of the Holocaust and their families. It helps keep strong the conviction in our hearts to do everything we can – through our actions and our words – to stand firm against the forces of intolerance and remain vigilant against genocide. Only through these continued efforts can we ensure that such atrocities never happen again.

"Our government remains vigilant, both at home and abroad, against all forms of racism and discrimination, including the malignant hatreds of Holocaust denial and antisemitism. We vigorously oppose and condemn antisemitism no matter where it is found and no matter what shape it takes. We will never waver in our commitment to defend religious freedom."

"The Holocaust stands alone in the annals of human history. It was not just a crime perpetrated against a specific group of people. It was a crime that challenged the fundamental values all civilized peoples hold dear: freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law. We will continue to stand against any forces that oppose these essential principles. We must never allow the crimes of the past to be repeated or forgotten. We are committed to ensure the lessons of the Holocaust are never forgotten."

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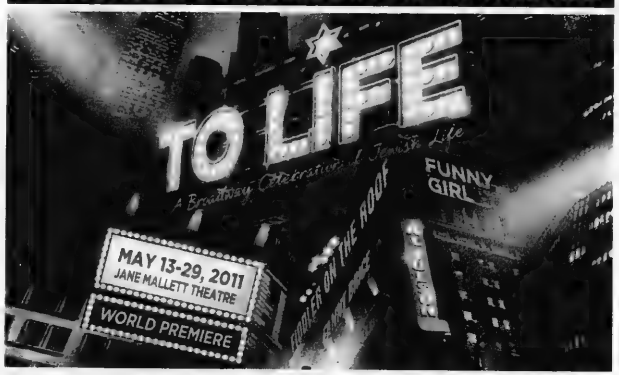

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We remember those who survived

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty addressed Shaar Shalom Synagogue in Thornhill this past Shabbat, a day before Yom Hashoah. McGuinty was followed by Bernie Farber, CEO of Canadian Jewish Congress, who gave the Yom Hashoah sermon at his home synagogue.

Rabbi Berman, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, friends.

Thank you for inviting me to share in this ceremony. It's a pleasure to be here today with Bernie Farber. I want to thank Bernie for all he's doing to build a more caring and always vigilant Ontario by doing things like contributing to the province's Hate Crimes Community Working Group and helping lead the Canadian Jewish Congress.

I also want to thank all of you for the very important work you do raising families, building careers, helping the vulnerable, strengthening your community and contributing to a stronger Ontario.

As we gather on the Sabbath before Yom Hashoah, we remember those who died.

Six million dead. A number as unfathomable as the hatred behind it. We remember those who survived, too, and all they have endured in the decades since.

As Eli Wiesel wrote in his memoir, *Night:* "Never shall I forget that night, the first night in camp, which has turned my life into one long night.

"Seven times cursed and seven times sealed. Never shall I forget that smoke.

"Never shall I forget the little faces of the children, whose bodies I saw turned into wreaths of smoke beneath a silent blue sky.

"Never shall I forget those flames, which consumed my faith forever. Never shall I forget that nocturnal silence, which deprived me, for all eternity, of the desire to live.

"Never shall I forget those moments, which murdered my God and my soul and turned my dreams to dust.

"Never shall I forget these things, even if I am condemned to live as long as God Himself. Never."

My friends, for those who survived, time has moved on more than half a century. But the memory remains fresh and powerful, so deeply etched into their lives, nothing can erase it. All of this, the lives lost and the lives forever changed, are what we remember today.

I have, together with my colleague Monte Kwinter, who is here today, visited Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. We laid a wreath there on behalf of Ontarians in the Hall of Remembrance.

I have also visited the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. I brought my children with me.

And for seven years now, as premier, I have hosted a Yad Vashem ceremony at Queen's Park.

Each of these experiences has saddened me, frightened me and angered me. I'm always left with the same haunting question: how could we ever do this to each other?

So I can't even begin to imagine the depth of the impact of the Holocaust on those whose experience has been personal. I mean the survivors and their families. I feel I owe a great debt to survivors who shared their stories.

Because those of us who were not there need to be reminded, again and again, of the inhumanity that humanity is capable of – not only out of a duty to remember the past, but because we share a responsibility to build a better future, right here right now.

Dalton McGuinty

We live in a place – Ontario, Canada –where we invite everyone from every nation, race, religion and culture to come together, to accept each other, to support each other and when called upon to do so, to stand up for each other.

In no small measure, the success we have enjoyed in building our society is because those among us who survived the Holocaust, remembered and chose to believe, despite all they had seen, that love is stronger than hate.

Last night, when I was preparing these remarks, I came across a powerful text written in 2002. It's a letter to the world written by Holocaust survivors. They called it "Our Living Legacy: A Message From Holocaust Survivors For All Generations." Let me leave you with this passage from that letter:

"We who staggered through the Valley of Death, only to see how our families, our communities and our people were destroyed, did not descend into despondency and despair. Rather, we struggled to extract a message of meaning and renewed purpose for our people and for all people, namely a message of humanity, of human decency and of human dignity. The Holocaust, which established the standard for absolute evil, is the universal heritage of all civilized people.

"The lessons of the Holocaust must form the cultural code for education towards humane values, democracy, human rights, tolerance and patience, and opposition to racism and totalitarian ideologies."

Thank you.

TJFF screens movies by Israeli film school grads

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Toronto-area students hope that a three-day spotlight on Israeli films that are included in this year's Toronto Jewish Film Festival (TJFF) will expose Canadian audiences to different aspects of Israeli culture.

Ron Tal, a York University computer science graduate student, is one of 11 Jewish and non-Jewish students who teamed up with Hillel to present a spotlight on TJFF contributors who came out of Israeli film schools.

The committee has organized screenings of 10 Israeli films from May 10 to 12 that are directed by students and alumni of Israeli film schools, including the Sam Speigel Film School, Sapir College and Tel Aviv University.

Tal said the films were selected by the committee from a pool of more than 200 by directors who hail from Israeli film schools.

Tal, who saw all the films that will be screened in the spotlight, said his favourite one is *Roads* by Lior Geller.

"*Roads* is a sort of crime thriller that takes place in an Arab neighbourhood in the city of Lod, which is known for being a centre for the distribution of drugs... It focuses on the life of an Arab drug runner who wants to be a soccer player, but is caught in the reality of living in a slum under the thumbs of bigger drug dealers," Tal said.

He added that while this film has political undertones, most of the other films deal with issues such as culture, ethnicity, religion and sexuality.

Orit Yaakobi's film, *The Third Generation*, is about a 30-year-old woman named Galia who is irritated by her mother and grandmother who constantly nag her about getting married. In an attempt to solve her "problem," they force her to participate in religious and superstitious customs.

Yaakobi will take part in a question-and-answer session following the screening of her film on May 10 at the Bloor Cinema.

Seeds of Summer, by Hen Lasker, is a documentary that takes place seven years after she completed her Israel Defence Forces (IDF) training for female combat soldiers – when she fell in love with a woman who was her commanding officer. The film follows the teenage girls going through rigorous IDF combat training, while exploring identity, sexuality, femininity and the relationships that develop between girls.

Esther Siton's film, *I'm Ready*, is about a boy with Down syndrome who is cared for by his elderly father. His own struggle with Alzheimer's threatens the stability of their home.

Eliko, by Meni Yaish, follows a young man who spends each Shabbat surrounded by family and tradition, but his Thursday nights are filled with sex, drugs and violence. This film focuses on one Thursday night that gets out of control.

Shira, by Miryam Adler, who will answer questions about her film after the May 12 showing at Canada Square, is about the wife of an Orthodox rabbi in a religious Israeli community, who is a mother to five daughters under seven. Exhausted, she struggles with the expectation that she try to bear a son.

"I hope people will be exposed to another perspective of Israeli society – what life in Israel is like, what is on the minds of Israelis and hopefully they'll just have a good time and be open to seeing new things and be more aware that there are good things coming out of Israel," said Tal, who grew up in Israel.

"Most of the publicity that the country gets is due to political reasons, so it's always nice to get unrelated cultural reasons to look at Israel a little differently."

For more information about the Hillel spotlight on Israeli film schools and the screenings, visit www.tjff.com/list-films.php?filterby=4.

A still from the film *Shira*, directed by Miryam Adler.

FAMILY MOMENTS

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The Canadian Jewish news

Mazel tov to Irving Shnier on his 100th birthday. All our love, From your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Happy 90th birthday to Harry Katz. Much love from family and friends.

Happy 85th birthday, Louis Ziegler. Love, Peggy, Miriam, Brian, Hailey and Brandon.

Happy first birthday, Jordan Zachariah Beasley. All our love, Mom, Dad, big sisters Rebekah, Jessica, Bubbie, P.Pop, Grandma & Grandpa.

Mazel tov to Sarah Schacht on the occasion of her bat mitzvah on May 7th.

Happy third birthday to our beautiful granddaughter Jessica Beasley. We love you! Mom & Dad, Bubbie, P.Pop, Grandma & Grandpa, sibs Rebekah and Jordan

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REPAIRING THE WORLD

Shaar Shalom Synagogue presents "Tales of Tikkun Olam." **Jackie Taitz** and **Karen Held** talk about their experiences volunteering in the developing world. 7:30 p.m. Call **Carole**, 905-889-4975.

Sunday, May 8

TEA AND FASHION SHOW

Beth Tzedec's 3rd annual Spring Into Fashion Chai Tea and Fashion Show will be on Mother's Day. Show presented by Options for Her and Siblings. 3-5 p.m. $42/adult, $25/young adult. Funds go to Out of the Cold. For information, tickets or to place an acknowledgment or greeting in the Women of Honour booklet, 416-781-3511.

Tuesday, May 10

POLISH UNDERGROUND

The Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation of Canada presents **Prof. Andrzej Zbikowski**, University of Warsaw, discussing "Polish Underground and the government in exile in the face of the Nazi persecution of Polish Jews." U of T, 1 Devonshire Pl., Room 108, North Building. 7:30 p.m. No charge.

Wednesday, May 11

SYNAGOGUES OF EUROPE

Art historian **Corey Keeble** presents a slide-supported look at some of the great European synagogues built from the Middle Ages to the present day. Darchei Noam Congregation, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 12

THE KARSKI REPORT

The 19th Toronto Jewish Film Festival presents *The Karski Report*, a documentary film by **Claude Lanzmann**. Co-sponsored by the Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation and ShaRna Foundation. Al Green Theatre, Miles Nadal JCC. 416-599-8433.

Other News

THE POST OFFICE

Janusz Korczak, eminent Polish-Jewish doctor, author and director of a Jewish orphanage in the Warsaw Ghetto, had the children put on *The Post Office*, a play by noted Bengali poet **Rabindranath Tagore**, about a dying Hindu boy. It is thought that Korczak used it as an unconscious means to prepare them for imminent death. Korczak refused to be parted from his children, and they were all deported, never to be seen again. Canadian Stage, Downstairs Berkeley Street Theatre, May 7-June 4. Part of the Hot Docs festival. www.canadianstage.com.

TORAH CLASSES IN SPANISH

Study Torah in Spanish, led by **Rabbi Abraham Bartfeld**. Wednesdays, 9 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue of Toronto. 905-886-7935.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS

Jewish War Veterans of Canada, Toronto Post, quarterly general meeting. Lipa Green Centre, May 22, 9 a.m. Veterans, partisans and spouses welcome. Breakfast 9 a.m., meeting 10 a.m. RSVP 416-635-2883, ext. 5181.

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YOM HA'ATZMAUT ONEG

Oraynu Congregation for Humanistic Judaism Yom Ha'atzmaut Oneg Shabbat. "Herzl's Dream" presented by **Oren Sukenik**. Habonim Dror shaliach. Barbara Frum Library, 3rd floor, 40 Covington Dr. Non-members welcome, $15. Friday, May 13, 7:30 p.m. Call **Roby,** 416-385-3910, or roby@oraynu.org.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Panel discussion. "Special Needs: What Halachah Expects From the Community!" Speakers, **Rabbi Asher Vale**, Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue of Toronto; **Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner,** Yeshiva University rosh kollel for Toronto; **Rabbi Marc Penner** of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. Sunday, May 15, at the BAYT, 9:30-11:45 a.m. Free admission. ssokol@dani-toronto.com.

YEHUDAH HALEVI

Mekorot presents **Dianna Roberts-Zauderer,** speaking on "Judah Halevi: Poet, Pilgrim, Zionist?" Tuesdays until May 17, 8-9:15 p.m. Prosserman JCC. Information and registration, www.mekorot.ca.

YIDDISH THEATRE WORKSHOP

Work with professional director **David Gale** on a play reading in Yiddish of *My Fair Lady*. No experience necessary. 8 weeks, Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. May 3-June 21. $100. Prosserman JCC. Register: **Ester Klimitz,** 416-635-2883, ext. 5189, or eklimitz@ujafed.org.

FOR SENIORS

Bernard Betel Centre. 416-225-2112.

Tuesday, May 10: Lecture – "Royal Ontario Museum Highlights" presented by ROM outreach, 10-11:30 a.m., $3 members, $6 non-members. Yom Ha'atzmaut party, 7 p.m. $21 members, $24 non-members. Call **Dvora Shur-Ami,** 905-763-2728.

Wednesday, May 11: Act II Studio presents "Moving Scenes," short plays and scenes about relationships, issues and situations experienced by older adults, followed by discussion. 1:30-3 p.m. $5 at ticket sales desk.

Thursday, May 12: Wellness Lecture – "Positive Attitude, Longer Healthier Life," using a Baycrest video, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free.

Miles Nadal JCC Active Seniors. Co-ordinator **Phyllis,** 416-924-6211, ext. 155.

Thursday, May 5, 1:30 p.m. "The Creation of *Fiddler on the Roof* and songs we love to sing," with **Jordan Klapman**. Live piano and sing-along.

Computer course – Beyond the Basics. Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m., 8 weeks, $70.

Seniors' Choir (55+) Tuesdays, 1-2:30 p.m. $4 drop-in.

Baycrest launches an educational series: Insights into Aging 101, for boomers and older seniors who want a crash course in how to maintain good health, navigate the health-care system, and better manage chronic conditions that come with aging. Five Tuesday evenings starting in early May. Tuition $135+HST. Register 416-785-2500, ext. 2383, or www.baycrest.org/insights.

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday afternoon socials. Bridge, mah-jong, Rummikub. Refreshments $2. Call **Pearl,** 416-638-6317. or **Marcia**, 416-932-1229.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell. 416-630-6486.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. Valerie, 416-395-7881. May 9, Lunch, Learn and Laugh, noon. Sunday dance, May 15. Casino Rama, May 18. Tuesdays ongoing acrylic art classes, 10 a.m.-noon. Thursdays, line dancing 10 a.m., social bridge 12:30 p.m. Seniors woodworking, skilled craftsmen, repairs, etc., call 416-630-6487.

Wagman Centre. 416-785-2500, ext. 2267. Entertainers of the Wagman Centre are looking for energetic seniors to join in their ongoing programs. Now preparing a program dedicated to the '50s – In the Cool, Cool, Days of the '50s. Call director **Judy Ross,** 416-733-0580.

Judaism Around the Year. A small interactive group provides an opportunity to explore various aspects of Jewish culture. Speaker **Rabbi Aaron Kamman.** Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.-noon. Fireside Lounge.

Book Club, facilitated by **Marilyn Fine,** meets once a month. Next meeting Thursday, May 26, 1:30 p.m., Fireside Lounge. Register at service desk.

Lecture series. **Adam Fuerstenberg** discusses the life and career of the late **David Lewis,** MP, NDP leader. Classrooms A and B, Mondays, May 16 and 30, 3-4 p.m. Light refreshments Members $5, guests $7. Must register.

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PROSSERMAN JCC

Sherman Campus, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-638-1881, www.prossermanjcc.com.

Ryerson/Chang lecture series, "Forbidden Desire: the films of Hitchcock and De Palma" with **Kevin Courrier.** Wednesdays until May 25, 1-3 p..m.

Current events with **Peter Diamant.** Thursdays, 12:45-2:15 p.m.

International and Israeli folkdance with **Teme** and **Sandy.** Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.

Senior social art with **Lil Goldman**. Mondays 1-3 p.m.

Conversations about conversion. For those considering conversion or already in a conversion program. Speak freely, ask, learn and share in a safe environment. Thursdays, 7:30-9 p.m. Until June 2.

Beginners Hebrew courses start first week of May.

Visit www.prossermanjcc.com for more information on children, family and prenatal classes.

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The Gallery in the Miles Nadal JCC. *Pictures of Resistance: The Wartime Photographs of Jewish Partisan Faye Schulman.* Until May 31.

Spring ulpan for beginners. Tuesdays and Thursdays until May 26. 6:30-8:30 p.m. with **Rachel Stark**. sharonis@mnjcc.org or ext. 154.

Life and Times of Yiddish, with **Prof. Kalman Weiser.** May 5-26, Thursdays. 7-8:30 p.m.

New monthly support group for adult children of Holocaust survivors. Info Harrietw@mnjcc.org or 416-785-2500, ext. 2271.

Shabbat party, ages 0-4, with adults. Fridays 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Ext. 0.

Shabbat club, ages 3-6, adult attendance optional. Fridays 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Ext. 0, or ext. 277.

Michael Bernstein Chapel. Services Sundays, 8 a.m.; Thursdays, 7:15 a.m., breakfast following. Call **Coleman Bernstein** for more info, 416-968-0200.

CORRECTION

What's New, April 21, contained incorrect information. The Great Jewish American Songbook program, with musicologist/pianist **Jordan Klapman** and his quartet, was held at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. It was listed as being at Temple Har Zion. *The CJN* apologizes for the error and any confusion it may have caused.

What's New is now online. You can find it at cjnews.com

BRAVO: In recognition of National Volunteer Week, leaders from the BRAVO Study – Baycrest Research About Volunteering in Older Adults – walked from Baycrest to Lawrence Plaza to raise awareness of the study and recruit volunteers. The study looks at the effect of volunteer work on the cognitive, physical and emotional health. Seen from left are Bravo team members Kashfia Alam, Zel Bocknek, Janice Maser, Nicole Anderson, Judith Plaut, Elaine Harris and Lorna McGregor. *[Suzanne Cook photo]*

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York president gets 5 more years

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Mamdouh Shoukri will serve another five-year term as president and vice-chancellor of York University, the school announced last week.

Since replacing former president Lorna Marsden in 2007, the Egyptian-born Shoukri – the first Muslim to be appointed to head a Canadian university – has led York through expansion and renovation, as well as the most successful fund-raising campaign in the school's history, which garnered $207 million.

Mamdouh Shoukri

But Shoukri's five-year term has also been marked by controversy and accusations of tolerating antisemitism at York, Canada's third largest university.

Over the years, the school has been the site of countless confrontations between anti-Israel and pro-Israel students, as well as antisemitic graffiti and a 2009 incident in which Jewish students were trapped inside the Hillel office by a group of students chanting anti-Israel slogans.

Despite Shoukri's repeated statements that "there is zero tolerance of any form of racism and zero tolerance of any form of antisemitism" at York, some members of the Jewish community have accused him of tolerating an atmosphere on campus that is unsafe for identifiably Jewish students.

Following the 2009 incident, Shoukri commissioned a task force to address the issue of student safety on campus in response to the growing hostilities between anti- and pro-Israel students, but Jewish students as well as members of the general Jewish community still criticized his administration for allowing intimidation and hostility against pro-Israel students to go unpunished.

Adir Dishy, Hasbara at York's immediate past president, said he hopes that in Shoukri's next term, York will "improve its stance in terms of Middle Eastern issues on campus.

"We also hope he will speak up next time the student government decides to use our funds to bring in supporters of terror against Israelis," Dishy said, referring to a lecture given last year at York by former British MP George Galloway, which was paid for in part by the York Federation of Students.

Shoukri, who holds a PhD in mechanical engineering from McMaster University, said he will continue to serve York until at least 2017.

"Our university is home to some of the world's most talented and dedicated students, faculty and staff, and I am proud to be a part of it," he said in a statement.

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N.B. museum founder gets Jewish studies award

Joel Jacobson
Atlantic Correspondent

HALIFAX — Like most volunteers, Marcia Koven sought no credit for starting the Saint John, N.B., Jewish Historical Museum 25 years ago and for fostering it into a model for small, effective museums across Canada.

Marcia Koven

"I did it because it was fun," she said, expressing awe and disbelief when told she was the 2011 recipient of the Louis Rosenberg Canadian Jewish Studies Distinguished Service Award.

Annually or from time to time, as may be appropriate, the Association for Canadian Jewish Studies presents an award honouring an individual, group or institution who has made a significant contribution to Canadian Jewish studies in one or more fields. The award will be presented in Fredericton, N.B., May 29 at the annual conference of the organization, just four days prior to the 25th anniversary dinner of the Saint John museum.

Koven, 84 and still active, is a retired teacher and was a volunteer leader of the museum for more than two decades. She said that she'd go to work every day at the museum "like it was a real job. It was my whole life for a long, long time."

In the early years, she worked from a tiny office before finding space in the basement of the local Jewish community centre, attached to Shaarei Zedek Synagogue in downtown Saint John.

Born and raised in the community, and a mature graduate in sociology from the University of New Brunswick–Saint John in her 50s, Koven collected photos and memorabilia and did oral histories with senior members of the community (since converted to video and now DVD).

With government grants for museum development and summer students – more than 100 have been employed through 25 years – the museum flourished from its opening in July 1986.

Between Koven, a couple of teachers in the Jewish community, and Katherine Biggs-Craft, the current curator and a summer student in the museum's first year, Holocaust education programs were developed for New Brunswick high school students, along with outreach programs for junior high teachers to present to their classes about Jewish holidays, life-cycle events and the Holocaust.

Today, Jewish heritage tours, focusing on cruise ship passengers, are conducted by community volunteers. Displays change annually, with Biggs-Craft currently preparing a panorama focusing on family Jewish life in early Saint John, and Jewish businesses, highlighting artifacts and clothing from the 1930s forward.

She estimates 88,000 people have visited the museum over the years, with the greatest coming in 2004 when 6,000 people came through the doors. Last year, more than 5,600 were tallied.

The museum operates full time from March through October (closed Saturdays, of course) and part time and by appointment through the winter months.

"I've enjoyed working with Marcia," Biggs-Craft said. "I've learned a lot about a culture not my own," she added, chuckling. "I think I know more about Saint John than some of our community folk. They've lived it by being here for decades, so I learn a lot from them, too."

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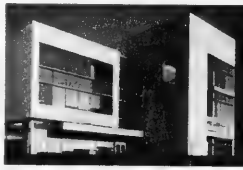

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Koven was first female to have bat mitzvah at shul

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Koven, who in her 50s was the first female to be bat mitzvahed at Shaarei Zedek (which was originally Orthodox but changed to Conservative in the 1960s), described the ceremony as "my proudest moment."

Through the years, she served as president of the synagogue sisterhood, as well as president of the Saint John chapter and a member of the national executive of Hadassah-WIZO. She was also a New Brunswick representative on the Atlantic Jewish Council and head of the women's chevra kadisha in Saint John, and served in a variety of capacities with other organizations, such as the local Jewish seniors club and the AJC's Holocaust committee.

The Saint John Jewish Historical Museum has received awards from the American Association for State and Local History, (1987), the Church and Synagogue Library Association, (1996), and the province of New Brunswick, (2000).

Koven said she saw the museum as a preservation of the heritage of a diminishing Jewish community and a way to educate the wider population about Jewish traditions and history.

"I'm proud of everything that has been accomplished," she said.

Jewish identity subject of symposium

Compiled by CJN Staff

MONTREAL — North American academics in the field of Jewish studies are coming to Concordia University for the Symposium on History, Memory, and Jewish Identity, May 9 to 11.

"By bringing together leading scholars of all eras of Jewish history, our symposium aims to re-evaluate the ways in which various Jewish groups throughout the history of Judaism have remembered and recorded the past and the relationship between these representations of the past and the construction of Jewish identity," said Ira Robinson, the event's co-chair, along with Concordia religion department professors Lorenzo DiTommaso and Naftali Cohn.

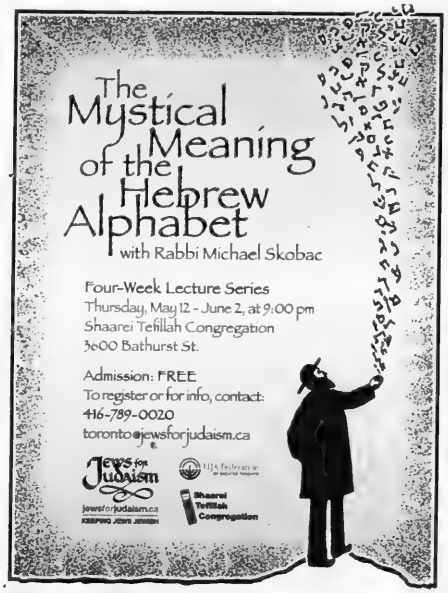
The objective is to look at the sweep of Jewish history, from the ancient world to the contemporary.

Among the papers to be presented are *Dark Family Secrets in the Land of Eternal Happiness: Holocaust Memory in the Soviet Union in the 1950s-1980s* by Anna Shternshis of the University of Toronto; *Memory of the "Good Old Kaiser"and the Role of Habsburg Loyalty in the Identities of Austrian Jews in the 19th and 20th Centuries* by Marsha Rozenblit of the University of Maryland; *American Jewish Immigrants and the Invention of Europe* by Beth Wenger of the University of Pennsylvania.

The symposium, Robinson said, "approaches the most complex issue in Jewish studies: Jewish identity. The interaction of these scholars over a period of three days will generate exciting new insights, with important repercussions for the field as a whole."

The event is funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, with support from the Canadian Society for Jewish Studies and Concordia.

All sessions will be open to the public. For more information, visit http://religion.concordia.ca/jewishid/.



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Baking skills propelled Dufflet to gastronomic fame

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Thirty-six years ago, when she was only 20, Dufflet Rosenberg began baking desserts at home.

Not for herself or for her parents, Joe and Ruth, but for Torontonians who could not resist the sublime and heavenly taste of a scrumptious piece of cake that melts in your mouth.

A university dropout who grew up watching her mother bake, she sold these handcrafted confections – chocolate fudge cakes, apple tortes, cheese cakes and the like – to such cafés as the Cow Café and Just Desserts, both now defunct, and to a medley of restaurants.

Achieving instant success, she became one of Toronto's finest up-and-coming bakers. "I was surprised by the reaction," she said in a recent interview. Almost four decades on, Rosenberg presides over a mini-empire.

Her company, Dufflet, produces a dizzying array of cakes, pies, tortes, flans and cookies, as well as packaged nut-based candies coated in chocolate. She sells to supermarkets, gourmet food stores, restaurants, caterers and hotels.

Rosenberg's ascent to gastronomic fame has been spectacular. In 1980, she opened a bakery on Queen Street West, near her home. Two years later, it evolved into a café. Business boomed, and by 1985, she was working out of a 5,000-square-foot facility on Dovercourt Road.

Nine years ago, she opened another café on Yonge Street. In 2007, she launched her third café in the Beach neighbourhood. In 2009, she moved her headquarters to a 30,000-square-foot plant in Etobicoke.

"We're constantly expanding, but there's no big master plan" said Rosenberg, sipping a cup of coffee at her unadorned Queen Street West café. "We're growing all the time."

Citing examples, she mentioned her Small Indulgences line of chocolate crackles, morsels and "tumbles," and her Grab and Go frozen cakes, tarts and waffles.

Dufflet products are sold across Canada and in the United States. In the future, she hopes to expand to Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Although she had broadened her base, cakes and pies still account for the majority of sales. She is loathe to discuss dollars and cents – "we don't give out financial information" – but admits that sales figures have cracked the $1-million mark. A diminutive woman with greying red hair and a soft-spoken manner, she ascribes her success to several interrelated factors.

Dufflet Rosenberg at her Queen Street West café
[Sheldon Kirshner photo]

"I think we're very creative, and we never skimp on ingredients. We make everything from scratch, never from a mix. We do not use artificial flavours, colours or preservatives. Nor do we use hydrogenated fats and oils. We live up to our promise of pure and sweet."

To Rosenberg, product consistency is of the utmost importance. "You always get what you expect," she said.

Rosenberg regularly travels to food shows for new ideas. "We watch trends. We know what's going on out there."

Today, Dufflet produces about 100 different kinds of pastries, from strawberry cream cakes to classic New York-style cheese cakes. After more than three decades, her best-seller is still her signature carrot cake, a dense concoction of carrots, pineapples, coconuts and walnuts layered and iced with cream cheese and honey icing

The meringue cake, however, remains her all-time favourite dessert. "It's light, with lots of texture and flavour."

Though she loves the taste of baked goods, she is sufficiently disciplined to keep her weight down. "I watch what I eat," said Rosenberg, an avid cyclist and skier who exercises with a personal trainer.

For the past five years, she has administered Dufflet with Daniele Bertrand, who came on board as a partner. "The business was expanding and was too much for one person to manage," she explained. "Daniele comes from a corporate background and is very experienced."

Rosenberg, the CEO, is in charge of product development. "The focus is on coming out with the next great thing," said Rosenberg, who can sometimes be found baking in her spanking new test kitchen. "We launch 15 to 20 new products a year."

Rosenberg was brought up on home baking. "My mother was a good baker," she said. "I always liked to watch her. I liked sweets."

She began calling herself Dufflet when she was 15. She acquired the nickname from her brother, Duff, who was fond of chocolate and cherry combinations.

Rosenberg's father – a partner in Ideal Food Service Equipment, founded by her grandfather – also devoured desserts, especially banana cakes, butter tarts, apple pies and ice cream.

She baked her first dessert, a chocolate cake, at the age of 16. She took arts courses at the University of Toronto, but never finished. Drawn to the culinary world, she enrolled in a baking course at George Brown College. She enlarged her repertoire by attending a course in French pastry baking at the École LeNôtre in Paris. But much of what she knows today is self-taught, she noted.

Rosenberg's husband, Martin Kohn, an architect, has a sweet tooth, too, but he manages to control his intake of Dufflet's cornucopia of cakes, pies and cookies.

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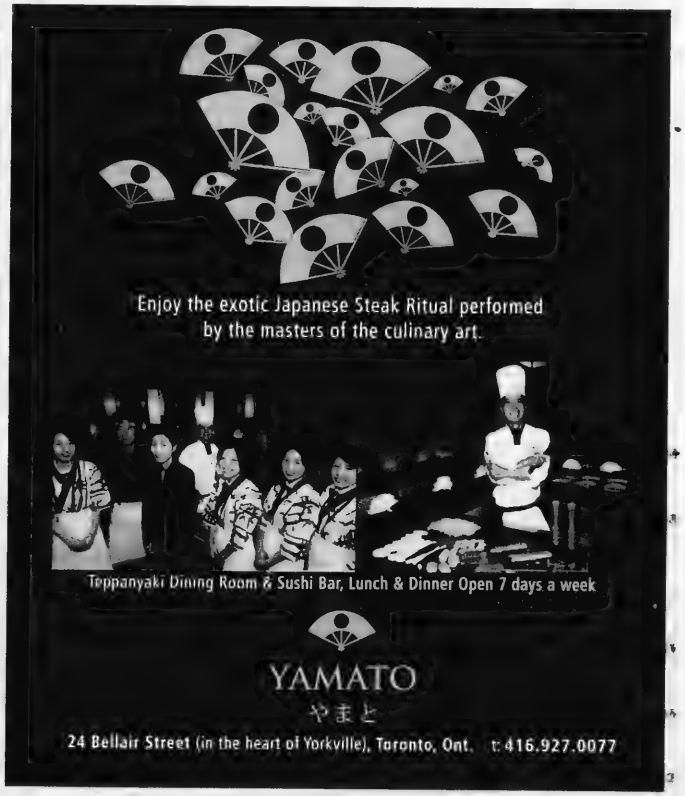
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Chefs cook at fundraiser for Israeli soup kitchens

Barbara Silverstein
Special to The CJN

In 1997, Rabbi Abraham Israel helped a woman with multiple sclerosis cross the street. She walked with a cane and she was so unsteady on her feet, he accompanied her to her home, a bare one-room apartment in a run-down Jerusalem neighbourhood.

The retired American businessman, who had recently made aliyah, was shocked by the level of poverty he saw. The woman had no food in her house. When he learned there were many other people in her building who also went hungry, Rabbi Israel, 61, started a soup kitchen for 17 needy people.

This project grew into the Hazon Yeshaya Humanitarian Network, a volunteer-driven social service organization – Rabbi Israel is the unpaid director – that runs 60 soup kitchens in Israel, serving 400,000 hot, nutritious meals a month. Hazon Yeshaya also provides services that include free dentistry, vocational training, day care and after-school programs at centres in Rishon LeZion, Ashkelon and Jerusalem.

Through word-of-mouth, visitors come to Israel to volunteer at the Hazon Yeshaya soup kitchens, while others participate at charitable branches of the organization that have sprouted in the Diaspora. The Canadian organization started out with parlour meetings, but last summer the volunteer group decided to hold a major fundraiser.

The seeds were sown at the meetings for Soup with the Stars, Hazon Yeshaya Canada's first gala, held on March 28 at The Warehouse in Downsview Park.

The gala was co-chaired by Sarah Krauss, Sam Ifergan and Orna Serruya, and co-ordinated by event planners Karen Garscadden and Tobi Liederman.

"We had 400 tickets and we sold out a week before, Ifergan told *The CJN*.

In her speech at the event, Krauss said the organization was virtually unknown in Toronto, but a committee of dedicated volunteers had worked tirelessly through e-mails, letters and phone calls to publicize the event and the community responded.

Indeed, between ticket sales, donations and the silent auction, the gala brought in more than $300,000. There were so many silent-auction donations – about 100 businesses and artists contributed – that item tables had to be placed in the hallway.

Those people fortunate enough to attend were entertained by Jersey Nights, a tribute to the music of the Four Seasons, and singer Gad Elbaz as they enjoyed a sumptuous kosher dinner catered by PR Creative. The meal included soups prepared by some of the Toronto area's best-known chefs. Hence the gala name: Soup with the Stars, which was very apropos for an event raising money for soup kitchens.

The chefs were on site to serve their soups. Lifestyle guru Rose Reisman, looking elegant in an orange cocktail dress, doled out a low-fat and low-calorie bean soup. Eran Marom, executive chef at the Marron Bistro, offered a beet and horseradish soup, while Daniel Schick, executive chef at the King Edward Hotel's Le Méridien, had prepared a corn chowder.

Toben Kochman, executive chef at Toben Food by Design, served up Vietnamese chicken pho, and Arpi Magyar, executive chef and proprietor of Couture Cuisine, created a goulash (*gulyas*) soup with dumplings.

The day after the gala, *The CJN* was on hand for the tail end of a celebratory debriefing meeting at a suburban eatery with Rabbi Israel and event co-chairs Krauss and Ifergan.

They agreed that Soup with the Stars had been a huge success and one of the hottest tickets in town.

"In the end, we were turning people away," Krauss said, adding that people from across the Greater Toronto Area, from both the Ashkenazi and Sephardi communities, were represented. "We had people of every stripe and colour. From uptown to downtown, observant and non-observant."

Rabbi Abraham Israel (far left), founding director of Hazon Yeshaya, is seen with (from left to right) Orna Serruya, Sam Ifergan and Sarah Krauss, co-chairs of Soup with the Stars, the recent gala that raised $300,000 for soup kitchens in Israel.
[Eric Benchimol photo]

Hunger is a cause that resonates with the whole community, she said.

Rabbi Israel raved about the event. "It was great food. The entertainment was terrific."

But there was not a lot of time for him to savour the success of Soup with the Stars. He's not only the founding director of Hazon Yeshaya, he's also the organization's chief fundraiser. "I travel six months a year."

He was off to Ottawa that very day.

The rabbi, a father of seven, knows what it's like to be hungry. In 1956, his family fled to France from Egypt, leaving all their assets behind. They had to rely on a soup kitchen in Paris to survive. "It was the same soup kitchen that fed the refugees after the war," he recounted.

It took three years before the Israel family could immigrate to the United States. He became a chartered accountant and eventually started a successful shoe-importing business.

Today, it is the needs of the poor, among them children, abused women and Holocaust survivors, that drives him, Rabbi Israel said, explaining that mayors across Israel are asking him to set up centres in their communities. The next one will be in Karmiel.

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DANI starts up catering venture

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

What started as a weekly kosher luncheon at DANI's Place has turned into an ongoing dairy/pareve catering venture.

DANI (Developing and Nurturing Independence) is an organization for young adults who are experiencing physical and/or cognitive challenges,

Susie Sokol, who co-founded DANI with Kathy Laszlo, said that when the group opened a house on McAllister Road, they decided to invite guests for lunch.

"We wanted people to meet our kids, and the kids were able to practise their kitchen skills."

Decked out in hair nets and gloves – they've ordered aprons and chef hats – the kids, under the guidance of a professional chef, set the table, prepare and serve the food, and clean up.

"These are important life skills, and everyone is involved to their ability," said Sokol.

From left, Kathy Laszlo, Danny Laszlo, Sarah Levinson prepare fruit kabobs.

She said the lunch always includes soup, such as squash or sweet potato, and a main course such as French toast or pasta with tofu.

They enjoyed what they were doing so much, she said, "that we decided to take it to the next level. We sent out menus to private homes and to offices, and we have had requests for meals. We're working on getting into some schools."

The venture, DANI Dairy Delights, is under the supervision of COR, and Sokol praised the Kashruth Council for "being supportive from the first moment we contacted them."

The menu includes "some amazing food such as grilled vegetables, veggie sandwiches, a tuna wrap and fantastic cinnamon buns."

"The kids are so proud of themselves when they see what they have accomplished, and they love to eat the leftovers. It's wonderful to watch them work. Everyone thinks that they have to do things for the kids, but our kids want to do for others. People now see them in a different light."

Their project had a ripple effect, she said. "My daughter, Talya, who is 26 and cognitively disabled, does a lot more at home now."

The following recipes are from *Dani Delights*, a cookbook that brings together recipes from parents, DANI kids and community "celebrities."

SWEET POTATO SOUP

2 tbsp. margarine/butter
2 onions, diced
2 sweet potatoes, peeled and diced
2 potatoes, peeled and diced
2 carrots
8 cups vegetable broth
2 tbsp. orange juice

In a large soup pot, melt margarine over low heat. Add onions and sauté until softened. Add rest of vegetables, broth and orange juice and bring to a boil. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes or until veggies are soft. Let cool. Purée in blender. Add extra stock or water to thin if needed.

BAKED FRENCH TOAST

1 loaf challah bread cut into cubes
7 eggs
2 1/2 cups milk
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
1/2 cup melted butter
2 tbsp. maple syrup
1 cup brown sugar

Preheat oven to 350. Put cubed challah into a prepared 9 x 13 baking dish. In a mixing bowl combine eggs, milk, vanilla and pour over challah. Refrigerate overnight. Before baking, combine melted butter, syrup and sugar in a mixing bowl, and pour over challah cubes. Bake for about 40-45 minutes, until brown and puffy.

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Bin Laden hit symbolic victory for U.S. and Obama

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Despite the hours of celebration in the United States, the killing of Osama bin Laden is far from being a deathblow to Al Qaeda, nor will it end the activities of the myriad of groups operating under the global jihad umbrella.

Al Qaeda isn't an ordered, structured organization, and bin Laden wasn't the commander of the extremist Muslims operating in Yemen, Iraq or North Africa, and even not of those using his name in the Gaza Strip. He did not give those groups orders, and most of them were able to fund themselves without receiving assistance from the Tora Bora mountains or from Pakistan. Moreover, his death will serve as a catalyst to attempts by countless members of Muslim extremist groups to conduct revenge attacks against American and western targets.

But, and this is a big "but," his killing is nothing less than a triumph for American military deterrence. It is a symbolic victory in a war whose battlefield is public opinion, and where symbolism rules supreme.

Analysis

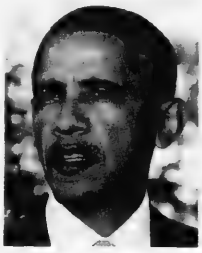
The fact that a team of U.S. soldiers can reach bin Laden's hideout and take him out, without any casualties on the American side, sends a message to all Al Qaeda supporters: the United States is no longer a paper tiger and it has the ability to reach anyone who tries to hurt it. Or, as Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said, this is "a lesson to the whole world."

And perhaps one picture taken in Jenin clarifies more than anything the meaning of this killing for the entire Middle East: the image shows an Islamic jihad operative, wounded during the intifadah by Israel Defence Forces fire, holding bin Laden's picture and mourning his death.

It's hard not to admire the way in which U.S. intelligence managed to get to bin Laden – without drones or precision airstrikes. It was a ground operation that included a break-in at the house on the outskirts of Islamabad in which the Al Qaeda leader was hiding and shooting him in the head.

This kind of operation requires not only amazingly precise intelligence, but also a skilled force capable of making its way to the house undetected, and then breaking in. The lack of American casualties may also indicate how great was the Al Qaeda leader's surprise that the soldiers had reached him and his men. One can only hazard a guess as to how many times the story of the bin Laden operation will be retold, and even receive the Hollywood treatment, given that this was a man the United States intelligence had been trying to reach well before 9-11.

It probably won't hurt U.S. President Barack Obama ahead of an upcoming election year, with this significant achievement to be added to his credit, despite his utter lack of military experience.



U.S. President Barack Obama

Obama, who has been perceived as a weak figure desperately attempting to nudge closer to the Muslim world, succeeded where the former U.S. president George W. Bush failed. He managed to bring the head of the great Satan to the American public without embarking on two wars. And indeed Obama, who was so criticized for his foreign policy, for his misunderstanding of the Middle East and the Muslim world, reached such a symbolic victory: clean, quick, without casualties, and even almost without any casualties from among the civilians surrounding bin Laden during his final moments.

This operation, swift as it was, does quite a bit to alter Obama's image from that of a president who shies away from military confrontations or using force. But primarily it rehabilitates the image of the U.S. military, which, while making substantial gains in Afghanistan in recent years, has lacked the kind of symbols that would strike a chord with the Middle Eastern consciousness.

Despite the celebrations and achievements, the war against global jihad is like emptying the sea with a teaspoon, as former Shin Bet director Avi Dichter once said. This is highlighted by the raised level of alert at U.S. embassies across the world.

Bin Laden will probably be succeeded by an operational successor. It may be Ayman al-Zawahri – unless he was wounded in the attack – or perhaps a less familiar figure. But no successor would be able to recreate the kind of aura surrounding bin Laden. But from now on, any replacement or successor will know that he is living on borrowed time.

Hamas condemns bin Laden slaying

Jack Khoury
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The Palestinian Islamist group Hamas on Monday condemned the killing by U.S. forces of Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden and mourned him as an "Arab holy warrior."

"We regard this as a continuation of the American policy based on oppression and the shedding of Muslim and Arab blood," Ismail Haniyeh, head of the Hamas administration in Gaza, told reporters.

Though he noted doctrinal differences between bin Laden's Al Qaeda and Hamas, Haniyeh said: "We condemn the assassination and the killing of an Arab holy warrior. We ask God to offer him mercy with the true believers and the martyrs."

Haniyeh's comments came after an earlier remark by a Palestinian Authority spokesperson who said bin Laden's killing was "good for the cause of peace."

"Getting rid of bin Laden is good for the cause of peace worldwide, but what counts is to overcome the discourse and the methods – the violent methods – that were created and encouraged by bin Laden and others in the world," Ghassan Khatib said.

The PA's comments came after an announcement by U.S. President Barack Obama late Sunday that bin Laden, who masterminded the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States had been killed and the U.S. had recovered his body,

Hamas and Fatah announced last week their intention to reconcile, after a four-year-long bitter and at times violent rift that left Hamas administering Gaza and the West Bank under the control of the Fatah-dominated Palestinian Authority.

Palestinian officials said last Friday that Egypt invited Palestinian leaders to Cairo for the signing of the reconciliation agreement, which was scheduled to take place Wednesday.

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Israel struck a nuclear reactor when it allegedly bombed a Syrian site in 2007, the head of the international nuclear watchdog said. Yukiya Amano, who heads the International Atomic Energy Agency, said the structure in the Syrian desert destroyed by Israeli warplanes was definitely a nuclear reactor, Associated Press reported. It marked the first time the UN agency has confirmed that a nuclear reactor was located at the site. Amano made his comments at a news conference on the fallout from Japan's Fukushima nuclear plant disaster. Syria denies it has ever developed a nuclear weapons program. Israel has never confirmed or denied the strike.

Egyptians would cancel treaty

More than half of Egyptians feel the peace treaty with Israel should be annulled, a new poll found. Some 54 per cent want to cancel the treaty, with 36 per cent saying it should be maintained. Some 10 per cent said they don't know, according to a nationwide survey by the Pew Research Center's Global Attitudes Project. Some 71 per cent of Egyptians said a democracy is preferable to any other type of government, up from 60 per cent last year.

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How Osama bin Laden was taken out

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WASHINGTON — The question of who was living in the compound in Pakistan where Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden was hiding in recent months had become a source of concern for American intelligence officials, according to senior officials in the U.S. administration and the country's intelligence agencies.

U.S. President Barack Obama confirmed late Sunday that American forces had killed the Al Qaeda chief in a raid at the compound, and recovered his body. Four helicopters had swooped in and bin Laden was killed in the fiery American assault on his fortress-like compound in a town that is home to three army regiments.

American analysts had checked the information that piled up, "from every possible angle," and came to the conclusion that there was no one else who matched the profile of a potentially significant resident as well as bin Laden.

"We were confident there was a high-value target hidden in the compound," one official said.

"We tried to establish whether the terrorist who lives there is Osama Bin Laden," a senior administration official said in a briefing to reporters. "We tracked his personal couriers. One courier in particular got our attention, the protégé of Khaled Sheikh Mohamad, the mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks."

The official said that detainees also recognized this man as a courier for bin Laden. "Four years ago, we uncovered his identity. We identified the areas in Pakistan where they operated."

The official said the heavy security surrounding the compound aroused the suspicions of intelligence officials as far back as eight months ago. "In August 2010, we found the residence. It is an extraordinary, unique compound, eight times larger than the other homes in the town," the U.S. official added.

"In the last six years, some residential homes were built there. The security was extraordinary. Access to the compound was restricted by two security gates," the official continued. There was no Internet installed on the premises, and they could not ascertain the source of the wealth of the compound's owners.

"Our best assessment is that bin Laden was living there with several wives, including his youngest wife," the official said.

The house in the town of Abbottabad was, according to a U.S. official, custom built to hide someone of significance. Abbottabad is about 96 kilometres from the capital Islamabad, far from the remote mountain caves along the Pakistan-Afghanistan tribal border where most intelligence assessments had put bin Laden in recent years.

The house was close to the gate of the Kakul Military Academy, an army-run institution where top officers train.

An American administration official said the compound was built in 2005 at the end of a narrow dirt road with extraordinary security measures. He said it had 12- to 18-feet walls topped with barbed wire, as well as the two security gates and lack of access by telephone or Internet.

A Pakistan intelligence official said the property was 3,000 square feet. Discovery of the location raised pointed questions about whether Pakistani authorities had known the whereabouts of the world's most wanted man.

Critics have long accused some elements of Pakistan's security establishment of protecting bin Laden, though Islamabad has always denied this. Ties between the United States and Pakistan have reached a low point in recent months over the future of Afghanistan, and any hint of possible Pakistani collusion with bin Laden could make things worse, despite the jubilation over getting America's No. 1 enemy.

One Pakistani official said the choppers took off from a Pakistani air base, suggesting there was some co-operation on the raid. But U.S. President Barack Obama did not thank Pakistan in his statement on bin Laden's death.

Pakistan's foreign office hailed the death as a breakthrough in the international campaign against militancy, and noted Al-Qaeda had declared war on Pakistan and killed thousands of Pakistani civilians and security officers.

It stressed that the operation to kill bin Laden was an American one, and did not address any concerns about whether Pakistani officials may have been protecting bin Laden in some way. Domestically, the government may yet face criticism by political opponents and Islamists for allowing U.S. forces to kill bin Laden on its soil.

Pakistani officials said a son of bin Laden and three other people were killed. Other unidentified males were taken away from the scene by helicopter, while four children and two women were arrested and left in an ambulance, the official said.

A witness and a Pakistani official said bin Laden's guards opened fire from the roof of the compound in the small northwestern town of Abbottabad, and one of the choppers crashed. However U.S. officials said no Americans were hurt in the operation. The sound of at least two explosions rocked Abbottabad as the fighting raged.

It was not known how long bin Laden had been in Abbottabad, which is less than half a day's drive from the border region with Afghanistan.

Salman Riaz, a film actor, said that five months ago, he and a crew tried to do some filming next to the house, but were told to stop by two men who came out. "They told me that this is *haram* [forbidden in Islam]," he said.

'Sober satisfaction' at the news

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But I hope they can find some comfort in the fact that justice has been done.

"At the State Department, we've been working to forge worldwide anti-terrorist co-operation," Clinton said. "Continued co-operation will be just as important in the days ahead. Because the battle to stop Al Qaeda won't stop with the death of bin Laden, we must redouble our efforts."

Bin Laden was for years sheltered by the Taliban in Afghanistan, leading to a U.S. invasion that toppled the Taliban regime there in late 2001 and ushering in a nearly decade-long war between U.S.-led forces and the Islamist group.

The American Jewish Committee hailed the news of bin Laden's death.

"We express our heartfelt admiration and appreciation to the United States government for the relentless pursuit of bin Laden, who had the blood of thousands on his hands," said executive director David Harris.

Shimon Fogel, CEO of the Canadian Council for Jewish and Israel Advocacy (CIJA) and of the Canada-Israel Committee, said the Canadian Jewish community felt "sober satisfaction" at the news of bin Laden's death and that the terrorist mastermind had "met his appropriate end.

"However, we would exercise extreme caution and warn against complacency with respect to the continuing threat posed by Islamic extremism. The fact that Osama bin Laden is no longer on the scene does not diminish the very real threat, not only of its continuation, but of its expansion in the time ahead," Fogel said.

With files from JTA

Former Montrealers killed in Marrakech

David Lazarus
Staff Reporter

A Jewish woman who grew up and married in Montreal and her Moroccan-born husband were among the victims in the April 28 terror bombing of a café in Marrakech, Morocco, that reportedly killed at least 16 people.

Twenty-eight-year-old Michal Zekry-Wizman, who was five months pregnant with a second child, and her husband, Messod Wizman, 30, were in a café waiting for their nearby hotel room to be readied when the attack, reportedly linked to Al Qaeda, occurred.

The couple was in Morocco to visit Messod's family, who were taking care of the couple's two-year-old son, David, in Casablanca, at the time of the attack.

Zekry-Wizman and her husband had moved to Shanghai, China, four years ago after their marriage in Montreal. Last Friday, Michal's parents, Jacques and Simone Zekry, were preparing to depart Montreal for the couple's May 2 burial in Israel, Michal's birthplace. The Zekry family had moved from Israel to Montreal when Michal was a child.

According to a friend who spoke with *The CJN*, Zekry-Wizman attended École Maïmonide and graduated from the Université de Montréal.

Rabbi Shalom Greenberg, the Chabad rabbi in Shanghai, was quoted as being shocked at the murders and described the couple as, "special people, generous, with pure souls."

Evidence collected from the explosion last Thursday in the Moroccan city confirmed it was a bomb attack, the country's interior ministry said.

"Analysis of the early evidence collected at the site of the blast that occurred on Thursday at a cafe in Marrakech confirms the theory of an attack," the ministry said in a statement carried by the country's official MAP news agency.

The blast ripped through the second story of the Cafe Argana, which overlooks Marrakech's Jamaa el-Fnaa square, a spot usually bustling with tourists and local vendors.

Officials didn't say if they suspected the involvement of Islamist terror groups. The groups' last major attacks came in a series of suicide bombings in Morocco's commercial capital, Casablanca, in 2003, that killed more than 45 people.

Two people in Marrakech told Reuters the explosion was the work of a suicide bomber, but there was no immediate confirmation of this.

"I heard a massive blast. The first and second floors of the building were destroyed," said one local woman, who didn't want to be identified. "Some witnesses said they have seen a man carrying a bag entering the cafe before the blast occurred."

The roof over the restaurant's upstairs terrace was ripped off by the force of the explosion, and pieces of plaster and electrical wires hung from the ceiling.

The interior ministry issued a statement saying the explosion killed 14 people, including an undisclosed number of foreigners, and injured another 20 people.

Moroccan TV later issued a statement saying that 10 of those killed in the explosion were foreigners, six of whom were French.

The blast is likely to hurt Morocco's tourism trade – a major source of revenue – which is already struggling to recover from the effects of the global downturn.

"Marrakech is the main tourist destination in Morocco, and Argana Cafe has been one of the most popular cafes in the square," said a Frenchman who owns a restaurant in the city.

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Hamas, Fatah agree to unite

JTA

JERUSALEM — Hamas leader Khaled Meshaal arrived in Cairo on Sunday to sign an Egyptian-brokered deal to end a rift between his Palestinian group and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas' rival Fatah, Egypt's state news agency reported.

Egypt has invited Palestinian leaders, including Meshaal, to Cairo for the signing ceremony, due later this week.

It is the first trip by the Damascus-based Hamas leader to Cairo since a popular uprising toppled Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak from power in February.

The reconciliation accord, which was initialled by senior Hamas and Fatah officials in Cairo last week, calls for setting up a unity government that would run the West Bank and Gaza Strip and prepare for Palestinian elections within a year.

Khaled Meshaal
[File photo]

Israeli leaders condemned the accord and said that Abbas must choose between reconciliation with Hamas or peace with Israel.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told his cabinet Sunday that a recent unity agreement between long-warring Palestinian factions Hamas and Fatah should be a cause for concern for "all those in the world who aspire to see peace between us and our Palestinian neighbours." A future peace between Israel and the Palestinians will be created "only with those who want to be on our side, and not those who want our annihilation," Netanyahu said.

It was not immediately clear if Meshaal would meet Egypt's military ruler, Field Marshall Mohammed Hussein Tantawi, but any meeting between the Hamas leader and Egypt's top political leaders would have been unthinkable when Mubarak was in power.

The Palestinians will continue to handle any peace negotiations with Israel despite the Fatah-Hamas unity agreement, Abbas said.

He told reporters last Thursday that the Palestine Liberation Organization, which he heads, will continue to be responsible for handling negotiations, *Ha'aretz* reported. Hamas, which is designated as a terrorist organization by Israel, the United States and the European Union, is not a member of the PLO.

The new unity government "has nothing to do with politics," Abbas said.

Israel has said that it will not negotiate with Hamas, which does not recognize the Jewish state and calls for its destruction. The new unity government also poses a dilemma for the U.S. administration, which has funnelled hundreds of millions of dollars to the Fatah-led PA but has pledged not to support or deal with a government comprising Hamas. That would only change if Hamas renounced violence, pledged to uphold existing agreements with Israel and recognized Israel's right to exist, U.S. officials have said.

Last Thursday, top Hamas official Mahmoud al-Zahar said his organization would not participate in peace talks with Israel, Ynet reported. But, Zahar said, Hamas will not stop its partners from talking to Israel. "If Fatah wants to negotiate with Israel over trivialities, they can," he reportedly said.

Hamas and Fatah has been at odds since Hamas violently ousted Fatah from the Gaza Strip in 2007, about a year after Hamas surpassed Fatah in legislative elections.

In a statement issued last week Wednesday, Netanyahu said the reconciliation "shows the weakness of the Palestinian Authority and causes one to wonder if Hamas will seize control of Judea and Samaria, like it seized control of the Gaza Strip."

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'Artisan' kitchen produces grain-free foods

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Back in 2002, Jodi Bager walked into a health food store on Yonge Street that sold gluten-free products. She had been baking grain-free – and hence, gluten-free – items in her own kitchen for some time after she had developed ulcerative colitis during her first pregnancy.

Family and friends agreed her muffins and biscotti were tasty and easy on the system. Baked with almond flour, they went even further than the gluten-free items marketed by the store for people with various food sensitivities.

Armed with that knowledge, she pressed her case with the store manager, who, after a tasting, agreed the pastries were delicious and asked if she could supply several dozen.

Back at home, Bager started baking large quantities. "That's how it started," said her husband, Steven.

From that humble beginning, the Bagers expanded their business from their basement kitchen to a commercial facility in North York. Although they now employ five people, including their former nanny, Lougie, who is the head baker, it's still an artisan-style of production with hand-mixing and baking. Sales, however, are counted in the high six figures.

Incorporated a few years ago, today Grain-Free JK Gourmet produces muffins and biscotti for dozens of stores across the GTA and ships them as far as Victoria and Prince Edward Island.

Although baked goods formed the foundation for their business, in recent years the enterprise has expanded big time with the addition of five flavours of grain-free granola, as well as granola bars. They also are the exclusive Canadian distributors of a brand of almond flour that is a fine and powdery, unlike the coarser variety more commonly found. These now account for 90 per cent of their business, Steven said.

The granolas and baked goods are a premium product and are priced accordingly, said Steven, the company's head of marketing and sales.

Appealing to a niche market, JK Gourmet is growing by 20 to 25 per cent per year. The company's products are available in the GTA in specialty food stores such as The Big Carrot, Bruno's Fine Foods, Chapman's Essential Foods, Daiter's Fresh Market, Noah's Natural Foods, Nortown Foods, and Pusateri's, as well as Whole Foods and even one Shopper's outlet.

Steven said "our brand is well known in a small community. We love our customers, and they seem to love us. We have relationships with our customers. We have no third-party distributors."

The products are already fairly pricey – a 350-gram bag of granola sells for $9.99 – and "a middleman would mark it up and it would become unaffordable," he said.

All the granola is still hand-mixed based on recipes designed by Jodi, he continued.

Based on an informal taste tasting by discerning consumers at *The CJN*, the granola recipes are a big hit. And given that so many people in the Jewish community suffer from various digestive issues, Steven believes this is still a largely untapped market.

About 18 months ago, the firm receive a KSA kashrut certification, enabling it to expand into a market with many who are sensitive to gluten products.

Jodi believes her experience is one shared by many others.

Eleven years ago, when she was struck with colitis, she embarked on the standard medically approved treatments. She was prescribed various powerful medications, including prednisone, but she was concerned about all the side effects that came with it.

"Jodi was convinced that what she ate would affect how she felt, so she tried several diets," Steven said. Some did not help, while others were too bland or boring to maintain for any length of time.

Then she read a book by Elaine Gottschall called *Breaking the Vicious Cycle*, which directed her to the "specific carbohydrate diet (SCD)." It called for the elimination of all complex carbohydrates, such as breads, pasta and potatoes, as well as refined sugar and processed foods.

"Honey is your only sweetener," Steven said.

Jodi found that the diet worked. "She started feeling better within two to three months. There was a marked improvement in her condition."

She joined the online SCD community, even becoming "a guru and mentor" to other people, her husband said.

She was baking for herself and her stepfather, who suffers from celiac disease, using almond flour and even bringing desserts into restaurants in her "magic bag."

When she started supplying the health food store on Yonge, which is now defunct, it turned out many people who were looking for a gluten and grain-free alternative were impressed.

Jodi and Steven Bager

News of the products "travelled by word of mouth" and as demand increased, Jodi gave up a career as a teacher to devote herself to her growing business, while Steven left his job in management and marketing.

After they launched their website (www.jkgourmet.com), they began receiving orders from across the country and from the United States. They even have one customer who lives in Hong Kong and picks up his package of JK treats at a U.S. address.

In 2005 Jodi and Jenny Lass co-authored *Grain-Free Gourmet: Delicious Recipes for Health Living* and followed that up in 2008 with *Everyday Grain-Free Gourmet: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.* Both are Canadian bestsellers.

As for Jodi, she's in remission and drug-free. "It is this journey to health through diet that inspired Grain-Free JK Gourmet's delicious, nutritious products," she said.

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First-time novelist inspired by Venice's old ghetto

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Roberta Rich, a former family law lawyer who has been writing since high school, has written her first novel, *The Midwife of Venice* (Doubleday Canada), which was published recently.

A historical novel taking place in 16th-century Venice and Malta and focusing on a Jewish woman who risks execution by delivering a Christian woman's baby, it was inspired by a trip to Italy.

Four years ago, she and her husband, Ken, were touring Venice when inspiration struck.

"We were on a walking tour of the Jewish ghetto, which, if you haven't seen it for yourself, is like a movie set of narrow, dark buildings and several synagogues, tucked away on second and third floors, out of view," she said.

"Walking up the staircases and through musty passages and narrow streets strung with drying laundry, I began to wonder what life must have been for Jews who flocked to the ghetto as one of the few safe havens available at the time," she added.

With these ideas racing through her mind, Rich thought she had the makings of a novel. "I started thinking about my characters and a plot almost immediately after visiting the ghetto," she recalled. "Within a few weeks, I had a pretty good sense of the character and how I wanted the plot to progress."

Hannah Levi, the character of her imagination, is an extremely skilled midwife whose services are desperately required by a Catholic nobleman, Paolo de Padovani.

His wife has been in labour for two days and three nights, yet the child will not be born. He is at his wit's end.

Levi, a compassionate person, is touched, but she knows it is illegal and punishable by death for a Jew to render medical assistance to a Christian. Nonetheless, she decides to assist the count. Her altruism is skin-deep. She wants to help her husband, Isaac, a captive slave on the island of Malta.

Before writing her first novel, Rich, not much of a history buff until then, immersed herself in that era by reading. "An historical novelist needs to know the people of a particular period," she explained. "What they ate. How they entertained themselves. How they had sex. How they lit their homes. All of this is fairly easy to find in books."

Harder to ascertain, she added, was how "ordinary people" related to the world and themselves, and how they regarded marriage and children.

To find out, she read books such as *Private Lives in Renaissance Venice*, *The Ghetto of Venice*, *Women and Men in Renaissance Venice* and *Venice: Lion City*. "I also read *Justine, Court Midwife*, a very gruesome book about midwifery in the 1700s, and Cecil Roth's *History of the Jews in Venice*, which is wonderful."

A friend, Rhoda Friedricks, a professor of early modern history, was helpful, too. "She set me straight on a number of things," said Rich.

In delving into 16th-century Venice, she was especially fascinated by its development as a mercantile hub.

"It was a commercial centre par excellence, thanks in part to the role that Jewish merchants played in opening Venice to Middle East trade routes. City fathers often protected Venetian Jews, while the Vatican wanted to expel them. It was an interesting and delicate dynamic."

As well, Rich was drawn to the theme of Jewish captives in Malta. "Jews were highly prized as captives because it was well-known that even if a Jew was poor, there was a Jewish community somewhere that would pay handsomely for his release."

And as she noted, there was yet another element in the mix. "Jewish traders in Venice levied a cargo tax on all ships leaving the port carrying goods belonging to Jewish merchants. The tax was designed to ransom Jews who had been captured by the Knights of Jerusalem or pirates."

Having completed her research, Rich sat down to write.

"Plotting was always the greatest challenge. The story unfolds from two points of views, Hannah in Venice and Isaac in Malta. But in early drafts, I had a much stronger plot revolving around Hannah. It was not until I came up with Isaac as a character that his portion of the book started to take shape."

Having once been riveted by a speech on the creative process delivered by the American novelist Barbara Kingsolver, she likened the genesis of *The Midwife of Venice* to the growth of a forest.

Roberta Rich

"A variety of acorns, pine cones and maple seedlings drop to the ground," she said. "Some are carried away in a stream, some are eaten by wild pigs, some never sprout, some grow into saplings, and some mature into trees."

Much to her fortune, Rich's manuscript was immediately accepted by a publisher. "Despite the unhappy state of the publishing industry today, my editor fell in love with it and helped me immeasurably to revise it into a publishable state."

Rich, born in Buffalo, N.Y., began writing when she was a student in high school. "I wrote what I considered very witty plays about two-dimensional girls."

After taking a BA degree in English and anthropology, she studied law at the University of British Columbia.

In 1976, she opened a family law practice with a friend in Vancouver. She enjoyed it, but sold her share in 1999. "Practising law taught me nothing about good writing, although a few judges said that my legal briefs sounded more like novels than legal arguments."

In retrospect, she said, her days as a lawyer proved to be of value when she turned to writing.

As she put it, "Family law is replete with interesting stories and teaches you a lot about the relationship between men and women and the frailties of the human heart."

Rich, who divides her time between Vancouver and the town of Colima in Mexico, is already working on a sequel.

"I'm very excited about it. My Venetian characters, Hannah and Isaac, are living happily in Constantinople when Isaac's sister-in-law arrives and shatters their lives in an unexpected way."

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Rags-to-riches careers in the cosmetics industry

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

The paths of Helena Rubinstein and Eugene Schueller never crossed as they pursued their rags-to-riches careers. But they were cut from the same cloth. Both were titans in the multi-billion-dollar international cosmetics industry.

Rubinstein shot to fame with an all-purpose facial cream. Schueller concocted the first safe artificial hair dye and founded the L'Oreal empire.

Long after they died, their worlds collided when L'Oreal bought Rubinstein's company. Given their respective backgrounds, L'Oreal's acquisition was supremely ironic. Rubinstein, a Polish Jew from Krakow, lost relatives in the Holocaust. Schueller, a Catholic from Paris, supported the pro-German Vichy regime during Germany's occupation of France.

Ruth Brandon, a British historian and novelist, explores their lives in a fascinating and thoughtful book, *Ugly Beauty: Helena Rubinstein, L'Oreal, and the Blemished History of Looking Good* (McClelland & Stewart).

Although they shared many traits, Rubinstein and Schueller could not have been more different.

Described by Brandon as "the first woman tycoon" and "the first self-made female millionaire," Rubinstein was a myth maker. In her two memoirs, she created a self-serving illusion about her early days in Poland.

She claimed that she and her family lived in the lap of luxury and that her father was a prosperous wholesale food broker who collected books and fine furniture. Further embroidering this tall tale, she claimed that she had once been a medical student.

The truth was more prosaic.

The Rubinsteins were poor Jews who resided in Kazimierz, a dingy neighbourhood that has since been gentrified for the benefit of Polish and foreign tourists. Her father was a struggling kerosene dealer who supplemented his income by selling eggs. She studied at a local Jewish school rather than at a medical school.

Eugene Schueller

Despite her flights of fancy, Rubinstein was an impressive woman. Having started her first beauty salon in Australia, she cracked open markets in London, Paris and New York, trading on her intelligence, astuteness, hard work and lucky timing.

"But what made her (and her competitors) so very rich, so fast, was the markup: the difference between cheap raw materials and the astounding prices charged for the finished product," Brandon writes.

A keen analyst of human behaviour, Rubinstein quickly discovered that high prices did not deter sales. If a line failed, she would typically raise the price, and sales would rise. Rubinstein also courted the press, realizing that newspaper articles were not only free, but more effective than expensive advertisements.

As her business grew, she stumbled upon another timeless truth. It is better to sell four different facial creams for four different purposes than one cream for one purpose.

Devoted to her family, Rubinstein employed all but one of her eight sisters. She married a Polish Jew, Edward Titus, but loved her business more. Her second husband, a sweet-tempered Georgian prince 23 years her junior who supposedly slept with her only once and had a roving eye, was content to be Mr. Helena Rubinstein.

Helena Rubinstein at the age of 16

Although she moved in elite circles, she was not immune to anti-Semitism. When she tried to buy a 26-room triplex in Manhattan, she was refused. As was common during that racist era, the building had a no-Jews policy. Enraged, she purchased the building. Yet Rubinstein was a snob. She declined to live in New York City's Upper West Side because it was "too Jewish."

And she could be cold and unfeeling. When the painter Marc Chagall asked her for a loan to help relatives escape from Nazi Germany, she told him to try elsewhere. After the war, she was an ardent supporter of Israel.

Upon Rubinstein's death, her company declined. Her children, nephews and nieces were not up to the task of running the business. In 1988, L'Oreal acquired it.

Like Rubinstein, Schueller was not to the manor born. A chemist, he was industrious and ambitious, a visionary who catered to every women's dread of gray hairs and wrinkles.

A social reformer, Schueller was a conservative authoritarian philosophically. His decision to throw in his lot with Vichy France and the Germans, Brandon says, was governed less by doctrine than by pragmatism.

Only collaboration with the powers-that-be ensured L'Oreal's access to scarce raw materials. As a result, its profits quadrupled between 1940 and 1944.

Though he consorted with antisemites and belonged to an anti-Jewish organization, Schueller claimed he helped Jews and hated racism. The French authorities believed him. After the war, he was twice acquitted of industrial collaboration. Had he been found guilty, his business would have been nationalized.

Ugly Beauty takes on a darker tone when Brandon examines the postwar period, during which L'Oreal acquired Rubinstein's company.

The L'Oreal executive who instigated the deal, Jacques Correze, was a wartime fascist and Jew-baiter.

"He had even the chutzpah to visit Israel... to negotiate the sale of Helena Rubinstein's Israeli branch and the closure of its manufacturing operation there," she notes, adding that L'Oreal divested itself of it to appease Arab governments and wriggle off the Arab economic boycott.

To add insult to injury, L'Oreal's vice-president, Andre Bettencourt, was tainted, too. A man who once compared Jews to vomit, he was a former diplomat and cabinet minister who was received by Israeli prime minister Golda Meir and was France's official representative at the funeral of prime minister David Ben-Gurion.

When Bettencourt resigned in disgrace in 1994, he was replaced by his son-in-law, Jean-Pierre Meyers, a Jew whose grandfather was murdered in Auschwitz.

Such ironies abound in *Ugly Beauty*, a book that at once glorifies and diminishes Rubinstein and Schueller.

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Festival presents an eclectic selection of films

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

As usual, this year's edition of the Toronto Jewish Film Festival is immaculately eclectic, satisfying virtually all tastes.

David Kaufman's *Song of the Lodz Ghetto* (May 8 at 9 p.m. at the Cineplex Odeon Sheppard Centre)is a hybrid in the best sense of the word. An excellent historical survey of the first sealed Nazi ghetto in Poland, it unfolds to the barbed lyrics of street troubadour Yankele Herszcowicz, who spoke to the fears, anguish, hopes and resentments of its doomed inhabitants and who, miraculously, survived the Holocaust and went back to Lodz after the war.

The accomplished klezmer band Brave Old World recreates his melodies with panache. Graphic file footage of Germany's invasion of Poland and of everyday life in the ghetto are counterpoints to Herszcowicz's edgy songs. Eyewitnesses, experts and survivors offer vivid accounts of Herszcowicz and of Nazi brutalities and deportations.

Kaufman's appraisal of ghetto elder Chaim Rumkowski is nuanced. On the one hand, Rumkowski was an egoist who revelled in a twisted cult of personality. On the other hand, his rescue-through-work strategy, though deeply flawed, saved some lives.

Leonard Cohen: Bird on a Wire (May 10 at 7 p.m. at the TIFF Bell Lighthouse) catches Canada's famous poet and composer/singer on a 20-city tour of Europe and the Middle East in 1972 that began in Dublin and ended in Jerusalem.

Cohen, then 37, is in a pensive and playful mood as he travels from one concert to the next, belting out soulful hits and making pithy observations. In one comment, he says that cantorial music forms an integral component of his style. In Tony Palmer's road movie, Cohen is all over the map, engaging fans seeking autographs and flirting with an attractive woman he probably intends to seduce.

Shimon Peres, Self-Portrait (May 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cineplex Odeon Sheppard Centre), a documentary from France, is a biopic of Israel's current president, a deeply committed Zionist who has filled virtually every pivotal post in the Israeli government.

This hagiographic film finds Peres in a mellow mood as he recalls his childhood in a shtetl without electricity, his immigration to Palestine ("I was waiting all my life to leave for the place of my dreams") and his stint as a shepherd on a kibbutz.

Peres hoped to become a poet or an architect, but with a war looming, David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, summoned his protégé to the Haganah. Charged with breaking the arms embargo against the newly created State of Israel, Peres proved adept, convincing his bosses that he was "essential" rather than merely "important."

Appointed deputy defence minister following the 1948 war, Peres played an integral role in the formation

***Life is Too Long* is a bittersweet comedy.**

Children in the Lodz ghetto

of Israel's alliance with France and in Israel's decision to build a nuclear reactor in Dimona. Eventually, he succeeded Yitzhak Rabin as prime minister. The film glosses over Peres' bumpy road to the prime minister's office, but gives him ample room to reflect on leaders he knew (Anwar Sadat and Yasser Arafat), on the nature of politics and on the prospect for peace.

Arab Labor (May 11 at 5:15 p.m. at the Al Green Theatre and May 15 at 1 p.m. at Silver City Richmond Hill) is the title of an uproarious Israeli television comedy that gently satirizes the fraught relationship between Jews and Arabs in Israel. The central character, Amjad Elian, is an upwardly mobile Israeli Arab journalist who seeks a ticket of admission to mainstream Israeli society while preserving his Arab identity.

In several episodes from *Arab Labor's* second season, Elian stumbles upon the hard facts of life in Israel after buying a flat in a Jewish neighbourhood in Jerusalem. As he prepares to move, a Jewish friend advises him that grievances can best be resolved through vocal agitation, while an Arab mover tries to extort extra payments from him.

Meanwhile, Amjad's fussy wife, Bushra, discovers that proper water pressure in a shower stall trumps Arabic identity, and Amjad is stereotypically mistaken for a janitor. Realizing her appalling error, Amjad's new Jewish neighbour, a neurotic woman with leftist political sympathies, tries in hilarious fashion to make amends.

Pnina Feiler: A Communist Nurse (May 8 at 1 p.m. at the Al Green Theatre) is about a feisty 85-year-old kibbutznik and pacifist who crosses into the West Bank regularly to work as a volunteer in an Arab clinic. An opponent of Israel's occupation of the West Bank, she was born in Poland, where she was drawn to communism. Immigrating to Palestine in 1938, she settled on Yad Hannah, a unique kibbutz. This is a portrait of an idealist who identifies with the underdog.

Life Is Too Long (May 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Al Green Theatre), a bittersweet comedy from Germany by Dani Levy, turns on Alfred Seliger, a coke-sniffing contemporary Jewish filmmaker whose marriage and career are spinning out of control. To add to his woes, Seliger's investment portfolio has taken a heavy hit, his daughter considers him an embarrassment and his wife is having an affair.

When his latest project – a satire on Mohammed – flounders, Seliger accepts an offer to direct four episodes of a successful TV show. Here, too, he runs into trouble.

Although the humour can be juvenile, the film is mildly entertaining.

Fracture (May 8 at 8:30 p.m. at the Cineplex Odeon Sheppard Centre), directed by Alain Tasma, is a French feature film set in an Arab-populated corner of Paris where ethnic resentments burn brightly. Anna Kagan, a Jewish history teacher with liberal inclinations, is thrown into that seething cauldron when she accepts a job at a school with a high proportion of discontented and unmotivated North African Muslim students.

Being idealistic, Anna attempts to help an Arab student whose wrist has been damaged in a botched medical procedure performed by a Jewish doctor. The plot thickens when the student exacts revenge on the physician and Anna's other students vent political views that unnerve her. A fine film dealing with topical issues.

Ingelore (May 8 at 6 p.m. at the Cineplex Odeon Sheppard Centre and May 12 at 6 p.m. at the Silver City Richmond Hill) revolves around Ingelore Herz Honigstein, a German-Jewish woman who faced persecution and sexual violence in Nazi Germany after struggling with deafness. Having immigrated to the United States in 1940, she finally found contentment. This film, made by her son, conveys both horror and happiness.

Swinging in the Dark (May 11 at 12 p.m. at the Al Green Theatre), starring the singing sensation Moishe Oysher and released in 1956, was one of the first American movies to deal with the Holocaust. Oysher portrays a European Holocaust survivor who is preyed upon by a sleazy nightclub performer. All in all, corny.

From Shtetl To Swing: A Musical Odyssey (May 10 at 6 p.m. at Silver City Richmond Hill) skilfully documents the enormous effect that Jewish immigration had on the tone and substance of American music.

The Yiddish work songs, protest songs and love songs that the migrants brought to the United States from the late 19th century onward influenced Americans such as Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Al Jolson and Benny Goodman and left a deep impression on American culture.

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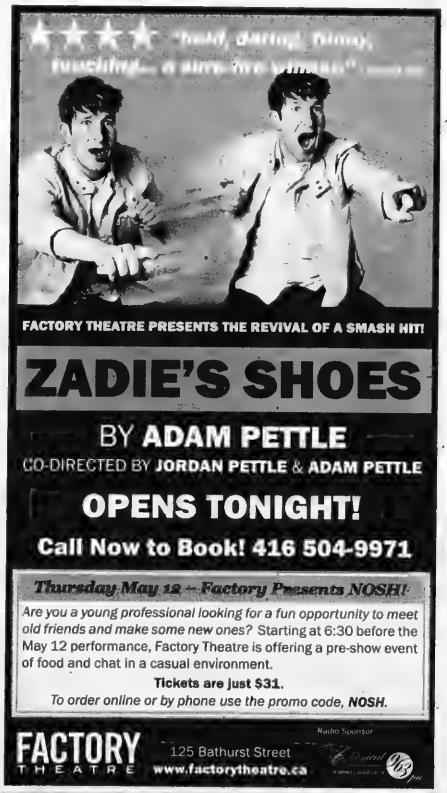
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From Madoff to Mendelssohn at Jewish Film Festival

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

The Toronto Jewish Film Festival kicks off its 19th season on May 7 with more than 100 movies from 21 countries.

A sampler:

The Bernard Madoff affair, the greatest financial scandal in American history, is the subject of Jeff Prosserman's hard-hitting documentary, *Chasing Madoff* (May 10, 5:30 p.m., at the Bloor Cinema).

A villain and a hero dominate this movie. Madoff, a wealth management adviser, solemnly promised to safeguard his clients' funds. Instead, in a $50-billion Ponzi scheme, he shamlessly swindled them, leaving some destitute. Harry Markopolos, an independent fraud investigator, was not fooled by Madoff. "The figures were too good to be true," he says.

Prosserman charts Markopolos' valiant but vain efforts to expose Madoff. Markopolos sent incriminating data to *Forbes* magazine, but inexplicably, it did not publish a story. He convinced the *Wall Street Journal* to run a piece on Madoff, but the article was ignored. Worse still, the Security & Exchange Commission, a U.S. government body, failed to investigate Madoff. Meanwhile, a host of feeder funds, which grew rich on Madoff's commissions, had no interest in exposing the scoundrel. Prosserman suggests that it took the 2009 recession to finally expose Madoff.

Mendelssohn, the Nazis and Me (May 11, 1 p.m., at the Bloor Cinema) explores the phenomenon of assimilation within the framework of Nazi antisemitism.

Sheila Hayman's intriguing film examines the lives of three descendants of

Mendelssohn, the Nazis and Me

Felix Mendelssohn, the famous German composer whose parents converted to Christianity in the early 19th century. One of the descendants is her father, a mathematician who was raised as a Lutheran. Although Mendelssohn's descendants were thoroughly Christians, the Nazi authorities classified them as Jews, causing untold confusion and trauma in a family that had left its Jewish ancestry behind.

Apart from probing this issue at length, the film demonstrates how Mendelssohn incorporated Christianity into his music.

I Was There in Color (May 8, 6 pm., at the Cineplex Odeon Sheppard Centre and May 10, 12 p.m., at the Al Green Theatre) celebrates the home movies of Fred Monosson, an American Zionist who left an invaluable celluloid archive of Israel, before and after its birth in 1948.

A Boston garment manufacturer whose Zionist sympathies were stirred by a visit to a DP camp in Germany in 1945, he was a ubiquitous photographer. Always wearing a suit with a carnation in his lapel, he filmed Israeli leaders such as David Ben-Gurion, Levi Eshkol, Shimon Peres and Moshe Dayan, British soldiers in Tel Aviv and new Jewish immigrants debarking in Haifa.

He also filmed doomed settlers in Kfar Etzion, a folk music festival on a kibbutz, tractors ploughing a field, Israelis enjoying café life in Tel Aviv amid the 1948 war, Israel's first military parade after hostilities ended, Yemenite Jews arriving at Lod Airport, president Chaim Weizmann's funeral and the outbreak of the Six Day War in Jerusalem.

The director, Avishai Kfir, does a fine job in assembling Monosson's movie clips into a historically important and interesting film.

Dan Wolman's sensitive Hebrew-language feature film, *Gei-Oni* (May 9, 7:30 p.m., at the Bloor Cinema and May 11, 6 p.m., at Silver City Richmond Hill), unfolds in a barren, sun-baked Palestine at the close of the 19th century.

Fanya, a young Russian immigrant, arrives in Jaffa with her baby, brother and uncle. Having experienced a pogrom, they want to start a new life in a Zionist colony in the Galilee. Shortly after meeting Yechiel, a farmer and a widower with two children, Fanya agrees to marry him. It is clearly a marriage of convenience, but love blooms after hardships turning on food scarcities and disputes with local Bedouins over water rights and land ownership.

In concise and powerful strokes, Wolman recreates the making of a new Jewish society in an old land.

Gil Karni's muckraking documentary, *The Invisible* (May 9, 12 p.m., at the Al Green Theatre), highlights the plight of about 800 Israeli Bedouins whose unrecognized village in the Galilee is a jumble of tin huts without electricity, running water or paved roads. Having been expelled from their village in the 1950s, they must struggle to gain access to amenities that many Israelis take for granted. Their leader, Nahim Fahim, a veteran of the Israeli army, launches a campaign to acquire basic services, but he soon realizes he needs the help of Jewish politicians.

The Invisible underscores the government's short-sighted neglect of the Arab minority in Israel.

World Class Kids (May 11, 2 p.m., at the Al Green Theatre), by Netta Loevy, takes place over a year in a Grade 2 class in Tel Aviv's Tel Nordau Elementary School, where several foreign students are enrolled.

Meirav, a young and well-meaning teacher, tries hard to make these Chinese, Filipino, Arab and Russian students feel at ease. They are fluent in Hebrew and are treated equally, but the Chanukah holiday, a biblical story and an inappropriate comment by a Russian girl about Arabs make the foreign students feel like outsiders.

Loevy's fly-on-the-wall film picks up on these unsettling moments.

Yes, Miss Commander! (May 8, 5 p.m., at the Bloor Cinema) zeroes in on an Israeli army basic-training camp where male recruits from troubled backgrounds are whipped into shape by young women of their age.

The female trainers are tough enough, but they are up against argumentative and insubordinate men who do not like getting out of bed in the morning, refuse to obey orders and are loath to carry a weapon.

They are hardly the stuff of which good soldiers are made, but their trainers do not want to fail. Sparks fly as moveable objects meet irresistible forces.

UNDER THE COLOURED LIGHTS

Toronto's award-winning short filmmaker Dan Abramovici switched cameras recently and is exhibiting his still photos at the Contact 2011 Photography Festival. *Colors, Lights, Places*, a collection of photographic landscapes taken as he traversed the globe, will be exhibited at Gallery El Almacen, 1078 Queen St. W., until the end of June.

Students at Tel Nordau Elementary School in Tel Aviv, from the film *World Class Kids*

EYE ON ARTS

By BILL GLADSTONE

HELEN AND STAN VINE JEWISH BOOK AWARDS AT TORONTO REFERENCE LIBRARY ON MAY 30

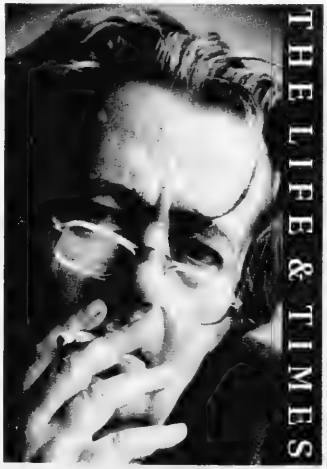
Tarek Fatah, political activist, broadcaster and founder of the Muslim Canadian Congress, has won the 2011 Helen and Stan Vine Canadian Jewish Book Award in the politics and history category for his book *The Jew Is Not My Enemy: Unveiling the Myths that Fuel Muslim Anti-Semitism.*

The Koffler Centre of the Arts recently released a list of winners of the 2011 awards.

This year, only six awards are being bestowed upon worthy books, while nine, 10, and sometimes even 12 awards have been given out in years past. The Koffler Centre offers no explanation for the change, but it's probably a reflection of the merit of the books submitted for consideration.

The coveted fiction prize goes to **Alison Pick**, whose novel *Far To Go* was called "one of the best books of the year" by CBC Radio's **Shelagh Rogers**. The book is is an epic historical novel tracing one family's journey from Czechoslovakia to Canada during World War II.

Other winners include *Mordecai: The Life and Times*, **Charles Foran**'s definitive, detailed, intimate portrait of legendary Canadian author **Mordecai Richler**



(biography & memoir); *The Defining Decade: Identity, Politics, and the Canadian Jewish Community in the 1960s*, by **Harold Troper** (scholarship); *Cry of the Giraffe*, by **Judie Oron** (youth literature); and *An Italian Renaissance: Choosing Life In Canada*, by **Robert Eli Rubinstein** (Holocaust literature).

Jury members are **Adam Fuerstenberg**, **Marjorie Gann**, **Judith Ghert**, **Alain Goldschläger**, **Sara Horowitz**, **Judy Stoffman**, **Edward Trapunski** and **Judy Wolfe**.

The awards ceremony takes place at the Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St., Monday, May 30, 8 p.m. The event is free and everyone is welcome. Full details are available at www.koffflerarts.org.

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New Jewish Musical Revue: The Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company presents the world première of a new musical revue, *To Life*, a joyous celebration of the Jewish life cycle told through songs of the Jewish musical theatre canon. The show, conceived by **Avery Saltzman** and **Tim French**, pays musical homage to **Fanny Brice**, **Eddy Cantor**, **Al Jolson** and **Sophie Tucker** in its first act, while its second culls numbers from musicals such as *Fiddler on the Roof, The Rothschilds, Funny Girl, Falsettos, I Can Get It For You Wholesale*, and *Cabaret.*

Jane Mallett Theatre, St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts. May 13 to 29; opens Tuesday, May 17. $42.50 to $79.50. 416-366-7723, www.stlc.com

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Names in the News: Canadian Stage is about to present *The Post Office*, a play by the famous Bengali poet-playwright **Rabindranath Tagore** about a dying Hindu boy. The Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation has noted the following connection of the play to Jewish history.

After **Janusz Korczak**, an eminent Jewish doctor, became director of an orphanage within the Warsaw Ghetto, he decided that the children should stage *The Post Office* as "a creative unconscious means to prepare them for imminent death." Later, as Korczak and some 200 orphans were being deported to Treblinka, an SS officer offered to help him escape. Korczak refused to leave the children and was never heard from again. There is a monument of him with the children at Yad Vashem.

The Post Office runs May 7 to June 4 at Downstairs Berkeley Street Theatre. www.canadianstage.com

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Arts in Brief

• **Jonno Lightstone** (clarinet and flute), **Brian Katz** (guitar) and **David Mott** (baritone sax) perform a concert of post-modern klezmer music. Mezzetta, 681 St. Clair Ave. W. (near Christie St.) Wednesday, May 4, two sets 9 and 10 p.m. $10 cover. RSVP, 416-658-5687.

• Active Seniors presents "The Creation of *Fiddler on the Roof*" and Sing Along with **Jordan Klapman**. Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, Thursday, May 5, 1:30 p.m. Phyllis, 416-924-6211, ext. 155.

• "The Life and Times of Yiddish" with **Prof. Kalman Weiser**. This series of talks explores the social history and origins of Yiddish. Miles Nadal JCC, May 5 to 26. Thursdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. $48. sharonis@mnjcc.org or 416-924-6211, ext. 154.

• **Joan Dornemann** of the Metropolitan Opera is coaching opera singers May 7, 8 and 9 in the Gallery Theatre Space at the Toronto Centre for the Arts. The public is welcome to observe ($20). The best of the singers from the coaching sessions will be featured in the Opera Week Toscanini Celebration Concert, May 11, 8 p.m. in the George Weston Recital Hall. Details at www.tocentre.com

Joan Dornemann

Musical revue celebrates Jewish life cycle

Kathryn Kates
Special to The CJN

To Life, a new musical revue celebrating the Jewish life cycle, is having its world première this month in Toronto at the Jane Mallett Theatre: St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts.

The latest offering from the Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company, *To Life* is the brainchild of co-artistic director Avery Saltzman and the show's choreographer, Tim French.

The cast features a who's who of Canadian musical theatre talent that includes Patrick Cook, Gabi Epstein, Charlotte Moore and Shawn Wright. The cast will be accompanied by two pianists, musical director Mark Camilleri and Jeffrey Huard.

"It is two shows in one," Saltzman says. "The first act celebrates beautiful, iconic Jewish lives from birth to bar mitzvah and from marriage to death. It focuses on the great Jewish vaudevillians Eddie Cantor, Fanny Brice, Al Jolson and Sophie Tucker. We are not imitating these performers – we are just celebrating the essence of their lives."

The second act focuses on the time when Jewish vaudeville stars and composers left New York's Lower East Side for Broadway. The cast raises a glass to life in song, from popular Jewish-themed musicals including *Fiddler on the Roof, The Rothschilds, Funny Girl, Falsettos, I Can Get It For You Wholesale, The Grand Tour* and *Cabaret*, in addition to songs from lesser-known Jewish-themed musicals.

"Who doesn't like musicals?" asks Saltzman rhetorically. "Our audiences were asking for it, because they loved our musical fundraising event, *One Night Only*. So, we thought, how can we come up with a great musical? It is so onerous these days to produce or bring in a full-fledged musical with a large cast and band, especially for a not-for-profit. We decided on the musical-revue format. Believe it or not, there hasn't been a new revue in this city for such a long time. What better way to celebrate Jewish life, so we called it *To Life*."

Avery Saltzman

Saltzman and French have been working on the revue for more than a year, painstakingly choosing just the right music. Saltzman says that musical revue is not fluff, but rather a very difficult medium when trying to find just the right material and adding elements of surprise to keep audiences entertained.

Saltzman, a respected actor and musical theatre veteran, is a co-artistic director of the Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company, along with David Eisner. This is the first time Saltzman has created a brand-new work, and that it's specifically for the HGJTC makes him proud. Saltzman hopes *To Life* has a life afterward – touring North America.

"I want people to be moved and to come away with a great evening of song in celebration of the Jewish life cycle," he says. "It is not your standard four-chair revue. There is a lot of me in *To Life*, especially in the material I have chosen. It has a lot of heart, sentiment and spirituality. We try to move through life with grace and humour, and that is what I think I bring to the piece. So, it comes full circle from me to our audience."

The show runs from May 13 to 29. Opening night is May 17. For tickets, call 416-366-7723, or online at www.stlc.com. For group rates, call 416-932-9995, ext. 224. Visit www.hgjewishtheatre.com for more information.

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Winnipeg wrestler wins national championship

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WINNIPEG — Wrestling dynamo Caleb Rutner added to his medal and trophy collection with a championship performance at the recently concluded Canadian National Wrestling Championships in Windsor, Ont.

Fighting in the 66-kilogram division, Rutner, 16, was also named the tournament's most outstanding wrestler, ahead of 500 other participants aged 15 to 17.

For Rutner, it wasn't necessarily a slam dunk that he would attain such recognition.

"It was a huge surprise to me. I really didn't think I was going to get it. I thought it would be nice, but I didn't expect it," he said.

The Grade 10 St. Paul's High School student also recently completed his third perfect unbeaten season as Manitoba high school champion and was named Manitoba's most outstanding wrestler. He led St. Paul's to the provincial team championship, and earlier this year, he added to his collection the gold medal in the 2011 Cadet National Championships, along with another most outstanding wrestler award.

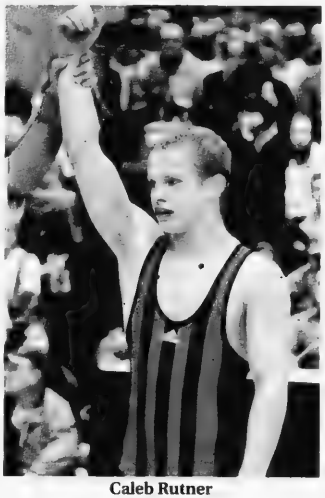
Despite his penchant for winning, Rutner doesn't always take it for granted that he is going to come out on top, even though he's been grappling with Grade 12s ever since he was in Grade 8.

"It really depends upon the event," he explained matter-of-factly. "If it's just a Manitoba or local tournament, it doesn't surprise me. If it's a national one, then yes, it does give me a surprise."

Rutner, born in Winnipeg, possesses dual citizenship and competes in national championships in the United States as a member of the North Dakota team.

"They made an exception [due to his status], and I attend a lot of tournaments in Grand Forks and I got to know a lot of people well. Training in the United States is much superior," he said.

His sporting pedigree is rich in that his dad, Toby, a local psychologist, was born in the Bronx and was himself a wrestler in his college days. He attended Nebraska State on a scholarship.



Caleb Rutner

It follows, then, that his father, would play a major role in Caleb's passion. "My dad is one of my coaches. Mike Watson is my coach at St. Paul's, but when the high school season is over, I go to the Winnipeg Wrestling Club. There is a main coach there ... and my dad is the assistant coach. Ever since I started wrestling, my dad has coached me. He's played a really big role," he said.

As well, Toby's dad, Milton "Mickey" Rutner, played major league baseball briefly with the old Philadelphia Athletics as a third baseman, and at the AAA level in Canada with the old Toronto Maple Leafs.

As for his own sport, Caleb said the amateur wrestling he excels at bears little resemblance to the pro variety on TV. That's "fake stuff," he said.

Amateur wrestling, he added, is pure sport and almost gentlemanly. "I've never really seen somebody lose their temper and just punch a person. I have seen where after a match a person is upset and is a poor sport about it and just doesn't shake the opponent's hand, but nothing extreme," he said.

As for how a winner is determined, Rutner said that "most bouts end in a decision on points, but it's better to always pin your opponent, [although] that's hard to do. The majority of bouts end in a technical fall, where you're ahead of your opponent by six points in two rounds straight in the match."

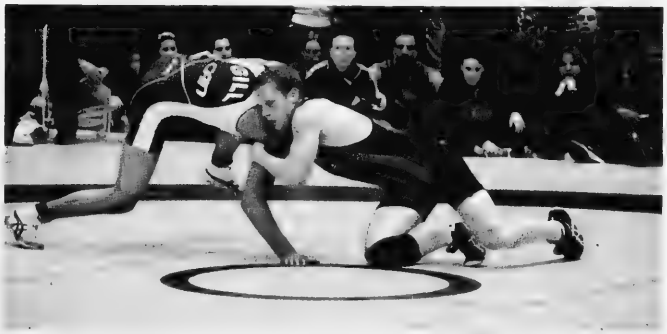
As in the game of chess, Rutner said wrestlers need to think several moves ahead of their opponent. "It's my mental strength. It is my ability to overcome adversity and also I have a very good feel for it. I always know where my body is. Some people think like they're on railroad tracks. That's very linear. I'm able to think a couple moves ahead and it really helps," he said.

As to how prevalent injuries are in amateur wrestling, he said they're "nothing major."

"They really crack down on potentially dangerous moves, so you rarely see an arm break or anything like that. I don't think I've ever seen a concussion – maybe once, but it's very rare."

Like many kids his age, Rutner isn't certain where he'll continue his education after high school. He does know, however, that he wants to continue in his sport. "I'm going to wrestle in university for sure, but I'm not sure of which one [in the United States or Canada]. The University of Manitoba has no wrestling [program]. They are trying to start one at the University of Winnipeg, but it'll take a while for it to develop into a really good one."

Not to worry. Wrestling scholarships are available south of the border, and many of those strangers in the stands at tournaments are scouts for U.S. schools.



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Folk choir presents its 85th annual concert

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir, Canada's longest continuing Jewish performance group, will be presenting its 85th annual spring concert May 15, 3 p.m., at the Posluns Auditorium at Baycrest.

Formed in 1925, primarily by immigrant garment workers, the choir has put on a concert every year without a break since 1926, said Linda Litwack, who joined 25 years ago for its 60th concert, and is chair of the program committee.

The concert is presented with the assistance of the Toronto Arts Council and is conducted by Alexander Veprinsky, who is in his ninth season with the choir, and accompanied by pianist Lina Zemelman, who is completing her 35th season.

"We do have some professional support singers, but many singers learn by ear and by taping the songs, not by reading music. Mostly, they just have to want to sing," she said.

To commemorate the anniversary, the concert features the choir and special guests Beyond the Pale performing *In Amerike,* by Winnipeg composer Sid Robinovitch. The work captures the immigrant experience.

"The six movements include a portrayal of the boat rocking as the immigrants come over, a movement describing the bright lights and noise in Montreal, another about the clanging and banging of a factory, and a slower movement about Shabbat with family. The songs are in a mix of Yiddish, Hebrew, English and more," Zemelman said.

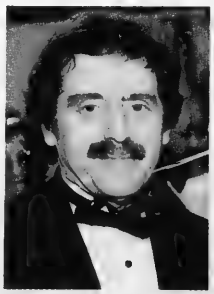
"A lot of people at Baycrest are immigrants, and the work should really mean something to them. Many are the same age as the choir, and some are past members."

Litwack, whose husband, Charlie Sise, is also a choir member, said that the group enjoys singing together, "but also enjoy each other. We support each other, we work hard, and we laugh a lot.

"Many have been here for a number of years, and they come from Poland, Lithuania, Russia, Turkey, Holland, Belgium, South Africa, North Africa, and even Canada," she said, laughing.

Over the years, two choir members met and married, "and another two newer members recognized each from an Israeli choir from 20 years ago," she said.

Posluns Auditorium, which is wheelchair accessible, is located at the north entrance of Baycrest, second floor. General admission is $25; seniors and students, $20; children 12 and under, free. For information and tickets, call 416-789-5502 or e-mail tjfolkchoir@sympatico.ca.



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Free Jewish dating site attracts 1,000 GTA singles

Cara Edell
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Yosi Leiba is a management consultant by day and a frequent dater by night. As the founder of MatzoDate, a new free Jewish dating website, Leiba hopes to help his fellow singles find love more easily.

While 35-year-old Leiba has been on various dating sites since 1997, he said he's never felt right about paying for the services.

"It should always be free in my opinion. There are a few adequate free dating sites out there, but none of them really cater to the Jewish community. Many of these free sites are slow, poorly designed and have a ton of advertising popping up," Leiba said.

After years of online disappointment, Leiba decided to take charge. He found some programmers and created his own free online dating site that he launched in February.

"I had the time and I had the desire because one of my close friends has always been very pro-Jewish and ended up getting engaged to someone outside of the Jewish faith.

"I figured there's a lot of people out there who don't want to pay the $30 or $40 a month for membership. So it made sense for me to help the Jewish community out and build a premium quality dating site entirely for free."

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduate said MatzoDate is more of a hobby than a money-maker. In fact, he's not profiting from his site.

"It's actually costing me some money to support it, but I don't mind. I'm connecting Jews with Jews and hoping to bring down that assimilation rate," said Leiba, who lives in Toronto.

Leiba estimated that about 35 per cent of Jews in Canada are marrying outside of their faith, so he sees his website as a great service to people who want to meet Jews online, without the financial obligation.

"The more people that join the better. You will never be asked for a credit card or forced into reading annoying ads. All I hope for is that I bring some Jewish couples together and they have an awesome time," he said.

As a self-proclaimed professional dater, Leiba knew exactly how he wanted MatzoDate to look.

"I didn't want to be bombarded with advertisements. I wanted everything to be simple. I also wanted a really good chat feature.

"We built a lightweight chat module with code from all over the world, and in a couple of months, we put together MatzoDate."

There are other free Jewish dating sites, including Supertova and JsoulMate.com, but Leiba said he thinks his site is newer and fresher and offers users features that include being able to "block an annoying user" and get notifications to "get into a live instant-message chat session."

At first, MatzoDate wasn't attracting many users, so Leiba decided to put together a volunteer network to spread the word. He now has 30 people from across Canada and the United States who are actively involved in promoting the site.

"With these volunteers and with our social media launch at the beginning of March, we quickly jumped to about 1,000 users in the Greater Toronto Area alone. We've had an explosive growth. People are telling people. The growth is beyond my initial forecast."

There are about 3,000 active paying members in Toronto on Jewish dating sites, Leiba said.

Across Canada, there are just under 6,000. The fact that MatzoDate attracted 1,000 members in about a month is "quite encouraging," Leiba said.

Yosi Leiba

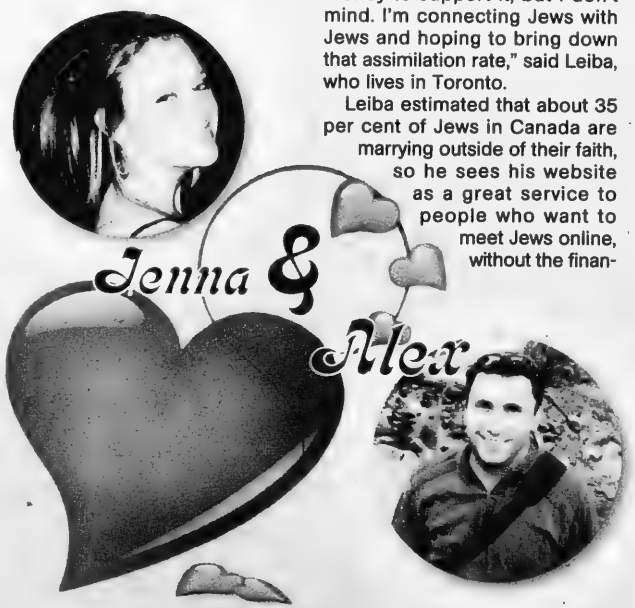
Mike Greenspoon, a MatzoDate user, joined the site in hopes of meeting someone special. He is also a member of JDate and eHarmony, but he said MatzoDate is "much easier and more compact to use and a much faster site in general."

Greenspoon said it's not easy meeting new people without the help of online dating sites.

"People are really shy in person, but very easygoing when they are talking to a computer screen."

Leiba said he's gotten excellent response from other members as well. "We have one person, believe it or not, who found the love of his life on MatzoDate. The one and only thing I ask for in return is that if any marriages develop from this site, please send me an invitation!"

Check out the site at www.matzodate.com.



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כשהייתי בת 17 קיבלו אותי לשחק בסרט בפעם השנייה בחיי (הייתי בת 12, כשהשתתפתי בסרט הראשון שלי). האודישנים נערכו לפני בחינות הבגרות, והצילומים היו אמורים להתחיל כעבור חצי שנה. באותה חצי שנה של התכוננות מלחיצה ומפרכת לבחינות, שמנתי 12 קילו(!), וגם, בתהליך של מרד, חימצנתי את השיער, ונותרתי כמעט קירחת. כשהגיע הטלפון שבישר את תחילת הצילומים, התביישתי להגיע. המלהקים הרי בחרו בי כשאני יפה, רזה וארוכת שיער, ועכשיו הייתי קציצה קצוצה... מובן שלא רציתי שהם יראו אותי כך, לכן אמרתי למלהקת, ומאוחר יותר לבמאי, שאני לא יכולה להשתתף. שניהם היו בהלם. תבינו, יותר מעשרת אלפי בני נוער עשו אודישנים, רק עשרה ילדים נבחרו, והפרינצסה לא מוכנה להופיע! היא בטח שווה שווה, הם חשבו לעצמם, וביום למחרת הסירוב המלכותי, קיבלתי טלפון. הבטיחו לי מוניות מביתי בתל-אביב לחדרה (שם צולם הסרט). סירבתי. ביום שאחרי, כבר דיברו איתי על כסף (מובן שלא היינו אמורים לקבל שכר, רק לנסוע את רגלי הבמאי על ההזדמנות...). כעברו שבוע הבטיחו הרבה יותר כסף, ואני, עם השיער השרוף והגוף השמן, נאלצתי שוב ושוב לסרב בעיקשות. מאותו רגע הבנתי כלל חשוב: בתעשיית הקולנוע, אתה לא רק חייב לשחק את התפקיד, אלא גם (ובעיקר), לשחק את המשחק...

פסטיבל הסרטים היהודי של טורונטו, בשיתוף עם פסטיבל הסרטים הרוסי, מביא לנו מטעמים. דוברת ומארגנת הפסטיבל, נינה זסלבסקי, ממליצה לנו על מספר סרטים: "לנין באוקטובר", הוא סרט קצר ומצחיק על גרישה, רוסי-ישראלי שרוצה לפתוח מסעדה. הדוד שלו מוריש לו המון כסף, ומוכן שיפתח מסעדה, אבל רק בתנאי שהמסעדה תהיה בעלת אופי קומוניסטי. אפיזודות מצחיקות נשזורות במהלך 50 דקות, בעיקר בזכות ולדימיר פרידמן, שחקן ישראלי מוכשר שהשתתף כבר בארבעים סרטים בישראל ובחו"ל ("החברים של יאנה", "כנפיים שבורות"), ואף יהיה אורח הכבוד של הפסטיבל. אני אוהבת לשמוע על סיפורי הצלחה כמו זה של ולדימיר. עולה חדש-ותיק שעושה את זה, גורם לי לאושר רב ולגאווה.

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The Académie Yéchiva Yavné which is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a gala May 16 at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Côte de Liesse, with guest of honour Rabbi Joseph Sitruk, former chief rabbi of France.

French cancer specialist and author Dr. David Khayat, right, who talks about his Jewish faith in relation to his work, and looks at the progress that has been made in treating cancer.

Israeli professor Rabbi Marc-Alain Ouaknin, who talks about Israelis' mistakes in using language to define and describe the Jewish State.

Also on the web

Montreal city councillor Michael Applebaum is now in charge of the city's $4.2-billion annual budget and its 23,000 employees.

A second painting lost during the Holocaust worth tens of millions of dollars today is expected to be restituted to a Montreal man, the descendant of its previous Viennese Jewish owner.

North American academics in the field of Jewish studies are coming to Concordia University for the Symposium on History, Memory, and Jewish Identity, May 9 to 11.

Drunk with sorrow, high on happiness

Yom Hazikaron. Yom Ha'atzmaut.

Look how the Jewish people juxtapose, switch around, mix up and celebrate our holidays. Consider that on May 2, Yom Hashoah, we remembered the six million holy spirits killed in the Holocaust. Seven day later, we celebrate Yom Hazikaron, the day of remembrance for the Israeli soldiers killed in the country's wars. The very next day, May 10, we throw away our ashes and rented tunics and dance in the street, raising a cup to the establishment of the State of Israel.

Are we a bipolar people, perhaps confused, drunk with sorrow one second then high with laughter and felicity the next? How exactly does our calendar work? What is it predicated on? Better yet, what are the emotion and intellect behind these dates that motivate us to schedule, back-to-back, holidays remembering the near genocide of our people and then the celebration of the rebirth of Israel?

Bipolar? I think not. Human? Yes.

It seems that there's a drive in life to be happy. The Torah reminds us: "You shall be glad with all the goodness that HaShem, your God, has given you,and your household." (Deuteronomy, 26:11) But my feeling is that we would remember regardless.

One only needs to look at Auschwitz to see that there, in

Urban Writer

Avrum Rosensweig

the nastiest cauldron of humiliating degradation, men and women fought to love one another. Romances existed behind those barbs, and the soft spot within the Jewish soul was never extinguished. Many of those same people survived, came to Israel, fought for its survival and won. Today, after all that, they lead us in the remembrance of Yom Hashoah, fertile moment grafted from the side of the weeded and boggy garden.

Human beings crave happiness. Hence Yom Ha'atzmaut. However, we are also aware of the grave tragedies that occur within us and around us. Hence Yom Hazikaron.

The synthesis of these two – sadness, then joy – is played out very clearly in Israel during these days.

On Yom Hazikaron, Israelis observe the day with memorial services and by visiting the gravesites of our boys and girls. In Israel – and if you've ever been there on Yom Hazikaron, you'll appreciate the power behind this – on this day, a two-minute siren is blasted throughout the country in memoriam. Everything stops – traffic, business, pedestrians, as we remember the courageous Jews and non-Jews who fought for our freedom. We remember when, in 1998, a school bus with 36 students was attacked by a Palestinian terrorist trying to crash into it with his car, full of explosives and a 19-year-old Haifa resident and new immigrant, Alexei Nikon, driving an Israel Defence Forces jeep, cut off the terrorist and died saving all the students. *Yehiye zichrono l'brachah*, may Alexei's memory be blessed.

On Yom Ha'atzmaut, the very next day, we put away our mourning and sad memories and find a bonfire started by Israelis somewhere here in Toronto. We walk and talk about freedom. We praise God for our little State of Israel that gives all of us the ability to be freer as Jews most places in the world. This is a collective celebration, and an individual one. Israel sets us free. Those who deny this reality should remember what it was once like.

My sister Chavi told me: "Life is about duality – missing and longing, enjoying and gratitude, sadness and happiness." She is so right.

Yom Hazikaron and then Yom Ha'atzmaut – truly a reflection of life. Sadness then happiness.

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Canadians march and remember

Montreal survivors lead the delegation on this year's March of the Living on Yom Hashoah, on May 2. The march from Auschwitz to Birkenau departed from under the infamous "*Arbeit Macht Frei*" sign. Some 7,000 students, adults and survivors from around the world took part in the 2011 march. The Canadian delegation was one of the largest, with more than 600 people. *For more photos, please go to cjnews.com.*
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Ilan Ramon's legacy lives on

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

When the space shuttle Endeavour finally lifts off on NASA's penultimate shuttle flight later this month, for many Israelis, it will symbolize the continuing journey of astronaut Ilan Ramon.

The Endeavour is tentatively scheduled to launch no earlier than May 16, according to NASA.

Ramon, the first Israeli astronaut, perished along with the rest of the space shuttle Columbia crew when the craft exploded on re-entry from orbit on Feb. 1, 2003.

On a visit to Toronto last week, Asaf Agmon, CEO of Israel's Fisher Brothers Institute for Air & Space Strategic Studies – a non-profit organization that receives funding from the Israeli Ministry of Science and works with NASA to bring Israeli experiments into space – said the Endeavour mission will carry two Israeli bio-medical experiments into space, one of which is a "legacy project" from Ramon's Columbia mission.

"There were more than 400 experiments on the Columbia. Only nine survived the explosion, and one of those was a microbiotics experiment that Ilan had brought with him," said Agmon, who is a family friend of Ramon's and a reserve brigadier general in the Israeli Air Force.

He called NASA's allowing of the Israeli experiments on board the Endeavour a "generous gesture."

The findings will provide data for research into the overall effects of space flight on the human body.

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Silence Observed

QUEBEC CITY —The Quebec National Assembly observed a minute of silence May 3 in observance of Yom Hashoah. The gesture followed a motion tabled by Liberal MNA Lawrence Bergman, PQ MNA Louise Beaudoin, François Bonnardel of the Action Démocratique, and indepen-dent Eric Caire. In 1999, Quebec adopted a law officially proclaiming an annual Holocaust remembrance day. In an address to MNAs, Bergman said the attempted extermination of the Jews was unique, but that other genocides have occurred since 1945 and there are other crimes against humanity occurring today and signs of more to come.

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Degree Nixed

NEW YORK — City University of New York voted May 2 not to honour playwright Tony Kushner with an honorary degree at its commencement after Jewish board member Jeffrey Wiesenfeld objected, citing the Pulitzer Prize winner's anti-Israel statements. The decision could be the first time in CUNY's history that a candidate for an honorary degree has been vetoed, the *New York Jewish Week* reported. Kushner has endorsed the boycott, divestments and sanctions campaign against Israel and written that Israel was "founded in a program that... was ethnic cleansing." He's also said that "it would have been better" if Israel hadn't been created.

Brit Ban Challenged

OSLO — The umbrella group for Norwegian Jews is opposing a proposed amendment that would ban ritual circumcision on boys under 15. The Mosaic Religious Community has sent a letter to Norwegian Foreign Minister Jonas Gahr Store and Justice Minister Knut Storberget outlining its opposition to the amendment proposed by the country's state ombudsman for children. The age limit would be part of a proposed change in the law that would allow ritual circumcision in public hospitals, which is currently banned. Under the proposed change, parents could either have only a doctor present or have religious circumcisers present to carry out the procedure under the observation of medical professionals.

Chair Endowed

DENVER — The University of Colorado at Boulder is establishing a $2-million endowed chair in Jewish history. The gift was made by two sisters, who are school alumnae, in honour of their late father. The Louis P. Singer Endowed Chair in Jewish History makes CU-Boulder the sixth U.S. public university to establish a chair in Jewish history. Seventeen U.S. universities in total have them. It will support a senior faculty position in the school's four-year-old Jewish studies program.

Nazi Hunter Acquitted of Libel

BUDAPEST — Nazi hunter Efraim Zuroff was acquitted by a Budapest court of libel charges against him from an accused Hungarian Nazi war criminal.

Efraim Zuroff

Zuroff, head of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, was acquitted May 3, two days before his accuser, Sandor Kepiro, was to go on trial in Budapest. Kepiro is charged with being involved in the murder of more than1,200 Jews, Serbs and Gypsies during a raid by the wartime Hungarian Gendarmerie at Novi Sad in 1942.

Kepiro, 97, filed suit after Zuroff, the head of the Israel office of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, submitted documents to the Hungarian courts in 2006 regarding Kepiro's alleged role in the murders of 1,246 civilians in Novi Sad. Most of the victims were taken to the Danube River and shot in January 1943.

Kepiro was found guilty of involvement twice – once by the pre-Nazi Hungarian courts, and again after the war, in 1946. By then he had fled via Austria to Argentina. He returned to Budapest in 1996, and Zuroff, who searches for Nazi war criminals under the Wiesenthal Center's Operation Last Chance program, found him.

In his verdict, the judge said Zuroff had acted in good faith by first contacting the Hungarian prosecutors after discovering that Kepiro had returned to Hungary from Argentina before notifying the media.

"Needless to say, I am relieved to have been acquitted, but the most important issue is Kepiro's guilt, which will be hopefully established by a criminal court in his trial," Zuroff said.

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Markham condemns term 'Israeli apartheid'

'We have a moral right and obligation to stand up to threats of antisemitism and unfounded attacks against Israel'

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

The Town of Markham has officially condemned the use of the term "Israeli apartheid."

In a May 3 meeting, council voted 12 to 1 to adopt an amended motion put forward by Ward 2 Councillor Howard Shore.

Shore, who is Jewish, originally introduced the motion in March. It initially called on council to denounce Israeli Apartheid Week at York University.

"We have a moral right and obligation to stand up to threats of antisemitism and unfounded attacks against the State of Israel," Shore, a York alumnus, said in a March 21 statement.

At the time, council deferred the motion, and Mayor Frank Scarpitti said he wanted more time to consider its wording, as he did not want to jeopardize the "terrific and amazing" relationship Markham has with the university by singling it out.

The town and the university had recently became partners in a life-sciences business incubator project known as the Markham Convergence Centre.

In amending Shore's motion, council gutted references to York, focusing instead on condemning the use of the offending term in general.

Numerous groups and individuals made statements to council at last Tuesday's meeting, both in support of the motion and against it. Among them were deputations from Canadian Jewish Congress and the Faculty for Palestine, a Toronto-based group run under the auspices of the Coalition Against Israeli Apartheid (CAIA).

Howard Shore

After the vote, on his website, Shore said Markham "made history" with his motion.

"This sends a loud and clear message rejecting the inflammatory language which labels supporters of Israel as racists and can lead to divisiveness, intimidation, intolerance and an atmosphere of hostility on some university and college campuses in Ontario and across Canada," he said

"We must, absolutely must, continue to be vigilant, but it is my hope that our young people who look to their university or college campus as a safe environment to learn and grow, will know they are not alone when confronted by this type of bullying and hate."

Representatives from Markham – including Shore and fellow councilor Carolina Moretti – in collaboration with the Regional Municipality of York, York University and the law firm Miller Thomson, will be part of a delegation of councillors and business leaders attending the Israel Life Science Industry Biomed conference in Tel Aviv from May 20 to 29.

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From Israel on Yom Hazikaron

Lasting about 40 minutes, the official state ceremony at the Western Wall in Jerusalem on Sunday night, which ushered in Yom Hazikaron (Memorial Day), was deeply moving and typically Israeli. It was short on speeches and long on symbol, poignancy, mood and emotion.

The 10-part program began precisely at 8 p.m. with a countrywide sounding of a wailing siren. For an entire minute, cars stopped in mid-drive on the roads. People in the streets stood calmly and quietly at attention.

We in Canada have never seen such a thing. Of course, not since 1812 has war been fought on the soil of Canada. It is a powerfully compelling yet eerie sight. Movement gives way to memory. Space yields for a long brief moment to fragments of time.

From the editor's desk...

Immediately after the wail of the siren, President Shimon Peres, in the company of a widow of one of Israel's fallen, lit the memorial candle.

In the backdrop, seemingly aglow from the reflection of the lights above in the large, unsmooth surfaces, were the stones of the Kotel. In the foreground were hundreds of members of families who have lost loved ones in defence of Israel. Standing to the side, was the Israel Defence Forces honour guard, comprised of young soldiers.

After the candle was lit, Peres spoke to the assembly. He spoke in his familiar sonorous, baritone voice, but with surprising emotion especially at the beginning of his brief remarks and toward their end.

After the president, the IDF chief of staff, Benny Gantz, spoke.

Both the president and the chief of staff spoke of the sanctity of the very place at which the ceremony was being held. Both retold of the heroism of the soldiers who recaptured the Kotel. Both spoke of the pre-eminence of the values of the IDF as principles that continue to motivate and inspire and strengthen the nation as well as the young men and women who defend Israel.

The president and the chief of staff were the only ones to give speeches. After their remarks, a poem was read titled (and aimed at) *The Dear Families.*

After the poetry, the chief rabbi of the IDF, Rafi Peretz and the rabbi of the Kotel, Shmuele Rabinovitz, each read a short prayer. A father who had lost a son to war recited the *Kaddish.* An army cantor chanted the traditional prayer for the dead, *K'el Maleh Rachamim.*

And then the ceremony concluded with a dignified, controlled singing of Hatikvah. The assembly dispersed. The solemnity hovered. A period of 24 hours of national mourning had commenced.

Israel's Foreign Ministry website describes the country as "long and narrow in shape." One can concede the use of the term "narrow" but "long" is rather boastfully excessive, or perhaps naive. Israel is about 290 miles or 470 kilometres long. By contrast, the distance between Toronto and Montreal is 313 miles or some 500 kilometres. If the Jewish state were stretched head to toe between Toronto and Montreal, there would be still be nearly 12 miles to spare at either end.

And yet, a great many people have given their lives in defence of this "long and narrow" country.

According to the government, "a total of 22,867 men and women have been killed defending the land of Israel since 1860, the year that the first Jewish settlers left the secure walls of Jerusalem to build new Jewish neighbourhoods.

"Since the end of the War of Independence, 2,443 people have been killed in Israel in terror attacks – 13 in the past year.

"In the past year, since Remembrance Day 2010, 183 members of the security forces – police, IDF, Border Police, Israel Security Agency and other organizations – have been killed in the service of the state."

When asked where he was born, a taxi driver in Jerusalem answered, "In northern Persia. You could call it Kurdistan. There was no future for us after Khomeini came in."

When asked the same question, a taxi driver in Tel Aviv told *The CJN,* "In Iraq. We left for Israel a short time after the founding of the state. It got very bad for us in Iraq," he added. "Where else could we go?"

And in those simple five words, plainly, unpretentiously, non-rhetorically offered, the taxi driver summed up the essence of modern Jewish history. Where else, but to Israel, could the Jews go?

These words were written Sunday night in Jerusalem. It is a sombre time here. On Monday, families will travel the length and breadth of the "long and narrow" land to visit the graves of their sons and daughters, husbands and wives and friends. Some will plant a flower nearby, place a wreath or leave a stone as if tenderly setting down the piece of their heart torn away forever.

And on Monday night, with the setting of the sun, mourning will give way to celebration. For then it will be Yom Ha'atzmaut. The blue-red-pink flame of the Yizkor candle will transform into the blue and white flutter of the flag of Israel.

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Congress CEO to run for Liberals: reports

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Longtime Canadian Jewish Congress CEO Bernie Farber will run as the Liberal candidate for Thornhill in the upcoming provincial election, according to reports published last week.

Stories in both the *Toronto Star* and the *Thornhill Liberal* named Farber as Premier Dalton McGuinty's star candidate in the riding, which has the highest proportion of Jewish voters in the province.

The election is scheduled for Oct. 6, and McGuinty's Liberals are trailing Tim Hudak's Progressive Conservatives badly in the polls.

Farber, who has been with Congress since 1984 and its CEO since 2005, was unavailable for comment on the reports at *The CJN*'s deadline.

Bernie Farber

Peter Shurman

However, Conservative Thornhill MPP Peter Shurman told *The CJN* he has known about Farber's intent to run against him for some time now.

Shurman said he had heard rumours about Farber's potential political turn as early as two months ago and had a chance to ask Congress' CEO about it at an event that they both attended a few weeks back.

"Word travels fast, and when we spoke about six weeks ago, Bernie told me he was 'considering' it. He told me 'If I decide to do it, we'll have fun.' That's what he said to me. I said, 'Great. Well good luck.'"

Farber's move into partisan politics comes amid ongoing plans to restructure the landscape of Jewish advocacy and consolidate all of its parts into one unified entity, leaving the future of the 90-year-old Congress unclear.

At a Dec. 8 board meeting of the umbrella group Canadian Council for Jewish and Israel Advocacy (CIJA), Canada-Israel Committee CEO Shimon Fogel was picked to head the new centralized entity, which has yet to be named.

Fogel was unavailable for comment on the reports of Farber's candidacy by *The CJN*'s deadline

Shurman said having Farber as a potential rival doesn't concern him "in the slightest."

Calling Farber a "good guy," Shurman said that while the two would likely have lively and intelligent debates, Farber "should be aware that the questions to be discussed in the coming election have no more or less to do with Thornhill than with the rest of the province.

"Bernie will be on uncharted territory for him as a non-partisan spokesperson for Jewish people, including me. Now that he's decided to enter the partisan world, he's going to find out that it's not so easy."

The riding has gone back and forth between Liberals and Conservatives in recent provincial elections, with small margins separating the two parties.

Shurman beat incumbent Liberal MP Mario Racco by fewer than 2,000 votes in 2007, but Racco beat Tory incumbent Tina Molinari by less than 1,000 votes in 2003. Molinari herself won the newly created seat in 1999 by less than 300 votes over Liberal Dan Ronen.

Federally, Environment Minister Peter Kent was re-elected in the riding for the Conservatives in this month's national election with 61 per cent of the vote.

He easily beat former B'nai Brith Canada official Karen Mock, the Liberal candidate, as a number of local, formerly Liberal ridings with significant numbers of Jewish voters elected Tory candidates in what many commentators saw as an endorsement of the Harper government's strong support for Israel over the past five years.

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Not even overtime in the seventh game of the Stanley Cup final can match the drama of election night. By the time the seventh game rolls around, no surprises are left. There is only one possible outcome. But there are always surprises in a nationwide election, and there are 308 distinct outcomes.

Seldom has there been a more dramatic election night in Canada than the one last week. When the vote was called some two months ago, no one would have predicted the results.

Having garnered 39.6 per cent of the total vote, the Conservatives of Stephen Harper will govern the next four years with a majority in the House of Commons, with 167 MPs. For the first time in Canadian history, the NDP will form the official Opposition. NDP Leader Jack Layton and his team won 102 seats with 30.6 per cent of the vote. The Liberals fell far down into an unfamiliar valley, winning merely 18.9 per cent of the popular vote and 34 seats in the House of Commons. Quebecers essentially turned their backs on the Bloc Québécois by returning only four members. Elizabeth May will sit as a single-member Green Party.

Michael Ignatieff and Gilles Duceppe have already announced their resignations as leaders of their parties.

We congratulate the prime minister for his decisive victory. We congratulate all the newly elected and re-elected members of Parliament. In addition, we commend and congratulate and thank every candidate in the election. We insufficiently acknowledge how difficult it must be to so openly expose oneself to unremitting public criticism, disparagement and scorn. Nor do we adequately acknowledge the effort and labours of the countless volunteers without whom very few candidates could make their case to the public whose votes they seek. Our democracy – indeed, all democracy – is nourished by broad citizen participation and involvement. There is no doubt that Canada's democracy is well nourished.

Many capable and caring individuals will be going to Ottawa for the first time. Many will be leaving. *Hakarat hatov,* the principle long enshrined in Jewish tradition of honouring the good others have done for us, compels us to single out four such individuals who were especially generous and accomplished in their service to the Jewish community in particular and to the wider Canadian community in general: Liberal MPs Joe Volpe in Eglinton-Lawrence, Ken Dryden in York-Centre and Anita Neville in Winnipeg South Centre, and Tory MP Lawrence Cannon in Pontiac.

An American journalist once wisecracked that "people who want to understand democracy should spend less time in the library with Aristotle and more time on the buses and on the subway." The constantly renewing truth of democracy, of course, is that it works best when it includes Aristotle *and* the people on the buses – that is, all of us. Our vast hopes and best wishes for our new Parliament are that it govern well for the benefit of all.

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Avital Sharansky, 35, wife of former Refusenik Natan Sharansky, announced from Israel that she was expecting the couple's first child. She had been separated from her recently released husband for 12 years after he was arrested and jailed by Soviet authorities.

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Weak attack on PA's negotiation stance

The April 21 editorial, "PA's real game: duplicity," is a weak attack on the Palestinian Authority's negotiation stance. The recently published Palestine papers show that the PA negotiated, in good faith, with prime minister Ehud Olmert and foreign minister Tzipi Livni in 2007-08. It was after they were replaced with the most intransigent, pro-settlement government in Israel's recent history that negotiations bogged down. Indeed, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was excoriated by German Chancellor Angela Merkel for not having taken "a single step to advance peace." Her sentiments, coming from the most pro-Israel nation in Europe, have been echoed by leaders around the world. You should be helping your readers to understand, rather than retreat into the stale attacks on the PA, which may have been appropriate when PA president Yasser Arafat ruled.

The PA refusal to negotiate while settlement expansion takes place is a response to the many Arab and non-Arab sources that excoriated the major compromises offered by President Mahmoud Abbas in 2007-08. A PA government that again sat down to protracted negotiations, while seeing its patrimony nibbled away, could not withstand the storm from its own people.

It is far more important for all of us in the Jewish community to understand that the burden is now on Israel to demonstrate its good faith. Netanyahu will have the opportunity this month, before a joint session of the U.S. Congress, to either offer a real peace plan, or the world will demonstrate its displeasure at the September meetings of the UN General Assembly, when the Palestinians seek recognition. Help your readers to understand that the growing criticism of Israel is not the result of clever and duplicitous Palestinians or a rising tide of antisemitism in the world. It is the Netanyahu-Lieberman coalition that is alienating world sympathy for Israel.

Stephen Scheinberg
Co-chair, Canadian Friends of Peace Now

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'Step up to the plate'

In "A monument of good deeds" (Perspectives, April 28), Eli Rubenstein is right to remind us that while so many "humans" acted with brutal cruelty and indifference during the Holocaust, there were others who were so innately good that they tested themselves to the point of risking their own lives as well as the lives of those most precious to them. We all share this human potential. It is incumbent upon each and every human being to make what we know in our hearts to be the right choice. If we do, we shall live up to that potential and will fulfil God's expectations of us.

In her diary, 12-year-old Donia Rosen requested that in response to the Holocaust, we build a commemorative monument of good deeds. I suggest we now go one step further to lay a foundation for our continued success in the quest to reach the heights of that figurative pinnacle. Every time we recognize, appreciate, remember and honour the altruism of the past's Righteous Gentile heroes, we all – Jew or gentile – "step up to the plate" in our present time and well into the future. What a legacy it would be for this generation to commemorate the enduring human potential for goodness that dwells somewhere in every human being.

Judy Clodman
Toronto

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Men's club's program was fair

The April 21 letter, "Men's club fails grade on democracy," by Alberto Quiroz, deserves a response. The writer approached me at the conclusion of our federal candidates' debate and apologized for writing the letter to *The CJN.* He said that Beth Tzedec Congregation's Men's Club had indeed presented a fair and inclusive program.

The fact that the club did not include the lesser parties in the debate did not result in those parties from being excluded from providing both a visual and oral presentation of their respective platforms. The club invited the Green party to present their candidate and platform, but the Greens chose not to attend.

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Educating the next generation about Israel

Rabbi Harvey Meirovich

There is an alarming and growing disenchantment with Israel among Jews aged 40 and under, and by a cadre of younger rabbis from across the religious spectrum. In the 2010 book, *Jewish Theology in our Time*, 22 of 24 influential rabbis, teachers and scholars consciously downplay the centrality of Israel, Jewish peoplehood and other markers of Jewish particularism from their spiritual agendas. My experience as former dean of the Conservative movement's Schechter Rabbinical Seminary in Jerusalem confirms this attitudinal shift. On one occasion, an American rabbi-in-training announced to me that she could never expose her future congregation to Israel's challenges, complexities and the fact that, like human beings, Israel is fallible. When I asked why not she shot back: "I do not want to upset my congregation!"

This seismic shift in attitudes toward Israel was echoed recently by Rabbi Daniel Gordis, a respected observer of the Israeli scene. Anecdotally, he notes the case of a rabbi-in-training buying a new tallit on condition it was not made in Israel, while another student declared that lamentations on Tisha b'Av include mourning the creation of the State of Israel.

Gordis singles out, at the same time, pro-Israel rabbis-in-the-making, describing them as well-read and deeply decent human beings who do not subscribe to the bravado that "everything Israel does is right." Nor are they morally insensitive to the human suffering of Palestinians. They struggle with Israel's strategic and moral dilemmas, and while they may not love the settlements, they're too sophisticated, in Gordis' opinion, to believe that settlements are the reason that Israel has no peace with the Palestinians.

It is not the settlements, per se. Rabbis-in-training, rather, are specifically vexed and distraught over Israel's military jurisdiction over the Palestinian population in the administered territories of Judea and Samaria. Their contention is that Israel has placed a political albatross around its neck since 1967 by controlling the lives of 1-1/2 million people through military domination. This reality increasingly takes its toll not only on soldiers, but on rank-and-file Jewish-Israeli citizens.

Israel is sinking deeper into a political quagmire. Military authority is slowly suffocating the morale of more and more segments of Israel's Jewish population. As these students see it, Israel's military domination of the Palestinian population siphons off more and more emotional energy from many Israelis.

This attitude, of course, is not felt by those who see Israel's right to biblical land in Judea and Samaria as biblically mandated and, in some cases, as being quintessential to the bringing of the Messiah. To this approach these rabbis-in-the-making pose the question: does Israel's historical rights to biblical land supersede its military rule and treatment, humane as it might be, of the 1-1/2 million Palestinians living over the Green Line? Furthermore, they ask, what is the long term psychological toll of Israeli military rule on Palestinian youth who have only known the Israel Defence Forces' military presence in their lives? Also, what is the psychological "fallout" on Israel's self-image, being preoccupied with keeping Palestinians under constant surveillance?

It is useless to debate whether or not successive Israeli governments should or should not have held on to the administered territories. We know that in the aftermath of the Six Day War, a furious debate raged between Israeli political giants David Ben-Gurion and Moshe Dayan. Ben-Gurion favoured returning all the conquered territories apart from Jerusalem, the Golan Heights and Mount Hebron. Dayan, on the other hand, authored a secret memo in 1968 proposing massive settlement beyond the Green Line.

There are Jews who vividly recall Israel's precarious rebirth in 1948 and those who remember Israel's standing at the precipice in June 1967 who would label these future rabbis as naïve and misguided.

Such labelling would be unwise, for these rabbis-in-the-making are joined in their opinions by significant segments of Jewish citizens inside Israel who vote in the centre and to the left of centre.

In addition, it is prudent to remember that all efforts to resolve Israel's political quagmire have evaded every one of Israel's elected coalitions over the past four decades. It seems extremely unlikely that positive attitudes toward Israel will emerge among the next generation of rabbis until the Knesset can arrive at a more tranquil modus operandi with Palestinians in Judea and Samaria.

At the same time, I believe there are two steps that can help make a dent in the armour of disillusionment: First, Israel must vastly improve its PR mechanism. It is getting better, but it still has a long way to go. Israeli spokespeople now speak flawless English, and there is growing recognition among Israelis that world opinion is of paramount importance.

In co-ordination with the Diaspora, Israel needs to ramp up its transmission of fact to counter various fictions. The message needs to go forth ad nauseam that Israel has tried on several occasions to relinquish land for peace, only to be rebuffed from the Palestinian side. Let the message be restated again and again that Israel is the only democratic country in the region and is one of the only countries in the Middle East that protects gay rights. Also, Israel's rambunctious and obnoxious parliamentary system is stable when tethered to its justice system and ultimately to its Supreme Court, to ensure women's rights, free speech and to prosecute corruption and abuse. Where else in the Middle East except in Israel can one imagine convicting a former president of the country on charges of sexual misconduct?

Let the message be disseminated better that Israel follows international law while fighting terrorists when the terrorists themselves do not adhere to the rules of engagement. Israel is a civilized state, and Israeli soldiers are not the same as Palestinian terrorists. The IDF does not intentionally shoot at civilians, or murder women and children, and it does not put bombs on buses. Let the message go forth that every resident beyond the Green Line has the right to petition Israel's Supreme Court. This is unique and unprecedented in the rules of international law. In many cases, the court has accepted these petitions.

Youngsters arriving in Israel on a Birthright-Taglit program. The author urges federations and synagogues to go beyond the 10-day Birthright program. *[File photo]*

Israel must explain better that international law does not say that unintended collateral damage and injury to civilians is forbidden. What is forbidden is killing civilians, which is what Hamas does when it shoots at kibbutzim, towns and cities in Israel from Gaza.

Israel's moral stance is in contrast to the political terrorism practised by Hamas against its own population. Israel must better inform the world of its legal efforts to safeguard basic human rights in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. Recently, two IDF soldiers were tried and court-martialed for asking a nine-year-old to check a bag that they suspected might contain explosives. The child obeyed their orders and nothing happened, as there were no explosives in the bag, but the soldiers' actions violated international humanitarian law, because soldiers are not allowed to use local civilians to help themselves on the battlefield.

The West needs to hear the bristling tenet of Israel's former chief justice, Aharon Barak: "It is the fate of democracy that not all means are permitted, and to whom not all the methods used by its enemies are open. At times, democracy fights with one hand tied behind its back. Despite that, democracy has the upper hand, since preserving the rule of law and recognition of individual liberties constitute an important component of its security. At the end of the day, they strengthen its spirit and allow it to overcome its difficulties."

A second strategy to promote positive feelings about Israel aimed at Jews in their 20s and 30s is to invest increasing sums of money to bring them to Israel so they can learn to distinguish between two different Israels. Our federations and synagogues need to go beyond applauding Birthright's 10-day introduction to "Israel 101." A page should be taken from the Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati, the only body in North America that, having sold its Jewish hospital for a windfall of $67 million, now awards Israel grants to high schoolers ages 16 to 18 of up to $6,500 and post-high school students up to age 26 of up to $5,000 to spend quality time in Israel, ranging from several weeks to several months.

Young Jewish adults need to see beyond Israel-in-crisis. There is a second Israel, hardly known to Diaspora Jews, whose nerve pathways get crammed with Israel's political woes. They need to become familiar with "average," decent Israelis who live lives that are routine and mundane: raising families, making a living, going to the beach and the theatre, taking kids to music and tennis lessons, making time for spiritual fervour such as meditation on a Tel Aviv beach or going to synagogue in Jerusalem, and making time for friends. In short, living lives not all that different from middle-class Diaspora families.

This "second" Israel must not get buried in the face of security, settlements and future borders. While threats of terror are not far from their consciousness, Israelis do much in getting on with fashioning order and good times, not permitting the enemy to dictate how they shape reality. As an Israeli citizen, I suspect most Israelis' wherewithal for getting on with life is not about "sticking" it to the enemy, of turning up collective noses at those who wish the State of Israel ill. Rather, it has to do with a collective way to frame reality, ensuring that chaos does not trump the wonder of having returned home after two millennia. Spending quality time in the country will enable this positive mindset to penetrate the minds and hearts of the next generation of Diaspora Jews.

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Why speaking publicly matters

Although it was immediately overshadowed by U.S. President Barack Obama's momentous announcement of the taking of terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden, the televised interview with Lara Logan haunted my dreams. Logan is the CBS journalist who survived a brutal sexual assault in February of this year while covering the Egyptian uprising in Tahrir Square.

After more than two months of public silence about that horrible day, Logan agreed to what she indicated would be her only public interview about the event. Her account was graphic, yet dignified and restrained; her speaking before an audience of millions, courageous.

Logan focused not only on her battle for her life in a frenzied crowd of attackers, but on the plight of women journalists more broadly. She spoke of breaking the code of silence about the sexual assaults of women reporters in various locales, perpetrated either as a deliberate attempt to intimidate them, or as a consequence of a local ethos regarding the treatment of women.

Women can't help but identify with Logan, whose story exemplifies the vulnerability of women across cultures. As a Jewish woman, I felt the identification even more strongly. While Logan is not Jewish, those attacking her believed that she was, further fuelling their frenzy and giving them perverse "justification" for their attack.

Logan's decision to speak openly about the horror in Tahrir Square exemplifies a far-reaching change in attitudes about the public discourse on sexual assault. Not so long ago, there was a consensus that when reporting sexual assault, news media would not identify victims by name. Underlying this practice was the assumption that naming the victim would subject her to an unwanted public exposure that would extend the humiliation of the original violation. Keeping her identity secret, it was felt, would restore her dignity, because – apart from a small circle of people – no would know, no one would imagine.

While some women welcomed this anonymity of victimhood, others did not. They saw in this convention of secrecy not a protection of their privacy and preservation of their dignity, but the imposition of shame. We keep secret, they observed, that which we find shameful. Too often, they noted, victims of sexual assault feel disgraced, shamed by what was done to them. As a result, they keep silent, often contending alone with feelings of abasement and trauma. But the silence results in cutting off support from others.

To counter this dynamic of isolation and shame, some women began pushing against the convention of anonymity. In a mood shift that gained force in the last decade of the 20th century, many victims of sexual assault began to insist that newspapers and other media identify them by name. The shame was not theirs, they stressed. The perpetrators had behaved shamefully.

Sara R. Horowitz

in Toronto

It took courage for victims of rape to come forward publicly during an era that insisted on masking them for their own good. But they viewed their openness about what they had endured not merely as a path to their own healing, but – more importantly – as a way of signalling to other victims that they need not go through it alone, and that they need not blame themselves.

As we've come to understand, rape is not a crime of sexual passion but a criminal tool of domination, humiliation and control. Women are not its only victims, but they represent the majority of victims and are the most vulnerable to this type of attack. In societies where women have limited rights and lowered status, the threat and reality of sexual assault is a powerful way of enforcing repressive norms and keeping women in their place.

In Jewish circles, the acknowledgment that victims of sexual assault should not bear the shame or the blame for what has been done to them has opened up new and compassionate paths for Judaism to address their experience. Religious rituals have been developed to bring the sacred more palpably into the realm of healing and moving ahead. Former victims and their (mostly female) rabbis have taken an active role in creating new rituals where none existed before: using the living waters of mikvaot, or ritual baths; synagogue liturgy, and home-based women's study groups.

It's a body of ritual whose need, I pray, will diminish over time and some day disappear.

Thinking American

It started last year with Peter Beinart's widely discussed essay in the *New York Review of Books* that described the growing alienation of American Jews from Israel. It continued more recently with David Remnick, who argued in the *New Yorker* that the United States should promote its own Israeli-Palestinian peace plan, whether or not the government of Israel likes it.

Many young American Jews seem to agree with both writers. Israel's political leaders can no longer take the automatic endorsement of their policies for granted. U.S. Jews have been reared in liberal values and want to judge Israel by them, too. They insist they're Americans first and that the United States should act according to America's progressive traditions also in relation to Israel, not to hurt it but to help it live up to its commitment to democracy and peace.

Rabbi Dow Marmur

in Toronto

In a recent column in the *Jerusalem Post*, Daniel Gordis wrote that nowadays, even rabbinic students in many American institutions seem to distance themselves from Israel. They spend at least a year of their studies in Jerusalem, but, instead of being imbued with unquestioning loyalty to the Jewish state, they often return home more critical than when they came.

After graduation, they preach to congregations and thus influence the Jew in the pew. Even if older worshippers with Republican leanings reject their views, many of the young are likely to share them.

U.S. Jewry is vitally important to Israel. The fact it's less prepared to support whatever government Israelis elect than in the past has alarmed many. But accusing critics of self-hatred and destructive assimilation will only widen the gap. Constructive criticism by the young may be more beneficial to Israel than mindless support by their parents.

Writers such as Beinart and Remnick insist they aren't turning their backs on Israel but advocating a relationship between equals. They expect Israelis to respect American Jewry for what it is.

This includes J-Street, the new left-of-centre critical pro-Israel lobby. Instead of seeing it as a danger to Israel, Jewish leaders are called on to accept it as an opportunity to harness liberal forces in American Jewry, supporting Israel, albeit critically, in the joint endeavour to live in peace with the Palestinians. It's much more wholesome than, for example, the unholy alliance between Israeli Jews and American evangelicals.

American Jewry isn't on the verge of extinction. It's a self-confident and equal partner in shaping the Judaism of tomorrow. Israelis must accept that America isn't exile, but as much a home for Jews in the United States as Israel is for Jews in the Jewish state.

Being fully integrated into the life of the United States has given Jews enormous opportunities in terms of resources and influence, both often deployed to Israel's advantage. But it has also led to what some see as alienation and assimilation, for the integration has come with a high percentage of intermarriage and a concomitant weaker link to the Jewish people in general, and Israel in particular.

To the extent that young non-Orthodox Jews affiliate, it's more likely to be with Reform congregations, because they're seen as most open to all. The intermarried and their offspring, as well as gay and lesbians, say they feel most at home in Reform Judaism.

As a result, the Union for Reform Judaism is today the largest denomination in American Jewry. Its president-elect, Rabbi Rick Jacobs, is an ardent Zionist who holds leadership positions in J-Street and the New Israel Fund, both frequently vilified by the obscurantist right. His emergence as one of the foremost leaders of the next generation of American Jewry points to its future direction. Being alarmed by it won't do Israel any good. Re-thinking old attitudes will.

Canadian Jews are physically and culturally much closer to the United States than to Israel, yet they tend to see American Jews through conventional Israeli eyes. As Americans are fond of saying, Canadian Jewry is one or two generations behind.

So far, this "backwardness" has served us well. But things are changing here, too. Instead of embracing the future, we're in danger of getting stuck in the past by smugly continuing to mouth the old clichés. As difficult as it may be for Canadians, the time has come to think more the way American Jews do.

Pakistan plays a double game

Almost 10 years after he masterminded the bloodiest attack on American soil since Pearl Harbor, the arch terrorist Osama bin Laden was gunned down in a hail of bullets by U.S. special forces on May 1 in a walled compound in Pakistan.

For about the past five years, bin Laden, the leader of Al Qaeda and America's most wanted fugitive, had been living in Abbottabad, a suburb of Islamabad, Pakistan's capital, rather than in some spartan cave in Pakistan's wild tribal area, where he was presumed to have been hiding. Indeed, his fortified house was only several hundred metres from a military academy, Pakistan's version of West Point, and an army base.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

The location of bin Laden's lair lent credence to the theory that he had a support system in Pakistan and that the Pakistani government may have had an inkling of his whereabouts. Working on the assumption that Pakistan – a mercurial U.S. ally in the war against terrorism and a recipient of generous American aid packages – is not sufficiently trustworthy, the Obama administration did not give it advance notice of the raid. Leon Panetta, the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, has admitted that Pakistan might have jeopardized the daring operation had it been given advance warning.

Osama bin Laden

Pakistan, a nuclear-armed state that is well on its way toward becoming the world's most populous Muslim nation, seethes with anti-American and anti-western sentiment. Carved out of India in 1947 amid intense and widespread sectarian violence, Pakistan was established as a tolerant Muslim state by its founding father, Mohammed Ali Jinnah. He hoped that Pakistan would be a bastion of secular, liberal and multicultural values. But due to the Islamic revolution in Iran, the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan and a proclivity by Pakistani leaders to cater to obscurantist Muslim forces, Pakistan began drifting into Islamic fervency about two decades ago. Though Islamic political parties have had a marginal place in Pakistani politics, they exert a disproportionate influence on Pakistan, which has been ruled by cliques of generals for nearly half its existence.

Muslim fundamentalism is deeply entrenched in Pakistan thanks to a network of Saudi-financed Islamic schools, or madrasas, and deep-seated poverty and endemic corruption. Dominated by a self-serving elite with an endless appetite for conspicuous consumption, Pakistan has provided few basic services to the masses.

Pakistan was thrust into the war on terrorism on Sept. 11, 2001, after Al Qaeda destroyed the World Trade Center and attacked the Pentagon, the twin symbols of American financial and military supremacy. Since these assaults were conceived and planned in Taliban-controlled Afghanistan, which tolerated an Al Qaeda presence, the United States invaded Afghanistan. The invasion prompted the leadership of both Al Qaeda and the Taliban to flee into the lawless northeast corner of neighbouring Pakistan.

Determined to bring the planners of 9-11 to justice, the Americans formed a strategic alliance with Pakistan's president, Gen. Pervez Musharaff, and began pouring billions of dollars' worth of military and economic assistance into Pakistan. Musharaff, a foe of Islamic radicalism whom extremists tried to assassinate, seemed like a reliable ally.

In the wake of 9-11, the United States and Pakistan carried out joint operations on Pakistani territory that netted two high-profile Al Qaeda operatives, Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and Abu Zubaydah, but not Al Qaeda's second-in-command, Ayman al-Zawahiri.

These operations notwithstanding, the Americans have been less than satisfied with the level of Pakistan's co-operation in the war against terrorism.

To win the war in Afghanistan, to which the Obama administration has committed 100,000 troops, the United States must wipe out Taliban and Al Qaeda sanctuaries in Pakistan and deal devastating blows to their allies, Lashkar-e-Taiba and the Haqqani group. Without Pakistan's help, these goals simply cannot be accomplished.

These jihadist organizations have wreaked a trail of death and destruction, having taken credit for the gruesome murder of the American Jewish journalist Daniel Pearl, the killing of tourists in Bali, Morocco, Egypt and Jordan and the shooting of Indian nationals and foreigners in Mumbai, India.

Under U.S. pressure, the Pakistani army has launched anti-terrorist campaigns in Swat and South Waziristan, having deployed close to 150,000 troops there since 9-11. But much to the consternation of the United States, Pakistan has declined to send its army into another terrorist enclave, North Waziristan. Nor has the Pakistani government permitted U.S. troops to carry out covert missions in Pakistan.

Asif Ali Zardari

Worse still, from Washington's point of view, Pakistan has strenuously objected to U.S. drone strikes, which, though extremely effective in eliminating Al Qaeda and Taliban operatives, are generally regarded as a blatant infringement of Pakistani sovereignty.

Beyond these grievances, the United States suspects that Pakistan, through its internal intelligence agency, the ISI, is playing a duplicitous game. Pakistan, on the one hand, has pursued terrorists and channelled intelligence data to the United States. On the other hand, there is a perception that Pakistan coddles and protects Washington's enemies. A case in point: Lashkar-e-Taiba, though officially banned, reportedly operates openly in Pakistan. A group that has vowed to "plant a flag" in Washington and Tel Aviv, it has been used by Pakistan as a proxy against its regional rival, India.

Admiral Mike Mullen, the outgoing chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, has described Lashkar-e-Taiba as a "global threat." Last week, he accused Pakistan of maintaining operational ties with Lashkar-e-Taiba's clone, the Haqqani group, the largest terrorist organization in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Mullen's accusation has been heard before. In his memoirs, *At the Center of the Storm: My Years in the CIA*, the CIA's former director, George Tenet, scathingly wrote, "The Pakistanis always knew more than they shared with us. They did not co-operate with us in the war against Al Qaeda."

Pakistan's policy, though outwardly murky, is quite clear upon further examination.

Although Pakistan fears jihadist terrorism and has been continually victimized by it in a succession of suicide bombings, Pakistan's leaders regard India rather than the Taliban as the main enemy.

Pakistan, therefore, cultivates relations with the Taliban and like-minded groups so as to keep India, its arch enemy, at bay.

"The Pakistani establishment is providing support to terrorist groups while keeping the denial process in play," Uday Bhaskar, the former director of New Delhi-based Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses, said last week in a Reuters interview.

Pakistan's current president, Asif Ali Zardari, whose wife, Benazir Bhutto, was killed in a terrorist incident, has vowed to fight Islamic militancy in the interests of preserving "a modern, moderate Pakistan."

High-flown rhetoric, however, will not save Pakistan from the scourge of Islamic fundamentalism. Judging by last week's event in Abbottabad, Pakistan has yet to prove its wholehearted commitment to eradicating extremism in its midst.

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Cantors Assembly to welcome 200 at convention

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Some 200 cantors will gather in Toronto for the 64th annual Cantors Assembly convention from May 22 to 26, the first time the event is being held in Canada.

Cantor Steven Stoehr

The CA, which is affiliated with the Conservative movement but also has members from other denominations, is the largest cantors organization in the world.

With just under 600 members, the assembly is the "largest, most powerful and most influential organization of cantors," according to Beny Maissner, cantor at Holy Blossom Temple and co-chair of the convention with fellow cantors Simon Spiro of Toronto's Beth Tzedec Congregation and Steven Stoehr of Congregation Beth Shalom in Chicago.

Stoehr, a former CA president, told *The CJN* last week that one of the biggest issues facing cantors in recent years is a need to reinvent themselves.

Twenty or 30 years ago, he said, it was often enough to be an inspiring liturgist. But now, in addition to that, synagogues look for cantors whose skills may include fundraising, nursing home visits and teaching, and who may need to meet higher standards of devoutness than in the past.

One indication of changing times – not only in the role of cantors but in society in general – is a session Stoehr is leading on the chevra kadisha and transgendered adults. Stoehr, who runs a chevra kadisha in Chicago, said participants will study rabbinic tshuvot so they will become more knowledgeable about and sensitive to the issues.

Sessions like that help cantors become "better partners to our rabbinic colleagues, and a better resource to our communities."

Another session will be set aside for female cantors, who have been ordained in the Conservative movement only since the late 1980s. Facilitators will be Toronto social worker Beth Feffer, and Cantor Erica Lippitz, of New Jersey. Equal pay to their male counterparts and an "uphill climb" to acceptance are issues that are particular to female cantors, Stoehr said.

He said the convention serves as "a safe haven" to discuss pressures of the cantorate and a way for participants to expand their horizons. "We all come back feeling rejuvenated, and serve our congregations better."

Spiro is particularly excited about the convention's tie-in with Jewish Music Week, which is being held for the first time in Toronto to coincide with the convention and extends to May 29.

"For me the main thing is that it's not a closed-door convention," Spiro said. "It's really very spectacularly exciting."

Spiro's wife Aliza – who is also a cantor but now works as a singer and songwriter – spearheaded the organization of Jewish Music Week. The two events have some joint programs that are open to the public, including a concert the first night of the convention featuring music of Canadian Jewish composers, which will include a tribute to Cantor Louis Danto of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, who died last year.

There will also be a memorial tribute to Jewish songwriter Debbie Friedman, who died in January, as well as a performance of the Shinonome Chorus of Japan, singing in Yiddish and Hebrew, which will be part of Holy Blossom Temple's musical series. The latter event will also honour Toronto composer Ben Steinberg.

As well, there will be informal late-night concerts that have typically been for convention participants only. "That's when the cantors let their hair down – metaphorically speaking," Spiro said

For the Monday night concert, on May 23, the CA will bestow its highest honour, the Kavod Award, on award-winning composer Marvin Hamlisch, who has written a new *Shehechiyanu* (which is the theme of the convention) for the event.

The convention is being held at the Marriott Eaton Centre, with some evening events being held at different locations. Further information about events that are open to the public can be found at jewishmusicweek.com/schedule.

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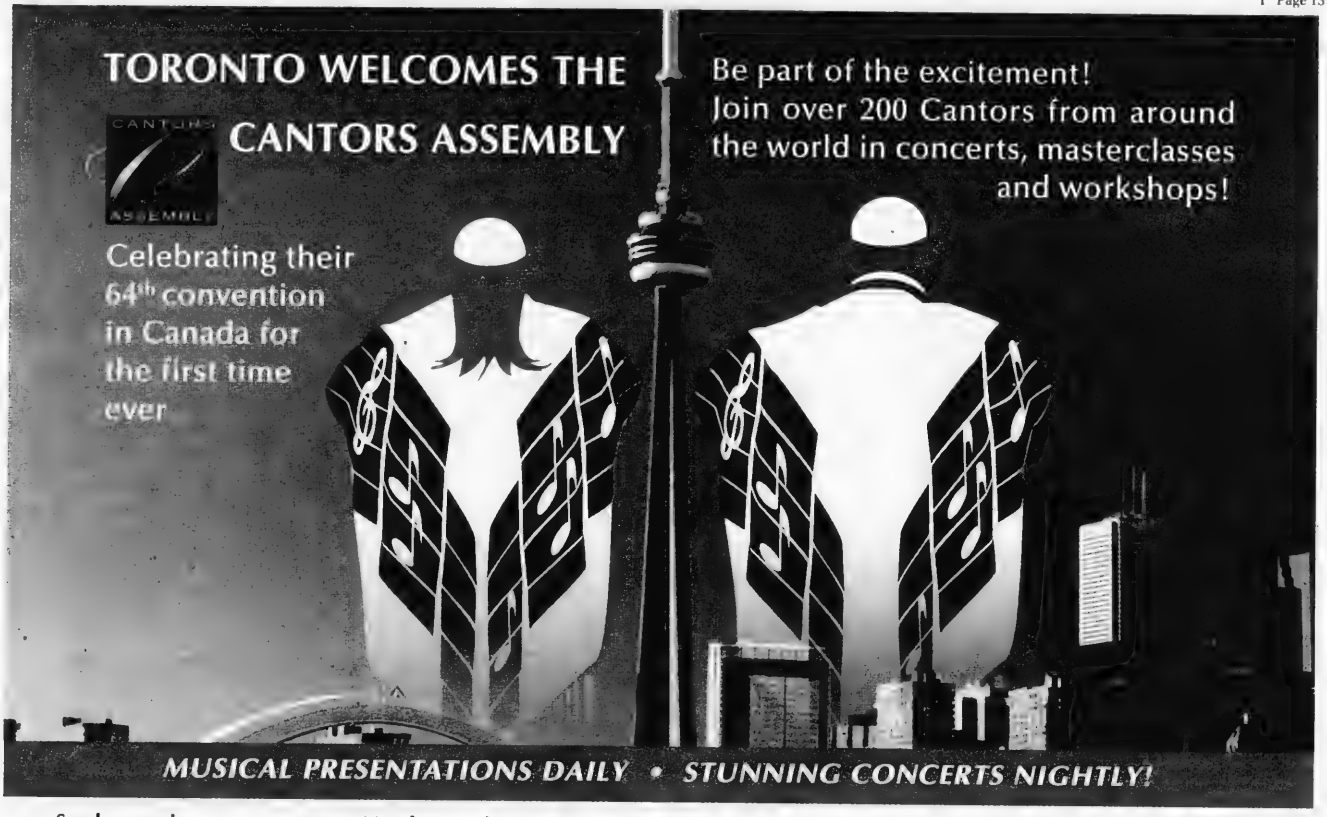
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Lecturers to compare talmudic, secular law

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

In at least one way, the practice of law and the study of Talmud bear a resemblance to each other: both require continuing education.

As of Jan.1, the Law Society of Upper Canada, the governing body for the profession in Ontario, has mandated that lawyers must put in at least three hours of study as part of its Continuing Professional Development requirement.

To help lawyers meet the requirement, Chabad Lubavitch of York Mills is teaming up with a group of attorneys to sponsor a program that focuses on professional responsibility, ethics and practice management – with a talmudic twist. The program was to be held May 9 at the downtown law offices of Fraser Milner Casgrain, said Rabbi Levi Gansburg, director of the Chabad program at Bayview Avenue and York Mills Road.

The program, titled Law Conference, Comparing Modern and Talmudic Legal Systems, has received advanced accreditation by the Law Society and was expected to attract about 100 lawyers, Rabbi Gansburg said. They will participate in back to back sessions that will focus on "reporting misconduct – a talmudic and secular law comparison," and "encouraging alternative dispute resolution where appropriate – two models."

Presenters include retired judge Harvey Spiegel, lawyers Tanya Goldberg, Leah Price and Barry Leon, as well as Rabbi Shlomo Yaffe, scholar in residence at Harvard University.

Rabbi Gansburg said the idea for the conference came from a couple of lawyers who take part in some of the programs offered by Chabad. After the Law Society approved the topics, Chabad sent out a mass e-mail to hundreds of Jewish lawyers, and "our response was overwhelming," Rabbi Gansburg said. "Many said, 'I've been waiting to do this, to study Talmud in a comparative law setting.'"

Rabbi Gansburg, who worked in New York for 10 years before returning to Toronto, said continuing education legal programs with a Judaic content are "very big" in the United States. Not only do they permit Jewish lawyers to get in touch with talmudic legal reasoning, they facilitate professional networking in a Jewish setting.

Rabbi Yaffe, who is dean of the Institute of American and Talmudic Law in New York, has participated in many similar programs in the United States, even holding discussions on the two legal systems with Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, Rabbi Gansburg said.

The Talmud, he continued enthusiastically, "is brilliant. It sharpens the mind. It's one of the most ancient forms of law. It comprises thousands of pages of dialogue dissecting the law and that's what lawyers do. They analyze, and the Talmud is known for that."

Participating in the program expands Chabad's profile in the community and brings attention to its other programs. "We're here to build the future of Jewish life for the Bayview community," he said.

Chabad of York Mills offers a preschool program for 10 children, a Sunday Hebrew school for 60 kids, Shabbat services that attract 50 to 60 people, a monthly Jewish women's circle with about 80 participants, adult education programs, social events, and a bar and bat mitzvah club, among other activities. About 350 families have participated in at least one Chabad program at the facility, Rabbi Gansburg said.

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No single way to love Israel, NIF CEO says

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

There is no monolithic way of expressing solidarity with Israel, says the chief executive officer of the New Israel Fund (NIF), Daniel Sokatch.

In an interview ahead of an appearance in Toronto next week on behalf of NIF's Canadian chapter, Sokatch said he rejects the "Israel right-or-wrong" or "Israel-is-always-wrong" models of engagement with the Jewish state.

"This is a false dichotomy," he said. "This is wrong."

Many Jews, particularly young liberal ones, refuse to choose between these stark alternatives, said Sokatch, who is scheduled to deliver a speech titled "Loving Israel in Complicated Times" on May 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Habonim.

Jews can express their love for Israel by supporting causes that reflect the democratic and pluralistic values of Israel's 1948 Declaration of Independence, he said.

Daniel Sokatch

The New Israel Fund, he noted, reflects such values.

Dedicated to equality, human rights and democracy for all Israelis regardless of their religion, the New Israel Fund works for social justice through a variety of advocacy and hands-on assistance programs.

Referring to an article written by Peter Beinart in the *New York Review of Books* last year, Sokatch said a new generation of American Jews bristles at the thought that their liberalism must be checked at the door when Israel is on the agenda.

In fact, they need not embrace such thinking. "There is an Israel predicated on liberal values that could be attractive to younger Jews," he said. "There is an Israel to fall in love with, and it needs you."

In the meantime, he added, a rapidly increasing number of young American liberal Jews feel disconnected and disengaged from Israel.

To this segment of the Jewish population, Israel no longer looks like "an embattled David," Sokatch said, even as mainstream Jewish groups try to portray Israel in the simplistic terms outlined by the author Leon Uris in the novel *Exodus*.

Young liberal Jews regard Israel's military occupation of the West Bank as "morally complicated" and tend to think that the current Israeli government isn't prepared to make meaningful concessions to advance peace with the Palestinians.

Charging that some U.S. Jewish leaders merely pay lip service to dissent while really trying to stifle or quash debate by playing on fears of Israel's security, Sokatch said that "new means of engagement" with Israel must be found.

As he put it, "You can love your country and be dedicated to improving it."

In the meantime, Sokatch detects a "widening gulf" between American Jewish leaders and liberal Jews.

Turning to a related topic, he warned that civil society in Israel faces unprecedented challenges due to efforts by right-wing Knesset members from the Yisrael Beiteinu party to pass legislation to curtail freedom of speech and religion and thereby "alter the face of the Israel we love."

Yisrael Beiteinu, headed by Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman, is backing two bills that concern Sokatch.

The first would strip Reform and Conservative rabbis of the right to perform conversions in Israel and thus further empower the Orthodox rabbinate.

The second, taking the form of a loyalty oath, would require non-Jews seeking Israeli citizenship to pledge allegiance to Israel as a Jewish and democratic state.

Sokatch said the Knesset is now in the process of considering 19 other bills he finds objectionable.

Israel's future hinges not only on its relations with its Arab neighbours but on its ability to maintain peace and harmony within Israel, he said.

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Bialik launches celebrations to mark 50 years

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Bialik Hebrew Day School is launching a year of celebration for its 50th anniversary with a May 26 dinner at Events on the Park.

Dinner chair Elana Waldman told *The CJN*, "We're looking to focus on the Bialik community." Dinner entertainment will feature current parents and alumni, including mezzo-soprano Ramona Carmelly and comedian Simon Rakoff. A video tribute will focus on the school's founding families and longtime staff members.

Organizers want to balance respect for the school's history with acknowledgment of the future and the idea of moving forward, said Waldman. The evening's tongue-in-cheek name – "Oy! The Places We Will Go" – reflects their focus on the future.

The school – which started with 43 children in nursery, kindergarten and Grade 1 – has grown to more than 800 students. A second branch is expected to open on the Lebovic community campus in Vaughan in September 2013, with a junior kindergarten, senior kindergarten and Grade 1 class.

"We're very excited about being able to bring that kind of endeavour to the Lebovic campus," school president Mark Nightingale told *The CJN*, adding that the branch will grow to include all the years through Grade 8.

Former board member Anne Sokoloff, whose husband, Julius, was one of Bialik's founders, recalls that it was Moshe Menachovsky, principal of the Borochov evening school, who approached her husband and businessman Victor Topper about the idea of setting up a day school.

Three others eventually joined them as founders, and Menachovsky served as the school's first principal until ill health prevented him from continuing, Sokoloff said.

She recalls that her husband, a Toronto-born pharmacist, was motivated to start the school because no other day school offered Yiddish language or European Jewish history, or emphasized the ties with Israel the way he envisioned.

The school held its first classes in the Farband Labour Zionist building at 12 Viewmount Ave., and the organization eventually left the building to the school.

Pearl Mekler's Bialik roots go even further back. Her father was a founder of Bialik's precursor, the Farband Jewish Folk Shule, in the 1920s, and her daughter was in the first Grade 1 class of Bialik.

Elana Waldman

A former local and national president of Na'amat Canada, which is part of the Labour Zionist Alliance, Mekler has represented Na'amat on the Bialik board since 1961.

"I was involved because I was interested in Jewish education," Mekler added. "I think we have remained true to the core values of the Labour Zionist philosophy. Certainly there is an emphasis and a very strong connection with Israel.

"Now, through the Internet, the kids feel they're actually there."

Nightingale, who attended Bialik in the 1970s, said that when he enrolled his oldest son in the school, his biggest concern was that it was so much bigger than he remembered. He was delighted to discover that it was still "that heimish place."

However, he added, current students receive a more sophisticated education about Israel and Zionism.

Nightingale said the school gave him "a gift – academically, and in terms of understanding we all have a role to play in this world, and in our community.

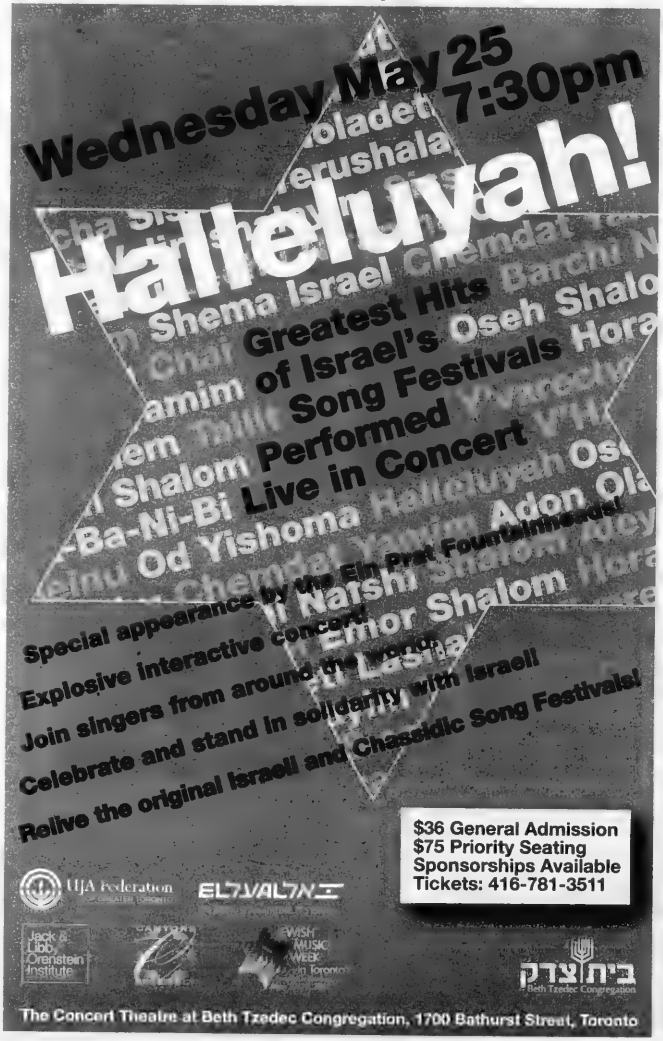
Head of school Shana Harris attributed Bialik's growth in numbers not only to building expansions in recent years, but to a "focused effort" to meet the needs of all kinds of learners.

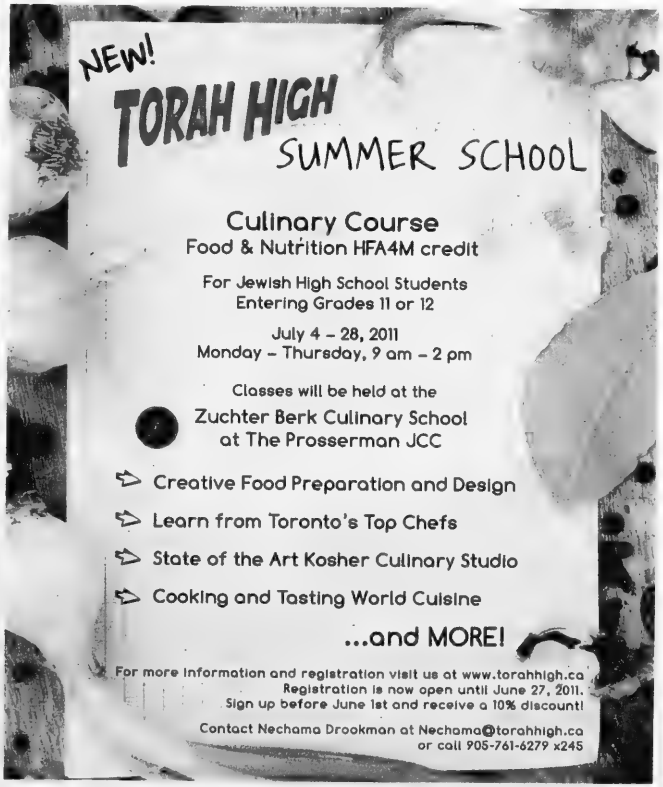
"We've increased the amount of resource support – what used to be called remedial – to students in both general and Jewish studies."

As well, she added, the school has made "a huge investment in technology," and has much more of a focus on experiential education, particularly in teaching about Israel.

Harris said the school is still strongly connected to its Labour Zionist roots through Na'amat, "but the Labour Zionist philosophy in the school today focuses less on the labour and strongly on the Zionist."

For more information about the dinner or to reserve, call Michal Daskalo at 416-783-3346, ext. 223, or go to launchinto50.bialik.ca. Tickets start at $200 per person.

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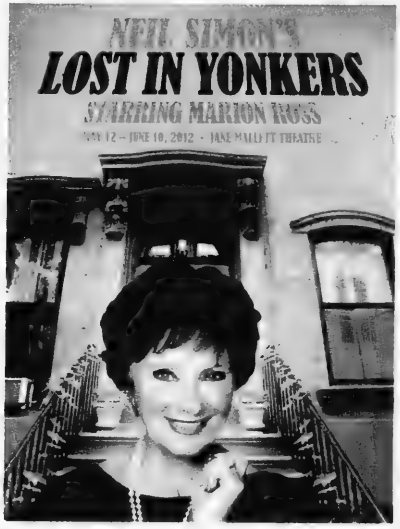

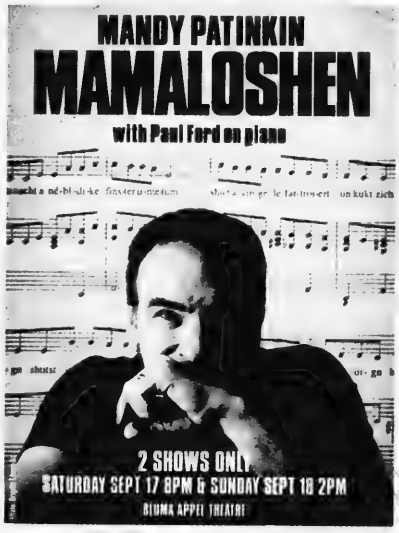

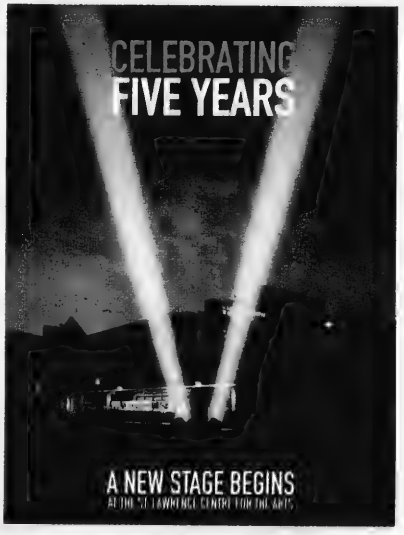

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Elsa Wachs asked friends and family to contribute personal items to be incorporated into her son's chupah. The groom contributed a red plastic elephant-shaped key, a token of his childhood. His bride chose a necklace he had given her. "Other relatives sent pieces of fur, gloves – even a tallit. Wachs herself contributed two scarves: her parents had given her one when she was 16; a cousin had brought the other back from his honeymoon. That cousin had introduced Wachs and her husband, and Wachs, in turn, introduced the cousin to his wife." That chupah has become a family heirloom and has been used at the weddings of Wachs' three sons, two cousins and other relatives. **[http://bit.ly/chupah8]**

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Richard Caro has some interesting credentials if you are looking for professional assistance. Caro is a direct descendant of Yosef Caro, the 16th-century kabbalist of Safed. The contemporary Caro feels that he has a special responsibility to create the right chupah. "I see myself as a builder, and a chupah is a spiritual representation of a couple's first house. When a couple decides to make a chupah, or have one made for them, they are creating something that they will have in their lives forever." **[http://bit.ly/chupah12]** Oh, and I love the name of his blog, "deus ex (sewing) machina." **[http://bit.ly/chupah13]**

Carin Davis spoke to Joan and Joel Schrier, who helped their daughter and son-in-law produce a patchwork chupah. The Schriers sent 36 fabric squares to wedding guests and asked them to decorate them with meaningful illustrations. Their daughter, Kimberly, hopes to continue the custom when she has children of her own. "I'd love if they got married under our quilt chupah, but with an added a perimeter of squares made just for them." **[http://bit.ly/chupah14]**

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To celebrate, mourn or remember?

I first learned about the killing of Osama bin Laden on Facebook. A former student of mine, now attending a university in New York, posted that he was at Ground Zero singing the *Star Spangled Banner* with a crowd of fellow celebrants. He wrote, "Went to Ground Zero!! It was amazing." When I logged into Facebook and read his status, a dozen people had already "liked" his post. At Ground Zero, outside the White House and in centres around the world, similar crowds gathered to celebrate the death of bin Laden.

Class Act

Daniel Held

Like my student, I feel an inner contentment knowing that bin Laden is dead. I feel safer and I believe that justice has been served. I think of those who lost loved ones on 9/11 or at war fighting Al Qaeda and hope they, too, feel a sense of justice and closure.

Proverbs 11:10 states, "When the wicked perish, there is song." Last week, that song was the American anthem sung at the deathbed of the thousands murdered on 9/11.

This is our modus operandi on Purim. After the hanging of Haman, the Jews were given reprieve to defend themselves, "so the Jews struck at their enemies with the sword, slaying and destroying, they wreaked their will upon their enemies."(Esther, 9:5) In the wake of defensive killing of tens of thousands, Mordechai commanded celebration. On the day "which had been transformed for from one of grief and mourning to one of festive joy they were to observe days of feasting and merrymaking." (9:22)

At the same time, I feel discomfort in celebrating death. While recognizing the terror and suffering that bin Laden has wrought, which can never be forgiven or forgotten, and while acknowledging the future evil his death has spared us from, how can we celebrate and sing when one of God's creations is killed?

Passover reflects such sentiment. While we celebrate the Exodus and God's mighty miracles, we also take pause to recognize the suffering of the Egyptians. Though we are thankful for the plagues that freed our ancestors from slavery, we spill wine from our glasses to remember the suffering wrought on the Egyptians. Though we sing the praise of Hallel with gusto, our liturgy truncates its full singing. How can we sing when God's creations were swept away and drowned in the Red Sea?

Proverbs offers a counter-balance to its earlier saying. "Do not rejoice in the downfall of your enemy, and do not let your head be glad when he stumbles." (Prov. 24:16) The 13th-century Spanish commentator Rabenu Yona adds that "it is a weighty matter upon which many people fall into error. One should not rejoice in one's enemy's misfortune, even if that enemy is an evil person."

I wrote this column the morning after bin Laden's death, when my frame of reference still lay in Purim and Pesach.

While inwardly my heart is thankful for an end to this chapter and hopeful for the peace and security it may bring, I'm not ready to outwardly celebrate and sing. By the time this column is published, I will have endured the emotional roller-coaster of Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzamut, commemorations and celebrations that will surely shed new light and new thinking on today's events.

A place for Jewish students

Students who are far from home are faced with many new challenges.

Some of these challenges will result in intellectual stimulation as students focus on their preferred areas of studies. Non-academic challenges, however, may be a little more difficult to deal with. The problem of continuing to follow religious traditions after leaving the nest for school is a difficult one for Jewish students.

Many Jewish traditions are celebrated with family around the dinner table. During an intense study period, it can be difficult to find time to go home. This year, Passover fell on April 18, during the exam period, making it next to impossible for these students to plan a trip to their respective cities.

With their families being in other parts of the country, and perhaps the world, it can be daunting for them to sit down for a seder without the familiarity of family. Rabbi Chaim Boyarsky, and the Chabad Student Network (CSN) in Ottawa, have diligently been trying to create a home for these students.

Rabbi Boyarsky believes it's very important to help these Jewish students stay connected to their roots. He acknowledges that students living away from their parents may face difficulties. "Students away from the comforts of their home may not have the ability to celebrate Passover in true family spirit," Rabbi Boyarsky said. "We welcome them to join the Chabad on campus family, so they can fully experience and enjoy Passover."

Staying true to his beliefs, Rabbi Boyarsky, for Passover, opened his home to a large number of Jewish students, making sure they were well fed with traditional services and a meal. The seders

On Campus

Justin Dahan

were described on the Facebook event page as "a home-made five-course dinner that would make your bubbie proud."

The number of people who attended the two seders was staggering. "We had 80 students the first night and 65 the second," Rabbi Boyarsky said.

Students left the seders feeling happy. Fourth-year economics student Demian Chaiquin said, "The seders at Rabbi Chaim's were prime examples of how welcoming the Jewish community is in Ottawa."

Rabbi Boyarsky and the CSN play an integral role in welcoming students to the Ottawa Jewish community. He has always worked very hard to open his home to Jewish students. He is often heard on both the Carleton University and University of Ottawa campuses saying to Jewish students that they are "always welcome" to come over. Rabbi Boyarsky consistently fills up his home for Shabbat dinners and leaves his guests' minds and stomachs nourished with enriching conversation as well as bountiful food. Many Jewish students say they consider his house to be their home away from home.

Ottawa campuses have benefited greatly from Rabbi Boyarsky's work. Not only does he contribute by helping students feel at home during the High Holidays, he also does it throughout the school year.

He has done plenty for Jewish students, aside from his Shabbat dinners. He also has a weekly pizza-and-Parshah event, where Jewish students meet in a large group to discuss the Parshah, as well as dine on kosher pizza from Rideau Bakery.

Diverse customs are a strength

The Talmud Shabbat (21b) says that whatever one studies in his youth is much more enduring than what one learns later in life. Elsewhere, in Chapter 4 of *Ethics of Our Fathers*, Elisha Ben Avuya says, "He who learns when a youth, to what is he like? He is like ink written on fresh paper. But one who learns when old, to what is he like? He is like ink written on rubbed paper."

As a child, I grew up in a Sephardi home, where I learned about my heritage and Jewish values. It was done in very gentle and subtle ways. Each holiday had its special aromas and flavours, and a unique charm that engendered keen anticipation.

Sephardi Window

Rabbi Ilan Acoca

Rosh Hashanah had the quince marmalade, Sukkot the couscous, Chanukah the *sfenj* (Moroccan donuts), Purim the bread baked with hard boiled eggs, Pesach the Moroccan charoset, Mimouna the moufletas (Moroccan crepes) and the eggplant and orange jam, and Erev Tisha b'Av the Moroccan lentil soup.

All of these different foods suggest to this very day what I looked forward to as a child.

Another component of my education is the memory of the Sephardi music in our home. Each holiday and special occasion had its own musical signature. These beautiful songs were written by our great Sephardi composers, among whom are Rabbi Yehuda Halevy, Ibn Gabirol, and, most recently, Rabbi David Bouzaglo.

My mother told me on different occasions how she grew up in the city of Mogador across the street from the synagogue. She used to wake up to the beautiful melodies sung by the *paytanim* (liturgical singers). Those songs, too, had themes connected to different holidays and inculcated in me and my siblings the traditional anticipation of, and yearning for, the Holy Land.

As I grew older, I started to examine more carefully the different customs that I grew up with and found that some of them were nearly 1,000 years old! These customs were in no way arbitrary, as each accentuated an aspect of the holiday or the season of the year.

One of these customs is the Mimouna, which we continue to celebrate at the departure of Pesach. The first to mention this custom was Rav Nissim Gaon (990–1062). This custom evolved over time and is today a national holiday in Israel.

It is personal and indeed crucial to preserve these customs, ingrained in me since childhood, and not just because I am a Sephardi rabbi presiding over the only Sephardi synagogue west of Toronto. It's hard to describe, but, if I were to lose even one of these customs, it would be as if I lost a part of me. I am proud of my ancestry and its varied customs, and I derive much pleasure in sharing it with others.

Let's all take pride in those customs that make us who we are. Furthermore, let's begin to understand those of all of our Jewish brethren that make them who they are. After all, the diversity of customs, along with the unity of belief, is what serves to strengthen the Jewish People.

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Media cling stubbornly to established storylines

What has Margaret Wente's April 26 *Globe and Mail* column, "Can you handle the truth?" to do with the coverage of the Middle East? On the surface, nothing, but by implication, quite a lot.

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

Wente's subject was the failure of the media to disclose the truth about the relative health of the Gulf of Mexico, including its fishing industry, one year after the horrific Deepwater Horizon oil spill. According to Wente, despite some lingering problems, most scientist have found the Gulf to be surprisingly healthy. Yet, she noted, media coverage overwhelmingly has clung to the established "narrative of catastrophe."

Why was this so? Why ignore the abundance of countervailing facts?

Her answer is that the media had invested too much in the "disaster" storyline (which also captured the "morality tale" of evil oil interests versus good environment) to change it in light of new evidence.

It's on this theme – maintaining the established storyline and ignoring overwhelming contrary evidence – that Wente's remarks become relevant to much of the coverage of the Middle East.

What we find here, with some exceptions, is a persistent narrative: currently, the notion that Islamists (whether Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood or its offshoot Hamas) are actually "moderates" if given the chance to prove it.

The latest illustration of this is the storyline found in much of the coverage of the "unity" agreement between Fatah and Hamas signed in Cairo last week. Despite fresh statements from Hamas leaders themselves that they'll never recognize Israel's right to exist and are determined to destroy it, numerous media reports ignored these pronouncements and focused instead on potentially positive results of the reconciliation agreement.

To be sure, the media in general did report that Hamas still refuses to accept the Quartet's conditions that it recognize Israel's right to exist, renounce violence, and endorse existing Israel-PLO agreements. But many also drew attention to an apparent willingness of Hamas to compromise.

Patrick Martin, for instance, wrote (globeandmail.com, May 4) that "While Hamas leaders say they will not accept Israel's right to exist... they repeatedly make it clear they are willing to establish a Palestinian state based on the June 1967 borders that defined the West Bank and Gaza, and willing to sign a long-term truce with Israel."

In fact, Khaled Meshal, the Damascus-based head of Hamas who signed the reconciliation deal with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, reiterated one critical caveat. During the Cairo ceremony, Meshal brought up the key, longstanding demand for establishing a Palestinian state on the 1967 lines: the insistence on the "right of return" of Palestinian refugees to Israel. This of course would mean the destruction of Israel, not even a "long-term" truce with it. In short, what appears to many to be Hamas' moderation toward Israel is anything but.

Osama bin Laden killing denounced by Hamas PM

Martin did acknowledge one aspect of Hamas' extremism when he noted that Ismail Haniyeh, the Gaza-based Hamas prime minister, "didn't do his cause any good... when he condemned the U.S. killing of Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, just minutes after his Fatah 'partners' hailed the killing as a boon for peace."

Hamas leaders weren't alone in their views. The Fatah-affiliated Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade issued a similar statement, and the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt also denounced the operation.

The previous day in the *National Post*, Robert Fulford wrote about Haniyeh's praise of bin Laden as an "Arab holy warrior" and condemnation of the U.S. operation for its "continuation of the American policy based on oppression and the shedding of Muslim and Arab blood." Fulford also added a rare skeptical reminder that Hamas "was recently endorsed by many observers as an appropriate peace partner for Israel."

In an opinion piece in the May 5 *Globe and Mail*, Michael Bell, in a departure from the standard narrative, observed that "Hamas' ideological determinism forces rejection of any achievable option [with Israel], despite what its members might whisper into the ears of western sympathizers."

Fixed, familiar narratives may be appealing and comforting. But, as Wente reminded us – and these exceptions above indicate – it's the truth that matters.

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DANI panel to address special needs

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Rabbi Marc Penner of Queens, N.Y., will join two Toronto rabbis for a May 15 panel presentation on "Special Needs: What Halachah Expects from the Community."

The Sunday morning event is organized by DANI (Developing and Nurturing Independence), an organization for young adults with physical and/or cognitive challenges. It runs from 9:30 to 11:45 at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation (BAYT), and admission is free.

Rabbi Marc Penner

Rabbi Asher Vale, the BAYT's interim rabbi, and Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner, rosh beit midrash of Torah Mitzion Beit Midrash, which is affiliated with Yeshiva University, will round out the panel, with Rabbi Vale introducing and moderating the discussion.

Rabbi Penner – spiritual leader of a Young Israel congregation and an administrator at Yeshiva University – is the father of 15-year-old Matis, who has autism.

The rabbi refers to his son as a "superstar, because he can do lots of great things despite his challenges," he told *The CJN* in a phone interview last week. A marathon runner, Matis works part time and has a role in his synagogue.

"A lot of it is learning to celebrate what people can do," said Rabbi Penner, whose remarks will address parents of special needs children as well as the greater community.

"I think there is a lot that needs to be changed," he added. "Small needs and small changes can make a big difference."

Rabbi Torczyner, whose kollel is involved in supervising the kashrut of DANI's new catering initiative, said that, as a rabbi, he's seen the importance of addressing the issues facing special needs families. Among them are how to celebrate bar and bat mitzvahs, and mainstream versus separate education.

"It's very clear there is a need to do more," he said.

Susie Sokol, who co-founded DANI with Kathy Laszlo, is co-sponsoring the panel with her sisters to honour the memory of their parents, Olly and Bumi Mittelman.

The more community connection that people with special needs have, the better it is for them, particularly as their parents age, Sokol said.

DANI has had wonderful support from the Jewish community since its inception in 2005, she added. "We're the first generation who has included our kids everywhere."

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Former BJE leader finds new life at Ve'ahavta

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Seymour Epstein, a Jewish community fixture who dedicated his career to humanitarianism and education, hopes to help Ve'ahavta, the Toronto-based Jewish humanitarian organization, with his decades of experience.

Just weeks ago, Epstein accepted a position as Ve'ahavta's acting director of international and education, filling in for Sarah Zelcer, who is on maternity leave.

Epstein said he's "very happy" to be working for Ve'ahavta "because for me it blends two worlds that I've been involved with my whole life."

Having spent 10 years as the director of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's Board of Jewish Education, and 18 more doing humanitarian work in North Africa, eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Epstein, a former *CJN* columnist, said working for Ve'ahavta feels like a "perfect fit."

"The combination of international work and education is exactly what I'm all about," he said.

Epstein, who joined Ve'ahavta just over a month ago, added, "I'm 65 years old, so this is a great moment to start fresh. I have a new job, and it's very exciting."

Epstein spoke enthusiastically about the international initiatives Ve'ahavta facilitates.

"We just had a medical mission that returned from two weeks in Guyana, where we had four doctors and two other volunteers working in villages and running clinics in places where there is very little access to that kind of medicine," Epstein said.

"We have a Kinder Kit program where we fill a backpack full of school supplies that we give out to children around the world."

Since the program launched in 2009, almost 30,000 backpacks have been distributed to children in developing countries including Zimbabwe, Guyana and Argentina.

"We just sent 10,000 Kinder Kits to Israel, and there will be a mission going there in June to distribute them through our partners," Epstein said.

He said that although his new position with Ve'ahavta is "radically different" from his work with UJA Federation, where he focused solely on the Jewish education system, he'll be using his expertise as an educator to develop a new program at Ve'ahavta that teaches people to be empathetic.

"We're looking at ways that we can be a force of Jewish education in the city, specifically in the area that excites us, which is humanitarian work, tikkun olam and the passion for tzedakah," Epstein said.

"We're hoping to become a force for what [Ve'ahavta] president, Avrum [Rosensweig], calls, education for empathy. This is about teaching the values of tikkun olam to young people."

Rosensweig explained that while the education program is still in the conceptual phase, his goal is to offer classes at Ve'ahavta's new offices on Bridgeland Avenue in Toronto.

"I'd like to connect our programming... to our classes, to our education so people can learn about tikkun olam and then translate it into action in places like Guyana, Haiti, Zimbabwe, and other places around the world," Rosensweig said.

Ve'ahavta president Avrum Rosensweig, left, recently welcomed Seymour Epstein to his team. *[Robyn Segall photo]*

Epstein said the plan is to first offer courses to Ve'ahavta's past volunteers, as well as those of other Jewish agencies.

"The idea is that we might be able to offer a course to workers in Jewish agencies [that is in line with] the kinds of Jewish values that go behind their work," Epstein said.

In terms of his personal goals, Epstein said he's eager to help develop the education department and turn it into "a real force for education in the community.

"That is a really important goal, and I think we have a lot to offer," he said, adding that the organization recently received two major gifts to develop the education initiative.

Rosensweig, who said that while his goals are "lofty," he wants to push Ve'ahavta beyond Toronto to be a voice "that speaks about empathy from a Jewish point of view" on an international scale.

"We really want to make an impression on the world."

Rosensweig said that Epstein "fits in very well with our plans to expand our education department," and having his expertise is "a gift and a treasure."

Epstein said the feeling is mutual.

"To say, 'I care about people and I want to do something,' is not quite enough... I think it's important for a people like the Jews to reflect on what it is about our past that forces us to have empathy and want to help," he said.

"[Ve'ahavta] really made a great fit for me... There were no alterations necessary."

Epstein's addition isn't the only new development at Ve'ahavta.

On June 5, it will be hosting a public housewarming to dedicate its new offices at 200 Bridgeland Ave. The agency moved from its Yonge Street location to Bridgeland in November.

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UJA Walk with Israel Family Challenge takes to the streets on Sunday, May 29

Funds raised have doubled from this time last year

By Daniel Horowitz and Taali Lester Tollman

With over 200 families having already pledged to raise a minimum of $1,000 and 33 more committed to bringing in at least $5,000, this year's UJA Walk with Israel Family Challenge, taking place on Sunday, May 29, has already raised twice as much as was raised at this time last year - and fundraising is only now moving into high gear.

And what better family project is there than joining forces on behalf of UJA to raise funds for its ongoing, transformative work in Israel?

"The Walk is huge in our community, in fact it's actually the largest single-day Jewish event in Toronto, but we wanted this year's event to be more than just about the one day, and that funds raised will continue to work on behalf of Israel and her citizens. We have been overwhelmed with our community's response," said Laurie Sheff, chair of this year's Walk with her husband Jonny Cole.

"This year, we started the Family Challenge where we actually challenged families to come together and either commit to raising $1,000 or $5,000 towards UJA's incredible, ongoing work in Israel." Cole continued. "So now you not only have an amazing community event, and a day of great fun, you also have a signature event that raises money for Israel and can truly make a difference in the long-run."

Sam Hershenhorn, 85, seen here with great nieces Felicia (l) and Jaclyn at a past Walk with Israel, will be participating in his 44th Walk on Sunday, May 29th.

Prior to the 10:00 a.m. start of the Walk, participants are invited to the kick-off party, taking place at 9:00 a.m., featuring a live performance by Juno Award winner Shawn Desman, presented by Mandell Entertainment Group & Camp Timberlane at 9:30 a.m. at Coronation Park. The day culminates with great food, games, rides and inflatables for the kids at the Renee & Irwin Nadal Festival at Ontario Place, starting at 12:30 p.m., after the completion of the Walk.

One man who can't wait for the Walk to start is Toronto's Sam Hershenhorn, who at 85, will be doing exactly what he's done once a year for the past 43 years, he'll put on his shoes, and walk the Walk.

To put this incredible feat into perspective, consider that Sam started this annual ritual back in 1967 which also happens to be the year we celebrated the 100-year anniversary of Canadian Confederation and, alas, the year the Toronto Maple Leafs last captured the Stanley Cup.

Back then, Sam completed the then grueling 26-mile UJA Walkathon with his wife, Gertrude, and children. Today, in time for this year's Family Fun Challenge, Sam's close knit circle has grown to include not only his children, but his three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

"Today, the Walk is much more about community involvement, and, of course, family involvement," says Sam. "The Walk with Israel has always been important to me and my family because it unites our Jewish community for one purpose, Israel. It also happens to combine two of my great loves, walking and helping Israel."

For Sam, the Walk is anything but a one-day event. In fact, the event consumes a good four months of his year, as he writes letters to potential donors, collects pledges and generally prepares for the day itself.

And, however Sam gets himself ready to walk, it's clear that his strategy is a winning one. Last year, Sam raised more than $18,000 from 205 sponsors, and judging by his unmistakable passion for this year's event, nobody would be surprised if he raises the bar again, as he has for the past 43 years.

As proof that the Walk with Israel Family Challenge has attracted enthusiastic participants and fundraisers, young and old, alike, the Green Gold Rainbow Fundraising team has already exceeded their expectations.

Comprised of Daniel Carman, 29, and Zach Goldstein, 30, the team has already raised more than $4,000 for the Walk.

"Zach and I are childhood friends and, growing up, we always talked about raising money together," says Carman. "Both of us made strong connections to Israel through our Canada-Israel Experience Birthright Israel trip, and we were both so grateful to had been given the gift of this incredible trip to Israel, we wanted to raise money for the Walk and walk with our peers and be able to give back to the country that has left such important footprints in our lives. We want to recognize all the people who stepped up to the plate this year and donated generously to our team. Everyone who donated will be walking with us in spirit."

For more information, or to register your own fundraising team for the Walk with Israel Family Challenge, call the UJA Walk with Israel Hotline at 416.631.5700 or visit walkwithisrael.com

Hillel awards honour passionate students

Laura Fixman
Intern

Most of the nearly 70 award winners at the 15th annual Hillel Awards Night, held last week at Ryerson University, were current students who have shown leadership and commitment to Jewish life on campus.

But Adam Hummel, who won the Outstanding Alumnus Award, instituted last year, was honoured for his achievements as a student, even though his undergraduate days are over.

"He exemplifies everything in our leadership that we aspire to," Hillel's executive director, Zac Kaye, said.

Hummel's work included founding Youth Ambassadors for Peace, which involved bringing peace-building programs to Kenya, including a soccer tournament. He was also the two-time president of Hillel at York and is now a law student at the University of Windsor.

Although he was being honoured for what he did for Hillel, he said he felt that Hillel did a lot for him.

"Hillel changed my life, and Hillel has the opportunity to change everyone's lives," Hummel told the audience.

He shared the story of his first time visiting the Hillel at York lounge. He was looking for more information on Israel, and the staff there directed him to a filing cabinet and asked him to come to them with any questions.

He added that he has changed a lot since then, and so has Hillel.

"It's amazing to see how much it's grown," Hummel said in an interview.

Current students who received awards are just as committed to making diverse contributions to Jewish life. One new initiative Kaye said he's very proud of is the "Jewski" program, which reaches out to students from the former Soviet Union.

"It's very typical of the kind of programming we do when we reach out to niches of students on campus," he told those in attendance.

There were also awards presented to students from specific campuses. They included awards for Ryerson, the University of Toronto, York University and Seneca College.

Kaye said he was grateful for the contributions each of these campus leaders made.

"We don't take for granted what the students commit to," Kaye said.

One of Ryerson honourees was Rachel Velsher, who was Holocaust and genocide awareness chair this year. The other was Mitch Reiss, who was involved in the Save a Child's Heart program and will be the president of Hillel at Ryerson next year.

Winners from U of T included Tal Shachar, who created a Jewish education seminar; Chaim Graftstein, a first-year student who was praised for his willingness to help, and Oleg Shteyner.

The York winners included Rony Kamenetsky, who was heavily involved with the Jewish fraternity AEPi; Elysa Keshen, who demonstrated a huge amount of passion for Israel this year, and Yonatan Oliver, who made sure there was a strong Jewish speaker at York every week.

The students honoured from Seneca, Dovi Lipton and Sarah Agulnik, were both instrumental in re-establishing Hillel at Seneca's Newnham Campus this year.

Kaye emphasized that he was proud of how many students were reached by Hillel and the way the organization continues to expand.

Adam Hummel *[Laura Fixman photo]*

"We engaged close to 500 students who never would have been involved at all," Kaye told *The CJN*.

He added that Hillel creates a sense of conversation by breaking down barriers and building relationships.

As an example, he spoke of Layla Lavan, an event showcasing Israeli arts and culture that was advertised as being presented Nuit Blanche-style. He said such events counter anti-Israel sentiment on campus.

Steven Farber, who accepted the Founding Friends of Campus Award on behalf of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, also commented on how much Hillel has grown in his time as a student. He hoped that this bodes well for federation's future.

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FLAG WAVERS: Senior kindergarten students, from left, Marni Pellicane, Lexi Cammy, and Jory Gladman, from Associated Hebrew Schools' Kamin Education Centre in Thornhill, prepared their own Israeli flags for Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations.

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The Canadian Jewish news

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Mazel tov on your 65th wedding anniversary, Minny & Isaac Peters. With all our love, your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. L'chaim!

Wishing our dear Mom & Dad, Menachem & Sara Wallach, a very happy 60th wedding anniversary on May 24. From your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Thursday, May 12

MYSTICAL ALPHABET

Rabbi Michael Skobac offers a 4-week seminar on The Mystical Meaning of the Hebrew Alphabet. 9-10:30 p.m. Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. No charge. Call 416-789-0020.

Friday, May 13

PRESCHOOL SHABBAT

Beth Tzedec **Cantor Simon Spiro** leads a special preschool musical Kabalat service, 5:45 p.m., followed by dinner, a magic show and a presentation by guest speaker **Deborah Zuker**, visiting rabbinical intern from the Jewish Theological Seminary. For kids 3-6, and their siblings, parents and grandparents. Adults $29; youth (6-14) $18; children (1-5) $6. Contact **Jennifer Turack**, 416-781-3514, ext. 231, or jturack@beth-tzedec.org.

Saturday, May 14

SHABBAT PARSHAH

Morley Goldberg discusses Parshat Behar. Beth Tikvah, 9:30 a.m.

HALTON-PEEL SHABBAT

B'nai Shalom Congregation of Halton-Peel, Mississauga, Oakville and Burlington, a Conservative egalitarian congregation, holds its monthly Shabbat service. 10 a.m. For details and location, www.bnaishalom.ca, e-mail info@bnaishalom.ca, or call 905-901-9889.

Sunday, May 15

HALACHAH & SPECIAL NEEDS

DANI, an organization for multiply challenged young adults, together with Yeshiva University Torah Mitzion Beit Midrash holds a panel presentation "Special Needs: What Halachah Expects from the Community." Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation, 9:30-11:45 a.m. Free admission. Speakers **Rabbi Asher Vale**, **Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner** and **Rabbi Marc Penner**, father of **Matis**, a 15-year-old with autism.

SECULAR OPEN HOUSE

Toronto's Secular Jewish Community School holds its first open house, The 918 Bathurst Centre, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Features the new Grade 1-6 modular program, the Secular B'nai Mitzvah program and Kinder Kapers preschool program. Also a mini concert with **David Wall**, **David Buchbinder** and **Josh Engel**. 416-789-5502 or www.tsjcs.com.

Monday, May 16

LUCIANO PAVAROTTI

Temple Emanu-El's spring lecture series continues with **Iain Scott** speaking on "Luciano Pavarotti: The Last Great Tenor." 2-4 p.m. $10. 416-449-3880.

FARIBORZ SAHBA

The Canadian Committee for the Haifa Foundation presents architect **Fariborz Sahba**, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue , 7:30 p.m. No charge. 647-430-7743 or lisaplant.haifafoundation@gmail.com.

TRIUMPH OF SPIRIT

Rebbetzen Chaya Malka Abramson walked through fire to rescue her children and elderly grandmother, receiving burns to 85% to her body. She tells her story at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 8 p.m. $10 in advance, $18 at the door. Register 416-787-1631.

SHORESH FORUM

"Taking Root: Shoresh and the Jewish Food Movement" is Shoresh's first annual forum exploring the relationship between food, Jewish practice and contemporary life. Beth Tzedec, 7:30-9:30 p.m. No charge. Call 416-805-8382, or www.shoresh.ca or sabrina@shoresh.ca.

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May 29th: Services 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning after Minyan and Breakfast: *"The Bible Doesn't Say That: How Mistranslations Conceal the Original Meaning."*

Shabbat morning programme is free and all are welcome..
Reservations for Friday Night Dinner and Sunday Morning Breakfast required by May 20th
Please call the synagogue office at 416-221-3433.

Friday Night Dinner: Beth Tikvah Members - $25 adult / $13 child
Community Members - $35 adult / $18 child
Children age 3 and under FREE

Sunday morning breakfast: $10

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Tuesday, May 17

JOB FOR A NICE JEWISH KID?

Temple Har Zion's daytime program committee presents **Rabbi Cory Weiss** asking, "Why Would a Nice Jewish Boy or Girl Want To Be a Rabbi?" Bring lunch. Coffee, tea and cookies provided. 12:30 p.m. Call 905-889-2252.

Also Temple Har Zion's Adult Education Committee presents **Rabbi Emeritus Michael Stroh's** continuing series, What I Believe: Thoughts from 46 Years of Being a Rabbi. 7:30 p.m. Members $3, guests $5. Contact 905-889-2252.

CHUG HATANACH

Rabbi Pinchas Brummer introduces the Book of Micah, and teaches chapters 1-3. 8 p.m., Beth David Synagogue Library.

SINAI SOIRÉE

Future Sinai hosts Sinai Soirée, part of Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary's Grand Slam Gala. Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 9 p.m., $90. Funds raised for women's health. 416-586-4800, ext. 4681.

Wednesday, May 18

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Lezlie Winemaker demonstrates fantasy glass and mixed media sculpture, for the meeting of the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles, Shaarei Shomayim, 8 p.m. Guests $5.

***MEIN KAMPF* TO MOSSAD**

Shaarei Shomayim's entertainment and cultural and Israel action committees presents a documentary film of the life of **Arie Lewin**, from Germany to Palestine and experiences with Haganah, the British Army, IDF Intelligence, Mossad and more. Members free, guests $2. 7:45 p.m.

ATTENTION MOMS

Carly Cooper, certified life coach for moms, talks about time management and mother-life balance in "How to Balance the Mother Load." Sponsored by Club Rimon of Na'amat Canada Toronto. Borochov Cultural Centre, 7:30 p.m. $15 in advance, $20 at the door. Call 416-636-5425.

Thursday, May 19

CAMILLA GIBB

Temple Har Zion Sisterhood presents author **Camilla Gibb**, discussing her experiences and her latest novel *The Beauty of Humanity Movement*. Refreshments. Members $10, guests $15. 8 p.m.Call 905-889-2252.

Other News

THE PROPHET NACHUM

Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner offers a text-based study of the Book of Nachum, sponsored by Mekorot, Yeshiva University Torah m'Tzion Kollel and Shaarei Shomayim. Tuesdays, May 24-June 7, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Call 416-877-2050.

FAMILY IN ISRAEL

Emunah Women of Toronto annual Family in Israel Dinner honours the late **Hannah Schusheim-Beigel** and family, **Evelyn** and **Murray Hoffman** and family, the late **Belle Rosenfield** and **Bea** and **Jerry Rosenfield.** May 26, 6:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim. Keynote speaker **Hillel Neuer,** executive director of UN Watch. Contact aryellaweisz@rogers.com.

BEREAVEMENT SEMINARS

Temple Har Zion hosts a 3-part series of bereavement seminars beginning June 9. Led by professionals, the seminars will be open to all temple members and community guests, regardless of when the loss was suffered. The program is offered as a public service, and there is no charge. June 9 speaker is **Dr. Mary Vachon**. For more information, call **Paulette Volgyesi,** 416-222-7033, or paulette.volgyesi@rogers.com.

MITZVAH DAY

Bayview Corridor Of Synagogues, Beit Rayim, Beth Tikvah, Kehillat Shaarei Torah, Shaar Shalom, Temple Emanu-El and Or Hadash, host Mitzvah Day, Sunday, May 15. A community event open to people of all faiths, the day includes the following.

A Spring Cleaning Donation Drive for: toothbrushes, toothpaste, soaps, new men's underwear, socks for recipients of Ve'ahavta's Mobile Response Van; books to be sent to Africa; kosher, non-perishable food items for Pride of Israel Kosher Food Bank; gently used Purim costumes for Aleh (Israeli adults and children with severe disabilities); hockey equipment, tools and camping equipment for remote First Nations communities

For ages 4-12, 10:30 a.m-12:30 p.m., decorating recycled materials to make Judaica for First Nation's communities as a sign of friendship. Shaar Shalom.

Eco-film, the documentary *Tapped*, 7:30 p.m.

Knit hats for IDF soldiers at Kehillat Shaarei Torah.

Shoresh Gardens: help prepare gardens for the growing season. Rain or Shine. Lebovic campus.

Eco-friendly car wash by youth at Temple Emanu-el, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Make sandwiches for the homeless, at Temple Emanu-el, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Mitzvah Day discovery walk, led by **Helen Mills**. 10:45. Meet in Temple Emanu-el parking lot.

For more information, visit www.bayviewcorridor.org.

FOR SENIORS

Bernard Betel Centre, 416-225-2112.

Tuesday, May 17. Lecture: "Great Italian Opera Composers: Giacomo Puccini." **Myriam Shechter**, 10-11:30 a.m., $3 members, $6 non-members.

Wednesday, May 18, annual Wellness Fair. Information booths, activities, giveaways and refreshments. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Special gardening activity with Shoresh Jewish Environmental Programs,12-1 p.m.

Thursday, May 19, Wellness lecture. "Overcoming Mental Illness," by **Barry Shainbaum**. 1:30-2:30 p.m.

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Computer course Beyond the Basics. Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m. 8 weeks, $70.

MNjcc Active Seniors Choir (55+), Tuesdays, 1-2:30 p.m. $3 drop-in fee.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell, 416-630-9444.

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday afternoon socials. Bridge, mah-jong, Rummikub. Refreshments $2. Call **Pearl**, 416-638-6317, or **Marcia**, 416-932-1229.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. Valerie, 416-395-7881. Sunday dance, May 15. Casino Rama, May 18. Tuesdays ongoing acrylic art classes, 10 a.m.-noon. Thursdays, line dancing, 10 a.m.; social bridge, 12:30 p.m. Seniors woodworking, skilled craftsmen, repairs, etc. Call 416-630-6487.

PROSSERMAN JCC

Sherman Campus, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-638-1881, www.prossermanjcc.com.

Current events with **Peter Diamant**. Thursdays, 12:45-2:15 p.m.

International and Israeli folk dance with **Teme** and **Sandy**. Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.

Senior social art with **Lil Goldman.** Mondays 1-3 p.m.

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The Gallery in the Miles Nadal JCC. *Pictures of Resistance: The Wartime Photographs of Jewish Partisan Faye Schulman.* Until May 31

Spring ulpan for beginners. Tuesdays and Thursdays until May 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Life and Times of Yiddish. Until May 26. Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

What's New is now online. You can find it at cjnews.com

BOWL YOUR HEART OUT: The Save a Child's Heart leadership committee raised $120,000 at its third annual Bowl Your Heart Out on May 1, at Playtime Bowl in Toronto. Committee members, from left, are Jeff Greenspoon, Cole Diamond, Wendy Newman, Kym Diamond, Shelby Gold, David Isaacman, Sunny Diamond and Michelle Masters. The money will help to pay for lifesaving cardiac surgery for children from around the world, at Wolfson Medical Center in Holon, Israel.

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Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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Pardes Shalom Cemetery
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Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The Family of
Leslie Hutter ז"ל
We would like to express our sincere thanks for all who attended the funeral, for your shiva visits, prayers and the many sympathy and donation cards plus the numerous online condolences and emails.
Your support and kindness will always be remembered.
Marika and Marta

It is with great sadness that my sweet and loving father **Abraham Weinblatt**, passed away on April 21 2011 shortly after his 96th birthday. He will be sadly missed by his daughter Lily his grandchildren Joshua and Marissa and his son-in-law Jerry Leiderman, his grandchildren Cory (Nicky) and Brandon Rosen and former son-in-law Michael. He was pre deceased by his wife Fay Weinblatt and his daughters Esther Smith and Janet Rosen. The family takes great comfort in the fact that he lived a long life and was lucky enough to have his mind and good health.

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Montreal matriarch was the niece of Seagram's founder

David Lazarus
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Mildred Lande's death marked the passing of an era when scions and inheritors of great family wealth made giving back to their community an overriding purpose in their lives, family and friends suggested at her funeral at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim May 1.

Mildred Lande

Such was the case with "Milly," as she was known, they said. She died April 28 at age 97.

The daughter of Abe Bronfman and niece of Seagram's founder Samuel Bronfman, Lande was described as an "accidental trailblazer," an optimistic woman with no airs or pretensions who treated all people with respect. She was also, they said, a person of resolute purpose who involved herself deeply in an array of Jewish and non-Jewish institutions and causes.

Lande had deep affection and devotion for "the Shaar," Shaar Hashomayim, where she was a major benefactor and regular presence for more than 60 years, and where she remained active almost to her dying day.

The major reception hall at the shul bears her name, and Lande, a devoted practitioner of needlepoint, handmade many of the synagogue's Torah covers.

She was also one of the first "multitaskers," her son Eric said, and could be found on a regular basis in the Shaar kitchen, cooking for "the old people," as she phrased it when she was more than 90 years old herself, or pitching in with spirit during the 1998 ice storm.

"She was here on every Shabbat," Rabbi Adam Scheier noted.

After Bernard Lande, her husband of 57 years, died, the Shaar "became her greatest solace," rabbi emeritus Wilfred Shuchat said.

He said Lande was especially responsible for a "long list" of programs developed at the Shaar, including its High Holiday supplementary service.

She also insisted on staying in charge of the "seating committee," a comment that elicited laughter.

At the funeral, the Shaar choir performed her favourite liturgical selection, *L'dor V'dor*, and among the pallbearers was her first cousin, Charles Bronfman. Several grandchildren also spoke.

"You were her nourishment," her daughter Ruth told those assembled.

In addition to becoming, in the early 1980s, the first woman president of the Shaar, an Orthodox synagogue by charter, Lande also served as the first female head of the Combined Jewish Appeal General Campaign of then-Allied Jewish Community Services, of the Israel Emergency Fund and its Women's Division, of the Jewish Community Foundation of Montreal and of Mount Sinai Hospital.

Lande is survived by children Neil, Eric, Ruth and Margot, sister Ruth, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Tories take some 'Jewish' ridings from Liberals

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

The May 2 election resulted in a tectonic shift in Canada's political landscape and a surprising amount of MP turnover in ridings with large Jewish populations.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

While the Harper Conservatives won their first majority, the Liberal party saw its leader, Michael Ignatieff, lose in his Etobicoke-Lakeshore riding, and a number of high-profile MPs were defeated, many in ridings with high numbers of Jewish residents that had been Liberal strongholds.

Indeed, the tide of Jewish votes seemed to swing in favour of the Conservatives across the country.

Just prior to the campaign, a Conservative advertising strategy targeting ethnic communities, including ridings with large Jewish communities, was made public.

In Montreal's Mount Royal riding, Irwin Cotler was only one of six Quebec Liberals who managed to hold their seats. Despite his victory, it was the closest race of his political career, as he beat Conservative challenger Saulie Zajdel, a former city councillor and B'nai Brith official, by less than 2,300 votes, with only a 41.4 per cent share of the vote.

Mark Adler

The Liberals had 11 seats in Quebec prior to the election.

Across the Greater Toronto Area, Liberal MPs were chased from their traditional bastions.

In York Centre, a riding with a large Jewish constituency, former cabinet minister and Liberal leadership hopeful Ken Dryden fell to Conservative newcomer Mark Adler by nearly 6,400 votes. Adler, a businessman and founder of the Economic Club of Canada, is the first Conservative to win the riding since 1957.

The morning after his defeat, the former star goalie with the Montreal Canadiens stood in the rain on the corner of Wilson Avenue and Bathurst Street waving to rush hour traffic, holding a sign that read: "Thank You! – Ken Dryden."

Joe Oliver

To the south, in Eglinton-Lawrence, Dryden's fellow Liberal incumbent, Joe Volpe, who had held the seat since 1988, lost to Conservative rival Joe Oliver, a lawyer and investment banker.

Both Oliver and Adler are Jewish.

Eglinton-Lawrence, another electoral district with a large number of Jewish voters, saw Oliver best Volpe by more than 4,000 votes on election night, ending the Liberals' 32-year hold on the riding.

Meanwhile in St. Paul's, Liberal incumbent Carolyn Bennett successfully defended her seat against Conservative Maureen Harquail, winning by about 4,600 votes. Bennett's previous victories – she has held the riding since 1997 – were all by more than 10,000 votes.

In Thornhill, the riding with the largest proportion of Jews in Canada, Conservative incumbent Peter Kent cruised to a comfortable win, beating Liberal Karen Mock by more than 24,000 votes, with a 61 per cent majority of ballots cast.

Conservatives capture York Centre, Eglinton-Lawrence

In Willowdale, incumbent Martha Hall Findlay, also a former Liberal leadership candidate, lost a tight race to Tory Chungsen Leung, who won by less than 1,000 votes.

Leung's website describes him as "an entrepreneur with vast international business experience."

And in the riding of Don Valley West, where Jews make up more than eight per cent of the population, Conservative John Carmichael thwarted Liberal Rob Oliphant's quest to retain his seat by eeking out a 600-vote win.

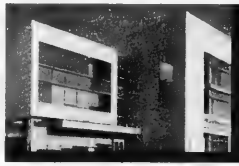
The Liberals had held the riding since 1993.

In Manitoba, the riding of Winnipeg South Centre changed political colours as well. Liberal incumbent Anita Neville, who is Jewish, lost to Conservative rival Joyce Bateman by less than 700 votes.

Winnipeg South Centre has 59,444 voting-age residents, with pockets of significant Jewish population.

The final national seat counts for the parties are Conservative, 167, NDP, 102, Liberal, 34, Bloc Québécois, 4, and Green, 1.

With files from Myron Love



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Most Jews in Mount Royal voted Tory, Cotler concedes

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Liberal MP Irwin Cotler, who won with 41 per cent of the vote in Mount Royal, acknowledges he didn't get the support of most Jewish electors.

"Clearly, there was an erosion," Cotler said in an interview after the May 2 federal election. "I think it's correct that I lost the majority of the Jewish vote. But I won, importantly, in the cultural communities."

His closest opponent, Conservative Saulie Zajdel, who trailed Cotler by 2,200 votes, is confident he received at least two-thirds of the ballots cast by Jews, who make up about 35 per cent of the electorate.

Mount Royal comprises Côte St. Luc, Hampstead, Town of Mount Royal and part of Côte des Neiges-Snowdon, and has been Liberal since 1940.

While a win for any Liberal was an accomplishment, Cotler has seen his popularity tumble from 92 per cent when he was first elected in a 1999 byelection. In 2008, he received close to 56 per cent of the votes.

Cotler, a stalwart defender of Israel and Jewish concerns, says he doesn't take it personally. Many Jews, he understands, feel a debt of gratitude to Prime Minister Stephen Harper for his stance on Israel.

"People said to me directly, 'Irwin, you're a great guy, but we have to vote for Harper. He's there for us. We have to be there for him.'"

He also admits many did not like Ignatieff, but he said he was bothered by what he called "the demonization" of Ignatieff by the Zajdel campaign.

"I had some painful encounters. I would go into seniors' residences, and they would ask me, 'Why is Ignatieff an antisemite?'... Negative attack ads do work," Cotler said.

The Zajdel campaign's flip-flopping on who was behind flyers making disparaging comparisons between the Harper Conservative and Liberal record on Israel, antisemitism and terrorism, including charges the latter party was sympathetic to Hezbollah and Hamas, left a bad taste in Cotler's mouth.

"I took Saulie's word at the beginning of the campaign that the flyers had nothing to do with him, then the ads came out. You can't have it both ways."

Cotler is one of only seven Liberals elected in Quebec and 34 in the country. As the "dean" of that greatly diminished caucus, he was asked to serve as interim leader until the party finds a replacement for Michael Ignatieff, he said, but he declined.

Cotler believes the nearly 7,000 votes New Democrat Jeff Itcush garnered was largely at his expense, rather than Zajdel's.

Irwin Cotler

"Ten days before the election, I was polling at 50 per cent. In the week after that, with the NDP surge, I was down to 40 per cent," he said.

One of the bitterest personal outcomes of the election was the loss of his close friend and "soulmate," fellow Liberal MP Ken Dryden, who lost to Tory Michael Adler in the Toronto riding of York Centre.

Both had recorded phone messages for each other's constituents during the campaign in an unusual exchange.

Cotler notes that all of the members of the Liberal Parliamentarians for Israel, including Dryden, were defeated, except, of course, himself. Cotler is now the only Jewish Liberal in the House of Commons.

The turnout in Mount Royal was 57 per cent, below the national average of 61 per cent. Cotler thinks the relatively low showing in his riding, when the race was thought to be close and an indicator of the extent to which Jews were shifting to the Tories, reflects people's growing cynicism about "negative" campaigning.

Cotler, who turned 71 this month, is now, he believes, Canada's oldest MP. But he said he doesn't feel his age, and vows "to hit the ground running" when Parliament resumes.

The former justice minister in Paul Martin's cabinet and most recently his party's human rights critic doesn't think the Liberals' demotion to third-party status will affect his advocacy on the international level.

Cotler plans to work with the government and other parties, and hopes that Harper, who now has a secure majority, will co-operate more with the opposition.

His priorities in foreign affairs are passing legislation holding Iran accountable for "incitement to genocide" and adding the Iranian Revolutionary Guard to Canada's terrorist list, as well as urging the government to endorse the Ottawa Protocol drawn up at last November's international parliamentary conference on combating global antisemitism.

MAJORITY WIN: Students in grades 5 to 8 at Leo Baeck Day School's Holy Blossom campus voted overwhelmingly for a Conservative majority government on May 2 in the school's mock election. The Conservatives received 78 per cent of the vote, followed by the Liberals, NDP and Greens. Students and teachers alike cast ballots, while Grade 6 students ran the polling station and served as deputy returning officers, poll clerks and greeters. Pictured, from left, are teacher Cindy Opler with Jared Klein-Tyer, Shane Sigesmund and Jordan Posen.

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Ex-mayor's name rejected for building

Diane Koven
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson has backed away from his recommendation to name a new city building after a controversial former mayor whom Jewish groups said opposed Canada's acceptance of Jewish refugees during World War II.

The city's finance and economic development committee voted in favour last week of Watson's proposal to name the new central archives building the Charlotte Whitton Archives and Library Building after the late Whitton. She served two terms as Ottawa's mayor, from 1951 to 1956 and 1960 to 1964, and was the first female mayor of a major Canadian city.

The proposal was to go to council this week, but after outcry from Jewish groups and others, Watson changed tack.

"These kinds of commemorative namings should be positive occasions that bring the community together," Watson said in a letter sent Sunday night to councillors that he posted on Facebook. "Instead, this suggestion, which was mine and mine alone, was creating disunity in parts of the city, and as mayor, I felt it my obligation not to allow the matter to continue to divide."

He said the new building will open next month as scheduled, but Ottawa residents will be asked for input on its name.

Although a trailblazer in the realm of civic accomplishments, Whitton also used her position and influence as director of the Canadian Council on Child Welfare prior to and during World War II to prevent Jewish refugee children from being granted safe haven in Canada.

Mitchell Bellman, president and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, voiced the community's opposition to honouring Whitton, "based on the critical role that she played in preventing Jews fleeing the atrocities of Nazi Germany to find refuge in Canada.

"She campaigned coast to coast to ensure that welfare agencies did not accept 'non-British refugees.' The positions that she took were based on her dislike of Jews, and they had grave consequences for the thousands of Jews who could have otherwise been saved from the death camps."

Eric Vernon, director of government relations and international affairs for Canadian Jewish Congress, had also urged city council to reject Watson's idea.

"We frankly find it astonishing that the report you received dated 20 April 2011 which contains the recommendation to name the new archives after Charlotte Whitton makes absolutely no mention of her antisemitism and how she acted upon it to her shame and discredit. The historical record shows that through her critical role in the Canadian National Committee for Refugees, Whitton worked assiduously to bar the door to Jewish orphan children seeking haven from Europe," Vernon said.

Several people also spoke against the proposal, noting that Whitton had also been known to discriminate against French Canadians and other groups.

Watson said initially he wasn't influenced by opposition to the name change, insisting that Whitton's civic accomplishments made her worthy of the honour.

"It is true that people tend to prefer to remember past leaders in a positive light," Bellman said. "We would much rather think about Canada's heroic role as part of the underground railroad or the outstanding welcome that we provided to Vietnamese boat people than to think back to the days when we turned a blind eye to the slaughter of millions."

The committee voted 8-1 to approve Watson's recommendation that the building, located in a neighbourhood with many Jewish families, be named in Whitton's honour. The lone dissenter was Counc. Keith Egli, who noted that no one had spoken in favour of the idea.

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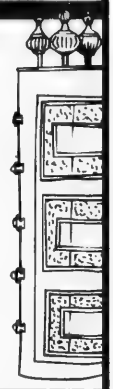

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Family Matters
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Question: We both live in the same home and tensions are rising. I am male, aged 43. We have two small children and I would prefer to move out. What happens if I do?

Answer: This is one of the most difficult questions to answer because much depends on the facts for each case. Generally, in the absence of violence or the serious threat of violence, I advise clients to stay put and not move, but rather to get therapy or someone to speak with on how to control the tension in the home. Pending a resolution, put all separation issues into a binding legal agreement or court order.

The reasons are multiple. First, if you leave the home and your spouse stays with the children, she then could be deemed the *de facto* custodial parent after a short period of time. This means that if push comes to shove and the parties went to court to sort out differences, a judge would likely view you leaving as an acknowledgement that your spouse is the parent that should make the child-rearing decisions, since you are leaving her behind with them and they normally sleep in the matrimonial home. This means not only the small decisions relating to their day-to-day care, but also the major decisions such as education, religion and health.

In other words, the moment you leave without the children, even without a court order, you will be deemed to have already granted her a type of acknowledgement. A future judge will interpret that as, historically speaking, the mother's having *factual* custody until the matter came before him for a decision on *legal* custody. And the process could take several months. Thereafter, no matter how good a parent you claim to have been, no matter how many allegations you may have against your spouse's parenting skills, and no matter how badly the children may want to live with you, the very act of the status quo being with Mom for all those months, and by you having entrusted them with her to begin with, will all provide a very hard challenge to overcome in any custody battle.

Moreover, with respect to your interest in the house, you may lose any interest in the increase of its value after the date of separation if it is registered solely in her name. Much depends on whether or not you registered it in her name solely in order to avoid prospective creditors. If so, you may possibly lose any benefit in the increase in its value after you separate.

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We are still facing evil forces, especially those that emanate from Iran. This call, from a regime that is a danger to the entire world, should be met by an uncompromising mobilization of the international community. We are determined, together with our supporters everywhere, to fight antisemitism and delegitimization.

The State of Israel is prepared to do its share, even at a painful cost, to achieve peace with our neighbours. We are hopeful that the winds of change sweeping our region will herald new opportunities for peace, security and prosperity for all.

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Shimon Peres

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Hush falls over Israel as war dead remembered

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JERUSALEM – Israel continued its observance of Memorial Day, Yom Hazikaron, Monday morning with a two-minute siren sounded across the country.

The siren, during which people stopped and stood in their places and traffic came to a standstill, also marked the start of the state ceremony at Mount Herzl in Jerusalem.

The annual observance of Remembrance Day for Israel's Fallen Soldiers and Victims of Terrorism is in memory of the nearly 23,000 men and women who have fallen in battle for the State of Israel and some 2,500 Israelis who have been victims of terrorist attacks.

"It is hard to estimate the full price our state has paid with its fallen – families never established, children who were never born, creations never created," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said during the ceremony.

"I wish I could advise those of you who have this year joined our family, the family of bereavement, but I am powerless to do so. I know that even though the entire nation accompanies you, you have been sentenced to walk alone with this pain and the abyss that has opened up in your lives," Netanyahu said.

Netanyahu has himself experienced loss. His brother, Yonatan, was killed 35 years ago leading the operation to free the hostages at Entebbe Airport in Uganda.

At a memorial ceremony Sunday on Ammunition Hill in Jerusalem to open events marking the day, Netanyahu addressed bereaved families. "As a member of a bereaved family, I am well acquainted with the pain, the sense of loss and helplessness," he said.

Benjamin Netanyahu *(Avi Ohayon/GPO photo)*

Netanyahu, his wife and two sons visited the grave of Yonatan Netanyahu on Saturday night.

Some 183 members of Israel's security forces, including the police, Israel Defence Forces, Border Police, Israel Security Agency and other organizations, have been killed since last Memorial Day. Among that number are the 41 police officers and prison services officers killed in December 2010 in the Carmel Forest Fire. Three firefighters were also killed in the blaze, but the cabinet decided Sunday to defer a discussion as to whether to recognize the firefighters as among Israel's fallen.

Memorial ceremonies were held in military cemeteries across the country on Monday.

"To this holy place, a remnant of our Temple, our fighting sons, the first paratroopers came, and touched the stones of the Western Wall, in the midst of the Six Day War," Israeli President Shimon Peres said Sunday night, addressing bereaved families gathered at the Western Wall for the national memorial ceremony, following a minute-long siren and moment of silence to usher in the sombre day.

"We didn't seek war. It was imposed upon us. But when we were attacked, we didn't have the possibility to lose, even one war. And when we won, we returned to seek peace," he said. "We were sober then and we remain prepared today. And in any situation, we will not give up the chance of full peace, real peace. And if one opportunity fails, we will look for a new one."

The conclusion of Memorial Day on Monday night marked the beginning of Israel Independence Day, or Yom Ha'atzmaut.

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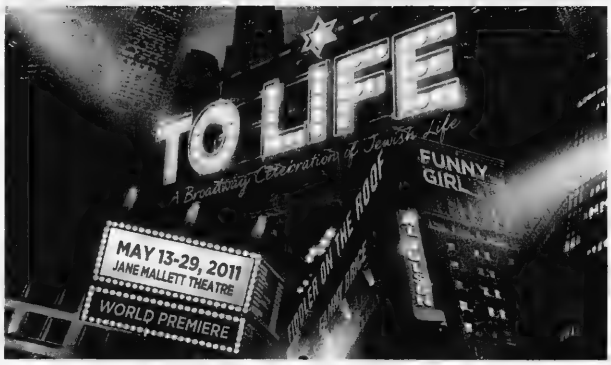

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Egypt pushing Hamas on deal to release Schalit

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Hamas has agreed in principle to a new proposal aimed at securing the release of captive Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit.

A report, which was published on Al Jazeera television's website on Sunday, said the plan came from Egypt.

Egyptian sources told *Ha'aretz* Sunday that although Egypt has renewed efforts to promote a deal for Schalit's release, no actual negotiations have begun. Egypt is trying to exert pressure on Hamas to soften its stance so that a deal can be concluded, which would include the release of Palestinian prisoners.

The Egyptians are aware that if there are Palestinian elections, Hamas would need to present accomplishments to the Palestinian public.

Palestinian sources said Egypt has been working hard to advance a deal to free Schalit – who has been in Hamas captivity since June 2006 – since Hamas and Fatah signed a reconciliation agreement last week, according to the report. "Reliable" sources quoted in the report said the Egyptians intend to present their plan to an envoy who is due to arrive in Cairo shortly.

It was not immediately clear whether this was a reference to David Meidan, who was recently appointed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's negotiator on the Schalit issue. Meidan is due in Egypt shortly, as *Ha'aretz* reported last week.

Senior Egyptian officials expressed optimism about the chances for a deal on Schalit's release. The Egyptians have resumed mediating Schalit negotiations and have made it clear to Hamas that they want an agreement on the issue wrapped up quickly.

Netanyahu referred to Schalit at a Memorial Day ceremony on Jerusalem's Ammunition Hill on Sunday.

Not a day passes in which his government isn't working to bring home Israel's captive and missing soldiers, "including Gilad Schalit, who is being held by a cruel enemy," Netanyahu said.

Prior to the resignation of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Hamas was suspicious of his intentions on the matter, suspecting that he did not want a deal concluded because it would complicate matters for Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. More than a week ago, two leaders of the Hamas military wing visited Egypt, where they reportedly made contact with Egyptian intelligence officials on the Schalit case.

The Al Jazeera website reported that Egyptian officials also discussed the Schalit case with Hamas political leader Khaled Meshal while Meshal was in Cairo recently for the signing ceremony.

So far the Hamas military wing has been standing in the way of a deal, but observers expect that it will be willing to compromise because political issues will garner increased attention with elections coming up. In addition, the military wing is currently seen as relatively weak.

Such a compromise could include willingness to accept Israel's release of Hamas prisoners to Gaza, rather than the West Bank.

The Egyptian officials responsible for maintaining ties with the Hamas leadership are Murad Muwafi, Egypt's new intelligence chief, and one of his deputies, Mohammed Ibrahim.

Muwafi has the trust of Hamas, and Ibrahim has been involved in Schalit negotiations from the beginning. Since German mediator Gerhard Conrad has failed to get Israel and Hamas to agree on the terms for Schalit's release, Egypt has in effect taken over as the primary intermediary.

Noam Schalit, the captive soldier's father, told *Ha'aretz* that he had not been provided with any new information on negotiations for his son's release and said Netanyahu's remarks were nothing new.

What's important is the results, he said, and by that measure, the bottom line is that his son has been in captivity for nearly five years.

Chief Rabbinate to recognize all Israeli Orthodox conversions

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JERUSALEM — Israel's Chief Rabbinate has agreed to recognize all official Jewish conversions undertaken in the country, which are all Orthodox, JTA has learned.

ITIM, the Jewish Life Information Center, and the Chief Rabbinate have reached an agreement under which the rabbinate will recognize all conversions conferred under the auspices of official Israeli conversion programs, including the military. The agreement was made available to JTA.

Rabbi Seth Farber

The Chief Rabbinate recognizes only Orthodox conversions, not those of the Reform or Masorti/Conservative movements.

ITIM had filed a lawsuit against the rabbinate in Israel's Supreme Court in May 2010 after the rabbinate refused to recognize the conversions of some couples who had come to register for marriage.

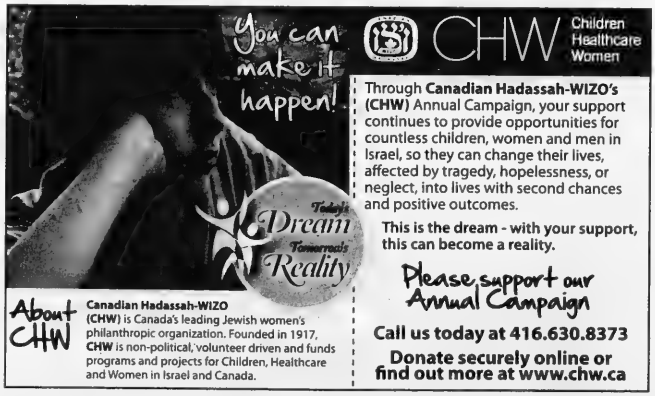
Under the agreement, local rabbis are obligated to open a marriage file for any convert that comes before them. If a local rabbi does not feel he can open the file, he can send the paperwork to a national office, which must return the paperwork to the original office within two weeks. The file then must appear on the local office's letterhead.

The Chief Rabbinate had offered to open a separate registration bureau for converts in three cities, which ITIM turned down as discriminatory.

"I am a little skeptical whether the local rabbis will follow as directed, because they have already demonstrated that they have no respect for the Chief Rabbinate," Rabbi Seth Farber, founder and director of ITIM, told JTA.

Farber said ITIM is set to respond positively to the state's offer on May 8 – the deadline for the organization to respond. He said the organization will not withdraw the complaint, only freeze it, giving the Chief Rabbinate one month to implement the new system and six months to see how it works. If it's not successful, the group can unfreeze the complaint.

"We see in the state's response a victory for the converts and the justification of the righteousness of this struggle," Farber said. "From now on, converts can again feel like an integral part of the Jewish people and not feel inferior. We must continue to be vigilant to ensure that such incidents do not repeat themselves in the future and that the state's policy decisions are actually implemented."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Israel's population over 7.7M on its 63rd birthday

Moti Bassok
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Israel's population stands at 7.746 million on the 63rd year of its independence, the Central Bureau for Statistics reported Sunday.

Since last Independence Day, there has been a two per cent rise – an increase of 155,000 – in Israel's population.

Israel's Jewish population comprises about 5.837 million (75.3 per cent) of the total 7.746 million inhabitants, while Israeli Arabs comprise about 1.587 million (20.5 per cent) of the population.

Immigrants and their descendants who are not listed as Jews by the Interior Ministry make up about 322,000 (4.2 per cent) inhabitants of the total population.

Upon the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, the country's population was 806,000.

Since last Independence Day, some 178,000 babies were born and about 43,000 people died. Some 12,000 people left the country over the past year, and Israel's population grew by another 7,500 people for reasons unspecified by the Bureau for Statistics.

According to the report, more than 70 per cent of Israel's Jewish inhabitants were born in Israel and more than half are at least second generation Israelis, in comparison to 1948, when only 35 per cent of Israel's inhabitants were born in the country.

As of this Independence Day, 14 cities in Israel are home to more than 100,000 residents. Of them, six cities are home to more than 200,000 residents. They are Jerusalem, Tel Aviv-Jaffa, Haifa, Rishon Letzion, Ashdod and Petah Tikvah. In 1948, only one city – Tel Aviv – had more than 100,000 residents.

Israel taking Holocaust restitution into its own hands

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Agmon was commander of Operation Moses and Solomon

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Agmon was brought to Canada by the Canadian Association for Aviation and Space in Israel, a Toronto-based organization that supports activities that "ensure that Israel's legacy of aviation excellence continues to thrive and serve the Israeli population through education, research and advanced training," according to its website.

Asaf Agmon

Agmon also has the distinction of being the commander who headed Operations Moses and Solomon, the two renowned rescue efforts by the Israel Defence Forces to bring Ethiopian Jews to Israel.

In an interview with *The CJN* last week, Agmon said Ramon's legacy continues to have an impact on the Israel Space Agency, which works at arms-length from his institute.

Astronauts and scientists from the United States visit Israel annually to speak at the Fisher Institute's yearly Ilan Ramon International Space Conference, now in its sixth year, Agmon added.

The effect is a profound one, particularly on Israeli children, he said.

Ilan Ramon

"If you ask any astronaut why they wanted to become one, they will inevitably tell you about how they listened to an astronaut talk to them in school one day when they were kids, and that [inspired] their career choice."

The conference gathers people from the IAF, NASA and the European Space Agency, as well as Israeli science students, among others, in Ramon's name in order to further space exploration.

The president of the Canadian Space Agency (CSA), former astronaut Steve Maclean, a friend of Ramon's, has spoken at the conference, Agmon said.

While in Ontario, Agmon spoke to CSA representatives.

Canada and Israel have the potential to "co-operate a lot on space projects" in the future, he said.

While Canada has its "space niche" in the form of robotics, such as the Canadarm, Israel also has its own expertise in the realm of sensors and satellite technology.

"We can learn things from each other," he said.

Agmon also noted that once Endeavour's mission is complete, the last manned shuttle launch by NASA is scheduled for June with the liftoff of the space shuttle Atlantis. After that, NASA is scuttling the shuttle program.

"The idea of [U.S. President Barack] Obama's team is to let the private sector send humans to space" from now on, Agmon said.

This will effectively leave only the Russian and Chinese space agencies with the will and capacity to send people into space and to the International Space Station (ISS).

For this reason, the Israelis have been courting the Russians and Chinese for partnerships in space technology and ventures.

In what Agmon termed a "breakthrough moment," the Fisher Institute was able to convince a delegation from China to attend the Ramon conference in Israel earlier this year. This resulted in the first "handshake" between the two countries space programs, he said.

"So now there is a possibility of co-operation in the future," he added.

Regarding the possibility of Israeli and Russian collaboration, Agmon said: "I don't see this happening in the near future."

Currently, Israel has its largest space contracts with the Europeans.

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Israel Briefs

Families seek break

Some 5,000 bereaved Israeli families and their backers have signed a petition urging at least a 24-hour break between Memorial Day and Independence Day, saying it's too hard emotionally and logistically to have Independence Day right after Memorial Day. The change requires legislation.

Maccabi loses

Maccabi Tel Aviv lost the Euroleague basketball finals in a game that was moved up several hours so it wouldn't be played on Israel's Memorial Day. Greece's Panathinaikos defeated Maccabi Tel Aviv, 78-70, in Barcelona, Spain. More than 5,000 Israelis travelled to the game. Maccabi was trying to win its first Euroleague title in six years. It has won four since 1977.

Fuel issue grounds planes

The Israel Airport Authority (IAA) demanded Monday that the Paz Oil Company explain why it said its oil was fine when it was contaminated. Contaminated jet fuel led to a crisis at Ben-Gurion International Airport last week, with flights delayed and cancelled. The problem affected flight schedules into this week. When the IAA checked the fuel at an outside lab, it found bacteria and mould in it, and also in several fuel filters.

Jail delayed for Katsav

Israel's Supreme Court postponed the date that former president Moshe Katsav must begin serving his prison sentence on rape and sexual assault convictions. Katsav had been scheduled to enter prison May 8 to serve a seven-year sentence, but the court granted a delay last week following his appeal the previous day. The court set a May 11 date to hear a final appeal by Katsav's attorneys. The conviction was handed down in the Tel Aviv District Court last December. Katsav also was ordered to pay more than $28,000 to the rape victim and about $7,000 to the sexual assault victim. He was ordered to serve two years of probation after he is released from prison. The 300-page appeal reportedly suggested it would be undignified for Katsav to show up at the Supreme Court for his appeal in handcuffs. The appeal also asked that "weighty consideration should be given to the fact that Katsav served as the president of the State and Israel's official representative at home and abroad." The year-long trial, which was closed to the public, ended with a guilty verdict on Dec. 30.

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ICRF honours five female community leaders

Luncheon raises about $650,000 to be used for research

Laura Fixman
Intern

Dr. Marla Shapiro was one of the five women honoured for their outstanding achievements in various fields at the Israel Cancer Research Fund's Women of Action Luncheon.

The fund also recognized Bonnie Brooks, CEO of The Bay; community activist Wendy Eisen; and Daniela Rotin, a biochemistry researcher at the Hospital for Sick Children. Sharon London-Liss, an Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) volunteer, received a lifetime achievement award.

Nearly 800 people, a record number, attended the annual luncheon held at the Toronto Sheraton Centre on May 3, and about $650,000 was raised.

"This wonderful turnout is a testament to the worthiness of our honorees," ICRF president Bryna Goldberg said.

The event began with a video message from some of the scientists funded by the ICRF, who spoke of how ICRF funding is necessary in helping to find more effective ways to treat cancer. The 2004 Nobel Prize winners in chemistry, Avram Hershko and Aaron Clechanover, were cited as examples of ICRF-funded scientists who have made important contributions to cancer research.

Dr. Marla Shapiro

The funds raised at the luncheon will support the research of 15 separate Israeli scientists, and all the money will go directly to research, with no overhead costs.

The honorees, selected by the ICRF's executive committee, are considered women who have gone above and beyond their duty to help their own community as well as the global community.

ICRF executive director Joy Wagner Arbus said that what the honorees, among them "Dr. Marla," have in common is that they have devoted their lives to the betterment of the world.

Shapiro, an advocate for the well-being of all women, wants to encourage others to follow in her footsteps. "All of us together, as people of action, can make a difference," she said.

Before each of the honorees spoke, a video, prepared by friends and loved ones as a tribute to the honoree, was shown.

Shapiro originally said no to being honoured at the event, because she felt she didn't deserve it, she said. She never thought of herself as inspirational, although others who hear her life story may believe differently, she added.

Shapiro has experienced many hardships in her life, including losing a son to sudden infant death syndrome and being diagnosed herself with breast cancer. She said that this made her see her life in a different way.

"It changed me from a woman of reaction to a woman of action," she said.

Shapiro has been on television and across the country, sharing her story, in hopes that other people will learn from it.

Sharon London-Liss said she was too young to receive a lifetime achievement award, but she has been involved with the ICRF most of her life.

When her younger brother, David, died of leukemia in 1971, London- Liss' parents got involved in the ICRF. As an adult, London-Liss became involved herself, eventually becoming president of the fund's Toronto chapter from 2003 to 2007. Her husband was the president of the fund from 1996 to 2001, and she remains involved with the ICRF executive committee.

In her years of involvement, London-Liss has remained impressed with the skill of ICRF-funded scientists.

"I am increasingly in awe of the brilliance of their performance," London-Liss said.

The ICRF has chapters in major cities in Canada and the United States and in Israel. The funds raised by the ICRF at events such as the Women of Action Luncheon have helped Israeli scientists discover many of the cancer treatments used today.

These discoveries include drugs such as Doxil, which treats ovarian, breast and AIDS-related cancers, and improved chemotherapy techniques.

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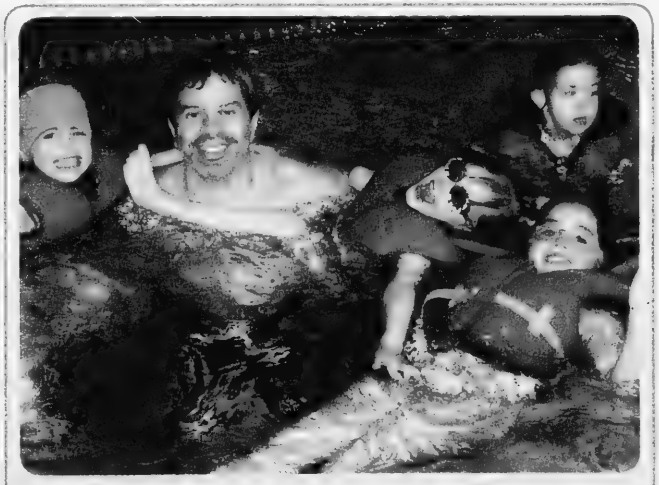


SPLISH, SPLASH: As part of the physical education program at the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School, the senior kindergarten class has a splash in the pool, joined by board president, Mike Harris, who loves swimming with his daughter, Ruby, third from left, and her class. Pictured with them, from left, are Lylah Adler, Kyra Schnoor and Ella Eisenstat.

IGTO launches campaign aimed at Quebec travellers

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

The number of Canadian visitors to Israel is setting new records, but that success is not stopping the Israel Government Tourist Office (IGTO) from launching an advertising campaign to boost the country's profile in a market with untapped potential – Quebec.

The campaign is being rolled out in major media outlets, including French and English newspapers, in television and radio spots, in niche media such as Catholic newspapers and magazines, and on TV monitors in Pierre Elliott Trudeau Airport. The aim is to present French-speaking Quebecers with a campaign specifically geared to them, said Oded Grofman, consul for tourism of the IGTO's Canadian office.

Quebec has played a part in the growing number of vacationers visiting Israel, but in recent months, the IGTO has been working with tour operators and travel agents in the province to establish an infrastructure to make it easier for Quebecers to choose Israel.

The aim is to grow the market and appeal to Catholic Quebecers' interest in the Holy Land, as well as their reputation for travel to fun places that offer the finer things in life, said Grofman.

That effort could be boosted by a report last week from HotelsCombined.com, one of the world's largest online travel sites, which named Tel Aviv as one of the world's top 10 summer party destinations

The "city that never stops" is "home to some of the hottest nightclubs in the Middle East," the review raved. Tel Aviv boasts a "steamy nocturnal playground" that is "not for the faint of heart."

Creating demand in Quebec while providing travel agencies with the tools they need to answer potential travellers' questions should increase the number of visitors to Israel, Grofman said.

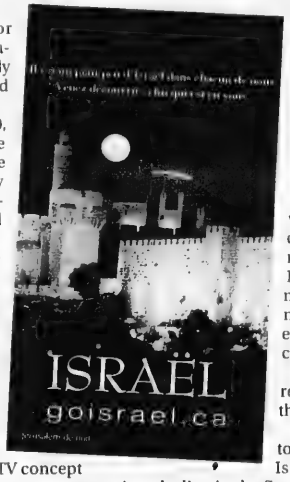
Currently, Quebecers account for about 25 per cent of the number of Canadian passport holders visiting the Holy Land, and that's before any concerted effort to cultivate that market.

The IGTO is devoting about $500,000, the bulk of its quarterly budget, to the Quebec effort, and it's pressing its case with get-acquainted trips to Israel by Quebec writers, as well as by providing French language materials to travel offices and pitching Israel as a safe destination for those interested in the Middle East.

"I believe this situation in the Middle East now, where Israel is a modern, safe democracy, will bring people to Israel, if they want to go to this area," Grofman said. "I believe we can get great results from this."

At the same time as the IGTO focuses on Quebec, Israel's Ministry of Tourism is starting a North American campaign that was based on a reality TV concept that employs social media and other Internet communication tools.

The campaign, aimed at secular travellers, centres around two families who were chosen out of 600 applicants to tour Israel and document their experience, said Grofman. The families, one from New York the other from Texas, visited the Holy Land and put their impressions and videos on Facebook, Twitter and in blogs.



Meanwhile, data released by the IGTO show Canadians across the board are choosing Israel as a travel destination in greater numbers than before. Visits to Israel by Canadian passport holders set a new record for the month of March, while the first quarter of 2011 also saw all-time highs, said Jerry Adler, marketing and PR manager for the IGTO.

A little more than 6,000 travellers visited Israel in March, up four per cent over the year before, while the number for the first quarter reached 13,500. Adler predicted gains of as much as 10 per cent for 2011 over 2010, meaning close to 75,000 Canadians are expected to visit Israel in the current calendar year.

Adler noted that 45 per cent of visitors return for a second trip, much higher than for other travel destinations.

While the number of tourists heading to Israel from Canada continues to grow, Israel overall suffered a small tourism decline in the first quarter compared to the year before, Grofman said.

Areas for growth include Russia and Eastern Europe, while Brazil is proving to be a fertile new source of visitors, Adler said.

Robotic system for brain surgery gets approval

Yoram Gabison
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TEL AVIV — Mazor Robotics stock rose 0.8 per cent on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange in a single day last week after European medical authorities gave their blessing for the company's SpineAssist technology to be used in brain surgery.

SpineAssist is a robotic system approved so far for use in spinal procedures. Its purpose is to direct the surgeon's instruments, achieving the utmost accuracy and minimal invasiveness in the surgical procedure, which is crucial in the case of the spine – and the brain.

Half a year ago, Mazor wrapped up clinical trials of SpineAssist in brain surgery to relieve the symptoms of Parkinson's disease. The purpose of the trials was to show that the device can be stably attached to the skull during the process and that the technology indeed provides greater accuracy in the surgical procedure. But the ultimate purpose was to show that using SpineAssist reliably produces good results over time.

The researchers, a team of leading brain surgeons at Hadassah University Hospital in Jerusalem, judged the trial a success after concluding that SpineAssist achieved its objectives in full.

The SpineAssist technology is expected to be used in brain surgery in Israel and Germany, to begin with.

Mazor had prepared for the day. A year and a half ago, the Israeli company entered into a distribution agreement with Alpha Omega, which makes advanced equipment for brain surgery and neurological therapies. Alpha Omega will be handling distribution of the SpineAssist system for brain surgical procedures.

The company is in the process of applying for U.S. Food and Drug Administration confirmation of SpineAssist for use in brain surgery.

Mazor Robotics CEO Ori Hadomi says the miniature robotic system could improve the placement of electrodes and implants in the brain.

The market for navigating and inserting implants into brain tissue, and deep-brain stimulation therapy to treat Parkinson's disease is worth several hundred million dollars a year. The thinking is that deep-brain stimulation therapy – using electrodes to provide non-invasive electrical impulses to brain tissue – could be used in the future to alleviate chronic compulsive and psychotic conditions, eating disorders and neurological diseases.

For 2010, Mazor reported losing a net 21.5 million shekels ($6 million) on turnover of 14.8 million shekels ($4.1 million). For the year before it posted a net loss of 17 million shekels ($4.7 million) on turnover of 5.3 million shekels ($1.5 million).

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A frank memoir about raising an autistic son

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

The heartbreak and strain of raising a child with autism are recounted with candour and humour in *Bad Animals: A Father's Accidental Education in Autism* (Viking Canada) by Montrealer Joel Yanofsky.

For Yanofsky, best known as a book reviewer, and his wife, Cynthia Davis, their son Jonah's diagnosis at almost age four was shattering.

The couple never expected to be parents, and in fact, weren't married, when Cynthia, at 38, became pregnant. Joel was 42.

Their apprehension vanished when Jonah was born. The baby, to them, was blessed with a beauty they were at a loss to explain. They were besotted. Yanofsky couldn't contain his pride. He worked his son into almost every column he wrote.

But their joy was soon shattered when the boy did not develop according to the norm. Yanofsky, who frankly admits to his own self-absorption, took it the hardest. His coping mechanism was to withdraw into a funk of self-pity, to lament how this could have happened – to him.

The author had a nagging sense that he had never really fitted in or become the kind of conventional job-holder society expected.

"I was, in my own low-key way, weird," he writes of his youthful obsession with fiction and its creators.

Meanwhile, his wife took a pro-active approach, reading everything she could, seeking out professional help, networking with other parents of kids with special needs .

Bad Animals is a kind of memoir, written over the years. Yanofsky makes clear that this has not been easy, even though writing is his livelihood and his most fluent means of communication.

His voice slowly changes from one of despair to one with a degree of serenity.

The humour in *Bad Animals* is, as is typical of Yanofsky, of the self-deprecating kind.

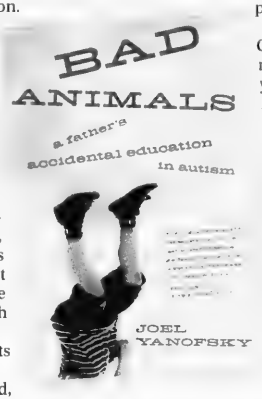
As Jonah grew, his behaviour became a problem. His father knows it is not politically correct to say this, but the best word to describe his son's behaviour is strange – temper tantrums, repetitive activity, lack of focus, no friends. Jonah is high-functioning and quite social, at least within the family, and witty. He attends a regular public school, with a shadow.

The autism spectrum, his parents learn, is a very broad one.

No matter how disturbing and, Yanofsky admits, embarrassing his son's way of acting has been, his love for him shines through without having to be made explicit to the reader.

Yanofsky draws on his lifelong relationship with fiction to get inside Jonah's mind. "Sometimes I try to imagine Jonah as a character in a novel. I know that if I can think of him that way, I'll have a better chance to understand him, figure out how he thinks."

Bad Animals ends as Jonah approaches his teen years. It's not exactly a happy ending, and Yanofsky expresses his fears about a whole new set of concerns as Jonah ceases to be a cute child who can be protected.



The title is his son's, taken from a Grade 4 story he wrote. Animals, the more exotic the better, are a mania with young Jonah. Yanofsky tried to engage his son's attention by having them write a sequel book together.

Bad Animals offers a truthful portrait of the often bewildering and frustrating relationship between parents and the experts: psychologists, doctors, therapists, teachers, shadows.

Yanofsky does a fine job of surveying and digesting the plethora of books about autism, even a growing literary genre, and the movement among some parents to have autism recognized as just another way of being, about which he is dubious.

By book's end, Jonah is nearing his 12th birthday and has made considerable progress. He is learning Hebrew, for which he shows an aptitude, and planning for his bar mitzvah.

But unlike "neurotypical" youngsters, Jonah must be taught to separate from his parents. And for his mother and father, letting go is much harder than it usually is for other parents.

"This is the paradox at the heart of raising Jonah – how much he depends on us to make him independent," Yanofsky writes.

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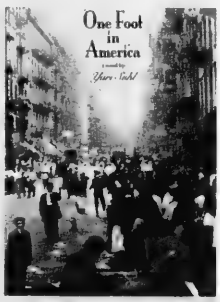
Classic Jewish book reprinted

Compiled by CJN Staff

Sixty years after Brooklyn-based author Yuri Suhl first published his autobiographical novel *One Foot in America*, it is being republished in an attractive reprint edition by Now and Then Books.

"*One Foot in America* is a forgotten classic of Jewish immigrant fiction," said the book's publisher, Bill Gladstone. "It bears immediate comparisons to classic works such as Abraham Cahan's *The Rise of David Levinsky* and Henry Roth's *Call It Sleep*."

The Toronto Workmen's Circle is hosting a book launch later this month for *One Foot In America*. Gladstone will discuss the novel and present a slide show on aspects of the Jewish immigrant experience in both Brooklyn and Toronto.



Originally published in 1950, Suhl's autobiographical novel depicts the author's experience as a young Jewish immigrant coming to America in the early 1920s.

The book launch is Sunday, May 29, 1:30 p.m., at the Workmen's Circle Centre, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Free admission, refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

Yael Naim's pressures ease after Apple used her song

Joseph Serge
Arts Editor

Do you remember Dorit, the Jerusalem tour guide who taught Bart a hard lesson in Krav Maga karate in *The Greatest Story Ever D'ohed*, last year's Israeli-themed episode of *The Simpsons*?

Dorit was voiced by French-born Israeli singer-songwriter Yael Naim, who rose to international stardom in 2008 when her single *New Soul* was featured in Apple's debut commercial for the MacBook Air laptop.

"I was so happy to do that, I love *The Simpsons*," Naim says over the phone from her home studio in Paris. "I got to kick Bart Simpson's ass!"

Yael Naim in her home studio with collaborator David Donatien

Naim says she recorded the role of Dorit in her Paris home studio. "I was really happy to participate in this kind of thing. It was amazing. Sasha Baron Cohen [Borat] was playing my [uncle], too, and it was very funny."

Naim has been using that same studio in her Paris apartment to record *She Was A Boy*, her second collaboration with percussionist David Donatien, and the followup to her 2007 self-titled album.

New Soul was a No.1 hit on iTunes making her the first Israeli solo artist to to reach the top 10 in the U.S. The album reached No. 15 in Canada. Despite selling more than 150,000 copies of that album in North America, Naim says she feels no pressure to replicate that success.

"We are really lucky to do the music that we love," Naim says. "We wanted to take our time to make the music we like. We're hoping it is successful, but if it's not — well, it's all about the music for us."

She Was A Boy was released late last year in France, where it has already reached Gold status. She recently won Best Female of the Year at the 2011 Les Victories de la Musique (comparable to the Juno Awards in Canada).

"I really feel completely happy," she says. "It's really great."

She Was A Boy continues in the same style as her previous album. The first song, *Come Home*, is similar to the uplifting feel-good style of *New Soul* and the rest of the album flows nicely into her quirky mode of jazz-fuelled indie pop and piano melodies.

"Things have actually been calmer for me [since the Apple commercial]," she says. "Before, I was looking for my musical way and was running after stupid goals and success all the time."

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Jewish Film Festival continues until May 15

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

The Toronto Jewish Film Festival is blessed with an abundance of compelling movies. A preview:

Jonathan Gruber's fascinating documentary, *Jewish Soldiers in Blue and Gray* (May 12 at 1 p.m. at the Bloor Cinema), is fortuitously timed on the 150th anniversary of the outbreak of the U.S. Civil War. Billed as the first film of its kind, it tells the story of Jews who fought in this defining conflict.

Ten thousand Jewish Americans served in the Union and Confederate armies, at a time when the United States had a population of 150,000 Jews. Pitting Jew against Jew, the war solidified the Jewish connection to the United States, Gruber argues.

On the Union side, 7,000 Jewish officers and enlisted men rallied to the cause. Col. Edward Salomon played a key role in the seminal Battle of Gettysburg. Col. Marcus Spiegel commanded troops in battles in Mississippi and Louisiana. Frederick Knefler, a brigadier-general, had the distinction of being the highest ranking Jewish soldier on either side. Leopold Karpeles won the Medal of Honor, one of five Jewish soldiers to be so honoured.

Nonetheless, antisemitism was a factor during the war. On Dec. 17, 1862, Gen. Ulysses S. Grant unilaterally issued General Order No. 11, which expelled Jews from Tennessee, Mississippi and Kentucky.

At the urging of a Jewish delegation, president Abraham Lincoln rescinded the infamous decree, the most blatant anti-Jewish edict in U.S. history.

Apart from the fact that 3,000 Jewish soldiers joined the Confederate army, Judah Benjamin, a lawyer, U.S. senator and secessionist, became the confederacy's secretary of state.

A significant number of Southern Jews owned slaves and a few Jews were even slave traders, Gruber says. He adds that Charleston, S.C. had the biggest Jewish community in the United States until the 1830s, underscoring the fact that the South was an historically important region in American Jewish settlement.

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A Jewish Girl in Shanghai (May 12 at 2 p.m. at the Al Green Theatre and May 15 at 1 p.m. at the Cineplex Odeon Sheppard Centre) is the first animated feature from China about the Holocaust. It was adapted from a graphic novel by Wang Genfa.

Shifting between the past and the present, this empathetic film is definitely pro-Jewish.

Rina and her younger brother have been driven out of Europe by glowering Nazis and find themselves in Shanghai, fending off a predatory Japanese gang. Shivering in the snow, Rina attracts the attention of a street vendor who offers her a pancake. In gratitude, she gives him her heart-shaped necklace, a gift from her mother, who seems to have disappeared during a Nazi roundup.

As this uplifting but simplistic film unfolds, Rina and her brother meet a succession of people, Chinese and Jews, who help acclimatize them to Shanghai and assist them in their search for their parents.

In *A Jewish Girl in Shanghai*, the saga of European Jews who found a haven in this cosmopolitan Chinese port city is essentially recreated.

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Sholem Aleichem: Laughing in the Darkness (May 12 at 5:15 p.m. at the Bloor Cinema and May 15 at 3 p.m. at the Cineplex Odeon Sheppard Centre) is an affectionate and thorough portrait of a master of Yiddish literature. Joseph Dorman's nostalgic film takes us from his birthplace in Russia's Pale of Settlement to his death in the United States in 1916.

Best known for his humorous stories, which turned difficult situations into high farce, he came from a traditional Jewish family formed by religious rituals. A businessman by day, he emerged as an immensely popular writer as eastern Europe was thrown into political and social upheaval by the unstoppable forces of modernity. Aspiring to raise the literary level of Yiddish, he produced satiric sketches for the Yiddish press, churning out a new story once a week for 25 years.

Ironically, his children, accustomed to speaking Russian, never learned Yiddish. His wife's inheritance gave him considerable latitude to write, but his ineptness as a businessman and his rash decision to sell the rights to his stories ruined him financially. He tried to break into the Yiddish theatre in New York City, but his hopes were dashed.

Suffering from a range of ailments, he died all too soon. His funeral, at the time, the biggest ever in New York City, was attended by 200,000 admirers. Long after his death, he enjoyed amazing popularity, particularly in the United States, the Soviet Union and Palestine. The Broadway smash hit, *Fiddler on the Roof*, was based on his stories.

Sholem Aleichem, the great Yiddish writer.

***Five Brothers* is a sort of Sephardi version of *The Godfather*.**

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Little Rose (May 14 at 9:15 p.m. at the Al Green Theatre), a taut and well-crafted Polish feature film by Jan Kidawa-Blonski, is set in Warsaw in 1967 and 1968, when thousands of highly assimilated and cultured Jews were driven out of Poland by a malicious state-orchestrated antisemitic campaign.

At the outset, the director establishes a mood of menace. Israel, having won the Six Day War, is excoriated as the aggressor by the Polish media. Under the thin guise of anti-Zionism, the secretary-general of the Communist party pointedly questions the loyalty of Polish Jews.

As these sombre events play out, Roman (Robert Wieckiewicz), an oily officer in the security service, is told to "expose" Adam (Andrzej Seweryn), an elderly university professor, as a "Zionist." A cold and unpleasant figure, Roman enlists the assistance of his beautiful and needy lover, Kamila (Magdalena Boczarska), who works as Adam's secretary. Roman hopes that her feminine charms as an undercover agent under the pseudonym of Little Rose will induce Adam – a pro-democracy advocate opposed to dictatorship – to reveal his supposedly subversive secrets.

The film moves along at a steady clip and sweeps up viewers in its firm clasp. The actors turn in glowing performances.

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Acne (May 12 at 9 p.m. at the Cineplex Odeon Sheppard Centre) explores the awkwardness of adolescence. Fredrico Veiroj's coming-of-age feature film, which is set in Montevideo, Uruguay, revolves around Rafa Bregman (Alejandro Tocar), a pimply 13-year-old Jewish boy whose parents are going through a divorce.

Although he frequents prostitutes, romantic love is what he truly wants. The object of his desire, the pretty Nicole (Belen Pouchan), appears to be beyond his reach.

Though *Acne* moves all too slowly and tends to be pedestrian in terms of presentation and style, it projects plausible emotions and feelings. And Tocar, the lead actor, steals the movie.

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Noa Ben Hagai's *Blood Relation* (May 12 at 12 p.m. at the Al Green Theatre) is a bracing documentary from Israel, touching on universal human interest themes.

Following her grandmother's death, she discovered a trove of astonishing letters, the correspondence between her Jewish grandmother and great aunt Salma, a Muslim from a Palestinian refugee camp near the West Bank town of Nablus.

Ben Hagai learned that her late grandmother's sister, Pnina, Salma's mother, had converted to Islam, married a Palestinian Arab before the 1948 Arab-Israeli war, settled in a refugee camp and gave birth to eight children.

Pnina resumed contact with the Jewish side of her family shortly after the Six Day War, sending her sister in Israel the first of many letters.

Blood Relation kicks into high gear when one of Pnina's daughters, Salma, visits her Jewish relatives in Israel. When Salma declares herself to be a Muslim, which is what she has been since birth, her Jewish relatives look dumbfounded and ill at ease.

During subsequent visits, Salma, a forthright woman, requests an Israeli work permit for herself and asks her cousin Shmulik – a former Israeli military governor in Ramallah – for assistance in helping her husband and son wriggle out of an uncomfortable situation.

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EYE ON ARTS

By BILL GLADSTONE

YICHUD RETURNS – AS DOES *ZADIE'S SHOES* AND HOLY BLOSSOM STAGECRAFT COMPANY

Theatre Passe Muraille and Convergence Theatre present a new production of *Yichud* (*Seclusion*), **Julie Tepperman**'s play that centres around an arranged marriage of an Orthodox Jewish couple in Toronto.

The play is co-directed by **Aaron Willis** and **Richard Greenblatt**, features **Diane Flacks**, **Richard Greenblatt**, **Jordan Pettle**, **Michael Rubenfeld**, Tepperman and Willis, with musical direction and original composition by **Aviva Chernick**. $45, $35, $30, $20. Theatre Passe Muraille Mainspace, 16 Ryerson Ave., May 21 to 29. 416-504-7529, artsboxoffice.ca

Julie Tepperman

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Zadie's Shoes: A revival of the 2001 hit comedy *Zadie's Shoes* by **Adam Pettle** opened last week at Factory Theatre Mainspace, where it runs to June 5. Adam and his brother, **Jordan Pettle**, share the director's mantle.

"It's wonderful to have the opportunity, a decade later, to allow the amazing Pettle brothers to take a fresh look at one of Factory Theatre's most successful plays," said artistic director **Ken Gass**. "On one hand, this is a rare laugh-out-loud comedy, but what makes the play enduring is its willingness to probe the darker side of compulsive behaviour." $45 to $15. 416-504-9971, www.factorytheatre.ca

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The Angel Capone: Holy Blossom Temple Stagecraft Company presents the world première of *The Angel Capone*, a comedy by **David Copelin**. Inspired by the story of the playwright's aunt, Laura, who was one of the first professional women producers on Broadway, *The Angel Capone* is a madcap farce with charismatic gangsters and enchanting showgirls. Directed by **Eric Kirsh**, it features **Esther Arbeid**, **Ron Boyd**, **Susanne Egier**, **Heather Finestone**, **David Fournier**, **Karen Garmaise**, **Elien Karabanow**, **Judy Malkin**, **Jack Newman** and **Howard Pressburger**.

Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Thursday, May 26, and Saturday, May 28, 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 29, 2 p.m. $18, $15. For tickets, e-mail HBTStagecraft@gmail.com or phone 416-789-3291, ext. 51; also on sale at the door. www.holyblossom.org/stagecraft_company.htm

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Names in the News: Mazel tov to Victoria dancer-actor **Sunny Sheffman**, who turns 15 this month, and who recently won three classical vocal awards, including most outstanding junior singer, at the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival. Sunny has performed with the Canadian College of Performing Arts and in many community theatre productions; she sings *I Could Have Danced All Night* this month in a revue with the Victoria Operatic Society. The daughter of **Sherry Koven** and **Robbie Sheffman**, she attends Oak Bay High School in Victoria and spends her summers at Camp Hatikvah in the Okanagan.

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Arts in Brief

• Israeli singer **Shuly Nathan** (*Yerushaliyim shel Zahav*) and singer-filmmaker **Mickey Lewin** perform a concert of classic Israeli and Jewish songs. Beth Radom Synagogue, 18 Reiner Rd. $40. Sunday, May 15, 8:30 p.m. http:// shuly.eventbrite.com

• Lewin has made a documentary film about his father, **Arie Lewin**, and his task of building the country of Israel. *From the Malevolence of Mein Kampf to the Heroism of the Mossad* is being shown at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue by the synagogue's entertainment and cultural committee and Israel action committee. Wednesday, May 18, 7:45 p.m. Members free, guests $2.

• Soprano **Kyra Folk-Farber**, a Vancouver native, is the recipient of this year's Ben Steinberg Musical Legacy Award. Folk-Farber speaks Hebrew, has a special love for Jewish music, and sings in both Hebrew and Yiddish. She performs Sounds of Sinai, a free public concert of secular and Jewish music, accompanied by **Michael Berkovsky**. Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave., Wednesday, May 18, 8 p.m. 416-487-3281.

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At the Galleries

•The 13th Art for All: Enriching Lives with Art fine-art auction takes place at the Varley Art Gallery, 216 Main St., Unionville, on Wednesday, May 11. Tickets $75 each, $100 for two. 905-477-9511, www.visitthevarley.com

•The North York Central Library presents "The Visual Language of Art: How to Look at Paintings," a lecture by Judy Singer. Thursday, May 19, 7 p.m. Free admission. Registration, 416-395-5639. www.judysinger.ca

•*Doodactic*, a series of ink-on-paper works by **Larry Eisenstein**, and *Life Lessons*, a group of meditative watercolour and ink paintings on childhood, fantasy and adult themes by **Eric Farache**, are on view at Loop Gallery, 1273 Dundas St. W., until May 22. A Q&A with the artists takes place May 22, 2 to 4 p.m. 416-516-2581.

• This week the Koffler Gallery opened *Share the Moment*, an outdoor site-specific installation by Toronto artist **Stephen Cruise**. Located in the parking lot of Sheppard Plaza, 4400 Bathurst St., the installation – part of the Contact Photography Festival – is on view 24 hours a day, to Aug. 28.

• "*Colour At Work*," an exhibition of paintings by **Elaine Hoffman**, takes place May 12-15 at the historic J.E.H/ Thoreau MacDonald House, 21 Centre St. Thornhill, Ont. Using abstract compositions, the works show Hoffman's continuing exploration of the evocative quality of colour. Visit www.elainehoffmanart.com for more details.

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Happiest days of her life

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She says that since then she has stopped running and work on this album took place, "in one of the most happiest periods in my life."

She Was A Boy deftly blends upbeat songs with slower, more melodic ballads like *Puppet*, about a jewelry-box dancer condemned to dancing to the same tune every day.

On the Indian-inspired *Man of Another Woman*, she uses an Indian harmonium sitar and works her sultry vocals to remarkable effect.

Naim was born in 1978 in France to Tunisian Jewish parents and moved to Ramat HaSharon in Israel when she was four. She was a soloist in the Israeli Army Orchestra. Some 10 years ago, she moved back to Paris to start her music career

One noticeable difference between her new album and *Yael Naim* is that on that album she sang in English, French and Hebrew. This time all 13 songs are in English.

"I'm still trying to figure out why I did that," she says. "As a child I listened to a lot of songs in English, like Joni Mitchell and Nick Drake, and my first habit in writing songs was in English. [When I moved back to Paris] I missed home and started writing in Hebrew to help me connect myself to Israel." She says that down the road she may feel the need to write in Hebrew again.

Naim is currently on a small tour that saw her play in Montreal on May 7. She hopes that a larger tour will follow.

"Last time we got to go on a big North American tour and at the same time discover the whole country, and it was very nice. Hopefully, we'll get to do it again soon."

She Was A Boy was released in Canada on May 3. You can get a free download of the single *Go To The River* from Naim's website, www.Yaelweb.com.

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Hyman named junior hockey player of the year

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Zach Hyman of the Hamilton Red Wings has been named RBC Canadian Junior Hockey Player of the Year.

Hyman was presented with the prestigious award, won in previous years by future National Hockey League stars Paul Kariya and Dany Heatley, at the RBC Cup in Camrose, Alta., where the national junior A championship was held.

He was one of eight finalists chosen from 3,000 Junior A players across Canada.

Selected by the Florida Panthers in the fifth round of the 2010 draft (123rd overall), Hyman went on to a strong season with the Red Wings, a team owned by his father, Stuart. He finished second in scoring in the Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL) with 102 points in 43 games, leading all Canadian Junior A players with 2.37 points per game. According to a bio on the Red Wings' website, "He missed games early in the season while attending the Panthers' rookie camp, and took two weeks out of the Red Wings' schedule to help Canada East to a silver medal at the 2010 World Junior A Challenge."

Among the other honours earned by Hyman in the past season were being named to the Northwest Conference First All-Star Team and being named the OJHL's Most Gentlemanly Player after picking up just 24 minutes in penalties.

Zach Hyman

"It's a real honour for Zach," said his father, Stuart. "He's the first Jewish kid and the first from Toronto to win the award. We're very proud of Zach."

"I was extremely happy, and it is a huge honour," Zach said before flying to Camrose. "I was overwhelmed.

"I knew I had a good year, but all the players were great candidates," he added.

A native of Toronto, Hyman attended the Robbins Hebrew Academy before enrolling in Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto. As a Grade 9 rookie, he was good enough to play with the kids in Grade 12.

In addition to being a talented hockey player, Hyman, at age 18, is a published author. His first book is titled *Hockey Hero*, a children's book about a grandfather and grandson's love of the game.

Hyman planned to continue his hockey career at Princeton University in the NCAA, but those plans may be on hold. A few weeks ago, the team announced that its entire hockey staff had left for another university.

Since then, he has been approached by a number of high-profile NCAA teams eager to recruit him, Stuart said, but no decision has yet been made.

"It's pretty open right now," Zach said. "A lot of schools are interested. I want it sorted out. It'll be nice to know where I'm going."

Casspi's sophomore season in NBA disappoints

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SACRAMENTO — Disgruntled forward Omri Casspi still needs to improve certain aspects of his game in order to become a bigger overall threat on the court, Sacramento Kings general manager Geoff Petrie told the *Sacramento Bee* recently.

Casspi, the first Israeli to make the active roster of an NBA team, ended a disappointing second season with Sacramento, just one year after dazzling fans with an extraordinary rookie campaign.

The Kings struggled for much of this season, finishing with a record of 24-58. While the team couldn't overcome an injury to guard Tyreke Evans, its play improved after the acquisition of Marcus Thornton.

Casspi, meanwhile, grew disillusioned with head coach Paul Westphal, who limited the Israeli's minutes on the floor this season. The former Maccabi Tel Aviv star averaged just under nine points and four rebounds per game in 24 minutes. Last year, he averaged more than 10 points per game in 25 minutes.

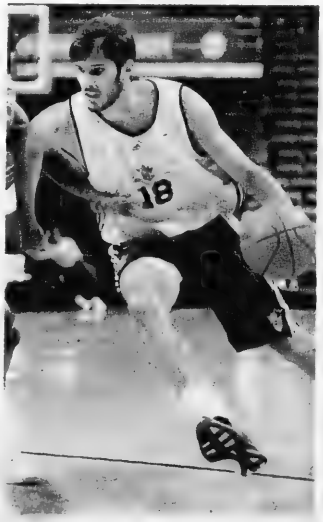
Casspi let it be known that he would prefer to play elsewhere, but Petrie suggested that the Yavne native still has a future with his team. The GM and Westphal sat down with Casspi at the end of the season to discuss the forward's prospects in Sacramento.

"I guess [Casspi] was happy that the team played better and was winning more games, but he was frustrated that his playing time had really diminished from what it had been for two-thirds of the season," Petrie told the *Bee*.

"We did have a discussion, which usually comes up with some players, about maybe it's better if I play somewhere else," the general manager said. "But a lot of that gets borne out of frustration. I think he still has a chance to be a pretty valuable contributor, because there are some things he does really well."

"But, again, there are areas of his game he needs to continue to work on to become more well-rounded in terms of the things he can do out there," Petrie told the *Bee*. "He's a competitive guy, he's got a lot of pride, and we just left it at that."

The Kings' season was overshadowed by speculation that the owners planned to move the team to Anaheim. Co-owner George Maloof announced recently that the team would remain in northern California for at least one more season.



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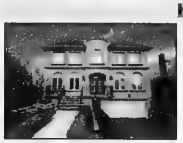

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Festival brims with compelling films

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Being a decent man, Shmulik is accommodating. But Salma, having applied for Israeli citizenship under the Law of Return, soon senses that her Jewish relatives are not that interested in maintaining a relationship with her and her family. In *Blood Relation*, east and west never really meet.

In Alexandre Arcady's thriller, *Five Brothers* (May 14 at 9:15 p.m. at the Cineplex Odeon Sheppard Centre), a box office hit in France, a petty criminal flees the scene of a crime in Marseilles and returns to his Algerian Jewish family in Paris, setting off a chain reaction of events against the backdrop of Yom Kippur.

The film, a sort of Sephardi version of *The Godfather*, hews closely to traditional Hollywood gangster lore. It characteristically begins at a funeral, where friends and enemies alike pay their respects to the departed, and ends in a bloody shoot-out.

The Hayouns – a band of close-knit brothers and their grieving widowed mother – are a respectable and law-abiding family. Four of the brothers are upstanding citizens, earning legitimate livelihoods, but the fifth brother, David (Vincent Elbaz), is the proverbial black sheep, the prodigal son who has kept his distance from the family.

David's sudden reappearance in Paris is a source of embarrassment to the proud Hayouns. His very presence results in the trashing of two apartment flats, the assault of a woman and a police raid.

As these developments unfold, the mother is rushed to hospital, her diabetes out of control, and one of the brothers is led to the suspicion that his wife is having an affair with David. Long-suppressed family secrets spill out as the brothers discover that their late father's associate was less than a sterling character. Rather than dividing them, their troubles draw the Hayouns closer together.

Arcady, an able director, mixes the sacred with the profane in a film that is bound to appeal to many viewers.

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Fabian Hofman's semi-autobiographical *I Miss You* (May 15 at 3:30 p.m. at the Silver City Richmond Hill) takes place in Argentina during the 1976-1983 "Dirty War" period, when a ruthless military junta was in charge of the country's affairs. This was a black era when thousands of political dissidents, some of whom were Jews, routinely disappeared, never to be seen again.

A Jewish Girl from Shanghai was adapted from a graphic novel.

With the generals having assumed power in a coup, a middle-class Jewish family in Buenos Aires braces for blowback. Their sons, Javier (Fermin Volcoff) and Adrian (Martin Slipak), are radicals, and rightly worried about their fate, their father (Luis Ziembrowski) hustles them out of harm's way.

When Adrian, a soldier in the army, is picked up by paramilitary-military forces, Javier is sent to Mexico to stay with his parents' friends. After six months, during which time he receives military training from comrades in exile, he yearns to go back to Argentina.

I Miss You, though distinguished by stellar performances from its accomplished cast, is somewhat disappointing. The film sags and lags when it should be rushing forward. These defects notwithstanding, it mostly succeeds in recreating an epoch most Argentines would sooner forget.

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Described as a "personal documentary," *Between Two Worlds* (May 15 at 3:30 p.m. at the Al Green Theatre) is probing as well as thought-provoking. The directors, Deborah Kaufman and Alan Snitow, examine the evolving nature of identity and politics in the American Jewish community.

Not surprisingly, the opening scenes turn on a divisive controversy. The San Francisco Jewish Film Festival is showing *Rachel*, a film about Rachel Corrie, a 23-year-old member of the pro-Palestinian International Solidarity Movement who was crushed to death by an Israeli bulldozer in the Gaza Strip on March 16, 2003 while protesting the planned demolition of an Arab house.

Rachel hits a raw nerve in the Jewish community. The film festival, championing free speech, has no qualms about including it in its program. Critics think otherwise. The upshot is that the executive director of the local Jewish federation is relieved of his duties because he financially supported the festival.

Kaufman and Snitow use the fallout from the film festival to launch a lively and much-needed debate about the parameters of dissent, Israel's policies toward the Palestinians, the boycott, divestment and sanctions campaign against Israel, and the hopes and fears of a rapidly changing Jewish community in the United States.

Within this inquiring spirit, the filmmakers plunge into a heated debate concerning the propriety of building a museum on the grounds of a disused Muslim cemetery in western Jerusalem. This is a reference to plans by the Los Angeles-based Museum of Tolerance and Human Dignity to open a "branch plant" in the Mamilla cemetery.

In passing, Kaufman discusses the love affair some Jews once had with communism and her sister's conversion to Islam. Regrettably, her sister's conversion is given short shrift.

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Vitaly Vorobjev's *I Shall Remember* (May 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the Al Green Theatre), a Russian film based on a true story, takes place in a small town in Russia occupied by the German army during World War II.

Having entered the town, the Germans target Jews, first forcing them to wear a yellow star and then transporting them to a pit where they are to be shot. Russian turncoats assist in the roundups.

Sincere in its passions, the film focuses on a callow antisemitic teenager – a member of a Christian family that risks everything to hide and save Jews – who learns the value of humanism and tolerance.

Documentary examines controversial issue

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

"It's an incredible betrayal," says Nancy Meyer, a Toronto therapist.

She is talking about pedophilia in North American Orthodox Jewish communities, the subject of a Vision TV documentary by Alan Mendelsohn due to be broadcast on May 16 at 10:30 p.m.

Titled *Wall of Silence*, this frank film sets out to expose a phenomenon that has caused untold grief and is usually hushed up by rabbis.

According to Mendelsohn, the Orthodox community is vulnerable to sexual predators. In outlining his case, he cites two examples, taking viewers to Brooklyn and Winnipeg, where pedophiles have wreaked havoc.

In Brooklyn, the principal of a day school molested a boy who belonged to the Satmar sect. The assault threw the boy into depression. North of the border, in Winnipeg, a rabbi assaulted a boy – the son of a newspaper journalist – who referred to his perpetrator as The Zipper Man.

Wall of Silence claims that a victim who reports the crime to civil authorities is held up to ridicule and shame and is ostracized.

Victims are branded as liars, while offenders walk free, charges Amy Neustein, an author.

Orthodox rabbis prefer to refer sexual abuse cases to rabbinical counsels, where such crimes are reportedly not treated with the gravity they deserve, Mendelsohn suggests.

Wall of Silence says that a rabbi who attempted to expose a molester was the object of an assassination attempt and barred from praying at his synagogue.

Dov Hikind, a New York assemblyman who represents a heavily populated Orthodox district, urges the Orthodox community to deal firmly with this problem.

But as *Wall of Silence* points out, there is still "stiff resistance" to bringing pedophiles to justice.

"We have a long way to go," says a man familiar with the situation.

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MC Mac Miller says he won't forget his Jewish roots

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Look out Drake, there's a new Jewish rapper in town.

Mac Miller, born Malcolm McCormick, is the newest Jewish rap sensation, and he's been steadily gaining momentum following the release of his mixtape *K.I.D.S.* last year.

The 19-year-old MC spoke to *The CJN* about his rise to fame, his musical influences and juggling his Jewish identity with his music career.

Now signed to independent label Rostrum Records – which also represents promising rap star Wiz Khalifa, whose *Black And Yellow* anthem is one of the hottest rap tracks these days – Miller's fanbase is growing faster than he ever dreamed.

But the Pittsburgh native said no matter how famous he gets, he'll never forget his roots.

Miller grew up in a traditional Jewish home, had a bar-mitzvah and observes the High Holidays.

"Judaism is definitely my heritage, so I grew up celebrating High Holidays. It's harder for me now since I'm always on the road, but whenever I'm at home with my family, we always do something," said Miller, who also sports a not-so-subtle chai tattoo on his arm.

Miller said he grew up in a culturally diverse city, much like Toronto. "We definitely had a Jewish community where I grew up, but there were also all sorts of people, and we all kind of lived together in harmony. No one was very religious when it came down to it."

After bursting onto the scene last year with his well-received *K.I.D.S.* mixtape, featuring tracks including *Nikes On My Feet* and *Kool Aid And Frozen Pizza,* he released another mixtape called *Best Day Ever,* which can be downloaded for free on his website.

His video for *Donald Trump,* the album's first single, had more than one million views on YouTube in less than a week.

With a growing number of avid Jewish followers, particularly in Toronto, Miller made his way to the city earlier this year as part of his first solo tour.

Tickets for his show were in such high demand that his performance had to be moved from the Mod Club to The Opera House to accommodate a larger audience.

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"I really dig Toronto. It's a cool place, and I seriously like the vibe," Miller said.

The young MC was modest about his show selling out and said he appreciates all the support he's been receiving on this side of the border.

Inspired primarily by old-school rap groups like A Tribe Called Quest and Big L, Mac Miller's music is a blend of classic and contemporary hip hop.

Best Day Ever samples independent artists such as MSTRKFT and Sufjan Stevens, and his sound is influenced by rappers Kid Cudi and Kanye West.

Miller also enlisted well-known producers Chuck Inglish and Just Blaze to provide a fresh take on instrumentals.

Unlike most artists in the rap scene nowadays, Miller uses beats that transform pop rock and indie pop into rap.

He said his talent is based on his love of music, having grown up listening to a variety of artists and performing himself as often as he could.

At 14, he joined a rap group called The Ill Spoken with fellow Pittsburgh rapper Beedie, and also released his own solo material.

To date, the prolific Mac Miller has seven mixtapes to his name, and vows to continue releasing as many as possible until the entire world knows his name.

Though he's already garnered a large fan base, he plans to continue releasing free tracks and mixtapes until he decides to release a proper full-length record.

He said his objective is to keep his music as original and entertaining as possible, constantly trying out new sounds and different methods of recording.

One of the highlights on the new record is a song called *Oy Vey,* which Miller said is "a fun term that Jews would understand. For those who aren't [Jewish], it's a little Jewish culture for everybody," he said with a laugh.

Thanks to Miller and Wiz Khalifa, the Pittsburgh music scene is at an all time high. Miller insists that he will stay loyal to his hometown, make music only with people he enjoys working with and, most importantly, will be doing another tour in the summer.

With plans to make it to Canadian cities in July, Miller promises that this tour will "be even crazier than the last time."

He added that he also has aspirations to perform in Israel – he just "needs to get an Israeli booking agent."

Any takers?

To download your free copy of Mac Miller's latest mixtape, visit www.listentobestdayever.com.

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Take care reproducing documents

We are now in the period of sfirat haOmer, the count-up to Shavuot, the time of the giving of our Torah.

The study and transmission of our written and oral laws have benefited from technological advancement. We are known as the People of the Book – five books of Moses, 24 books of Tanach, countless written commentaries – but many are beginning to find the content of these books being transferred to electronic form, and we will soon be know as the "People of the PDF."

Historically, Jews have written and accessed their Judaic texts in a physical form. For example, *klaf* (parchment made from the skin of a kosher animal) is the required medium for Torah scrolls. And as written media developed – papyrus, cloth, vellum and paper – Jews began utilizing those media to write commentaries or carry their own personal copy of such books.

Sustainable Jew

Fred Winegust

With the advent of modern technologies, many Jews now use an electronic tablet or smartphone to access prayers or daily study sessions during the week. Mishnah Brurah? There's an app for that.

We are increasingly living our lives – both Jewish and secular – through our electronic devices. At first thought, it seems that relying on an electronic copy of a book may be the more "eco-friendly" or "green" solution. The production of paper uses many natural resources – water, wood, glue, energy – and the medium itself has a limited capacity – only so many words can fit in one book.

Electronic devices, alternatively, have a seemingly infinite capacity to store information, and the files stored on such devices are relatively cheap to reproduce. However, the manufacture, use and disposal of electronic devices and the hard drives used to save and record content can have a significant energy consumption footprint. No matter which medium one prefers, the issue of sustainable energy and resource consumption is always at play.

For many reasons – Shabbat observance, ease of access, personal preference – many of us will continue to read and collect paper versions of our favourite books. From a sustainability perspective, there remains a role for paper as a biodegradable, renewable, sustainable product made from trees.

In order to minimize the impact on the environment, a publisher should choose paper from sources that themselves have already been recycled, thus minimizing the impact on existing forest stock. If any of these publications contain holy words, they cannot be recycled, only buried, following the principals of *shaimos* (referring to works with God's name in Hebrew) or genizah, which require that such books be stored and properly buried to allow for natural decomposition.

Jewish organizations such as schools, social service and fundraising agencies that use paper-based communications and do not print holy words avoid the need for the documents to be buried. They have both the choice of paper to be used and the opportunity to recycle the paper after use.

Next month, we will explore the lifecycle of paper and the options for and impact of the paper we choose to use as the People of the Book.

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1 tsp. salt
dash pepper
1 c. matzah meal
1 tblsp. parsley, chopped

Beat eggs slightly. Add club soda, salt and pepper. Mix in remaining ingredients. Cover and refrigerate for 45 min. to 1 hr. Mix again. Moisten hands and form into balls. Drop into boiled, salted water. Cover and cook for 45 min. Remove with slotted spoon and serve in hot soup. Can be frozen on a cookie sheet.

Tips: *Add some powdered chicken soup to boiling water for added taste. Always keep water bubbling happily, and remove balls from bubbling water. Don't turn water off until matzah balls are out of pot. Can be doubled, but you don't have to double the salt and pepper.*

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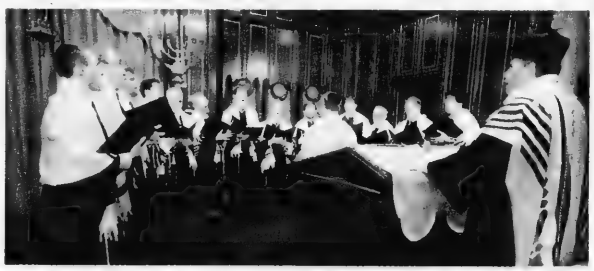
The CJN's French-language reporter in Montreal, Elias Levy, writes about:

Magali Sauves who talks about her recently published first novel, *Bleu azreq*, which describes the life of a Tunisian girl during World War II.

Also on the web

As part of its 165th anniversary celebration, Congregation Shaar Hashomayim in Montreal is launching a much-anticipated debut CD on May 22 that showcases the shul's renowned men's choir and cantor, Gideon Zelermyer, under musical director Stephen Glass.

Below: Stephen Glass conducts the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue Choir, with cantor Gideon Zelermyer.



Bin Laden dead. But no Kiddush

After the Jews crossed the Dead Sea, the waves swooshed back and destroyed the Egyptians on chariots. The Children of Israel then began to dance and sing in celebration of the death of their former slave owners.

After 400 years of humiliation, it made sense. I have felt a similar emotion in my heart, excitement knowing that someone who has demeaned me was suffering. It's not the nicest character trait, but it is inevitable.

Urban Writer

Avrum Rosensweig

Yet, God felt differently. She sent an angel to the Jewish People to say, "Stop the festivities. The Egyptians, those who whipped you and threw your children into the pyramids as bricks and mortar, they too were My creation.

"I am saddened by the choices the Egyptian people made allowing them to be so devastatingly cruel. But they were Mine."

When Osama bin Laden was executed and celebrations sprang up in the streets of America and the world, I considered the Jewish position on this. I wondered whether we should be joining those festivities with millions of others, knowing that an evil man is no longer in this world and more babies are safe.

Shouldn't we place the proverbial hat of Haman on our head and spin the gragger of anger and pleasure as loudly as possible because bin Laden lies at the bottom of the sea?

I then read an article about an Israeli mother who had lost her son to 9/11. She was not excited at bin Laden's assassination. In fact, quite the opposite – the hunting down of bin Laden and destruction of this terrorist leader meant very little to her.

She simply said, "I want my son back, and the death of bin Laden doesn't give me that."

She added that she felt almost disconnected from the event that occurred in Pakistan on May 1.

I thought about the time my brother-in-law, David Rosenzweig, was murdered and how my sister and her family responded when the murderer went to jail for many years. Were they joyous?

In fact, like the Israeli mother, my family did indeed feel a disconnect, somewhat, between the murderer and the murdered. They were satisfied that a level of justice had been served, but then closed the door to further discussion about the disappointing human being who committed the murder. It made sense to all of us that he was separated from society. He should be in jail. But there were no kiddushes. We wanted David back.

Osama bin Laden was a destructive force in the world, like the Egyptians. He was responsible for the death of thousands of people. He is gone and few will argue that this is bad.

However, this chapter of history is anything but reason to send streamers into the air. Bin Laden was a miserable example of God's creation, but he was shaped in God's image. His life was an absolute tragedy, and he went out of it with cauldrons of blood on his hands. The events that made him that way were disastrous.

The story of Osama bin Laden is a horror story, but at the end of the day, it seems wiser, perhaps more Jewish, to contemplate how such a man could exist, and then fight those dynamics that shaped him.

When the day has turned to dark, we as Jews grieve over the murdered. We do not drink wine at the death of the murderer.

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No Place Like Home

The Canadian Jewish news

Charity stores sell clothing, appliances and furniture

Barbara Silverstein
Special to The CJN

On a Thursday evening late in April, the Just A Second Shop at 4117 Bathurst St. was bustling. The popular thrift store run by Jewish Family and Child (JF&CS) attracts people of many backgrounds, and you can hear a cacophony of languages in the store.

There are bargains to be had for those people with the patience to sort through the racks of clothing and shelves of books and household items. On this day, a small group of people lined up at the cash with their finds.

One man had scored an Armani Jacket for $12, while another was trying to bargain with Rina Kapun, the spirited and friendly salesclerk.

But she held her ground with humour and a warm smile. "Do you think I don't know what this would cost new? You're already getting a bargain."

"Well, I'll come back tomorrow," the customer says.

"Do you think the price will change? I'll be here."

They continue to banter back and forth. Both of them are laughing.

"He is a regular," she later told *The CJN*. "I like to kid around with the regulars."

Indeed, she seems to know many of the shoppers, and switches back and forth between English and Hebrew as she greeted them at the cash. They talk about life and family.

Esther Assor, who was born in Israel, says Kapun's warm manner is a big attraction for her at Just A Second (416-633-9898). One reason is that they can converse in Hebrew. Assor says she shops at Just A Second all the time. "I buy my clothes and my kids' clothes here, and I'm always bringing things back for donation."

During her almost eight years at Just A Second, she has gotten to know many of the customers, Kapun says. "Some people come almost every day. I have lots of customers who are very friendly."

In an earlier telephone conference call that day, Jo Michaels, manager of marketing and communications at JF&CS, and Sofia Grinshpun, JF&CS financial controller and store supervisor, provided background information about the Just A Second Shop.

The store, which began as a pilot in 1982, was started by a committee of volunteers and staff. Initially, it was run from a room at JF&CS, but in 1985 the agency rented a space for the store. Donations of new and gently used clothing and household items come from the community.

Elegant furniture available at the ReStore *[Photos courtesy of ReStore]*

According to Michaels' statistics, about 21,000 Jewish people in the Toronto area are in financial need "They are at what the government calls the low-income level."

The thrift shop allows them to get basic necessities such as clothing and small household appliances, she says.

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Great items at bargain prices

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"About 800 people – the number also includes JIAS [Jewish Immigrant Aid Services] clients – use the store for free."

The store nets $50,000, says Grinshpun, noting that these funds are then used to send JF&CS clients' children to Jewish communal camps.

The store runs with two full-time and six part-time workers, as well as volunteers, says Michaels. "The volunteers learn socialization skills.

"It's offers work experience for clients looking for work in retail and customer service."

There are four collection boxes along the Bathurst corridor, she says. "We're always in need of clothing, especially winter boots and jackets."

Michaels says they welcome volunteers and they encourage people in the community to shop there. "It's a great place to go for a great thrifty find for clothes, household items, kitchenware, toys, books, linen, and there are lots of tchatchkes."

For larger household items at bargain prices, check out the ReStores in Vaughan (405 Rowntree Dairy Rd.) and Newmarket (776 Davis Dr.). The profit from ReStores pays for administrative costs of Habitat for Humanity, the international organization that build houses for low-income families.

When someone donates to Habitat, 100 per cent of the money goes to building homes because the ReStores provide the funding for other costs, explains Bryon Di Sera, store manager for the York Region stores in Vaughan (905-265-1079) and Newmarket (905-868-8723).

These stores sell items that might otherwise end up in landfill, he says, explaining that much of the inventory is donated by big-box stores such as Home Depot, Rona and Prima Lighting.

Often these are materials that were overstocked or returned. "The companies prefer to donate them... We sell them for 40 to 70 per cent less than the retail prices."

While you will find building supplies such as tiles, windows and doors, the ReStores in York Region are different from some of the other stores – there are 35 in the Toronto area and 65 across Canada – because they carry furniture, décor fabric and other household items.

"We get a lot of antiques from private homes," says Di Sera, adding that sometimes they sell second-hand kitchens and appliances if they're in good condition.

He says it's a win-win situation for everybody, because the home-owners avoid the dumping fees, while Habitat for Humanity benefits from the sales of these items. "We get picky about what we sell because we don't want to get stuck with items that can't be sold. We don't want to be paying dumping fees."

Tax receipts for donors are provided after the sales of the donated stock.

Di Sera notes that the store also gets a lot of new furniture and kitchen appliances and other items such as tiles because the stores are in locations where these things are manufactured. "Just the other day I got a call from a tile guy with four skids of tiles to donate."

The ReStore gets help from volunteers and people doing court-appointed community services. "We get 1,000 hours a month of volunteer time."

Di Sera says the York Region stores attract many designers and antiques dealers. "We recently had some beautiful sets of vintage dishes from the early 1900s... You never know what you might find in a ReStore."

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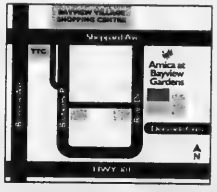

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Currently, grey carpets are very popular. "It's the new beige," Baum said. "You can add some colour to it by getting an accent rug in purple or blue."

Baum is proud of his team of staff who collectively have over 100 years of experience in the area. One employee recently celebrated his 50th anniversary with the company.

"We really know what we're selling. We can make the right recommendations for our customers so they trust us and develop a lifelong relationship with us."

Dominion Rug staff work with customers to stay within their specified budget and to choose the right carpets and colour schemes for their needs. "We truly care about our customers and don't just want to sell them a product – we want to take care of them."

Any customer of Dominion Rug can expect fast service – a home will be measured and the cost quoted within a week.

"We go beyond the gold standard of customer satisfaction," Baum said. "I would call it the platinum standard. Only a family company like ours can offer this kind of service."

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If carpeting isn't the right fit for your home, you can visit Riviera Flooring (905-738-4588), a Toronto store that specializes in hardwood, laminate and ceramic floors in addition to carpeting. Riviera Flooring has been in business for over 30 years and is located at Jane Street and Highway 7.

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"We are a full-service business," said Joe Rivietz, owner of Riviera Flooring. "We help you choose the product that's best for you, and then we'll come over and install it. We move your furniture, rip out old flooring and install a new one before you know it."

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For basements, Rivietz recommends laminate floors or carpets with a textured finish. "We offer a full line of textured carpets specifically for basements," he said.

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Cara Edell
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Since 1982, Petroff Gallery (1016 Eglinton Ave. W.) has been one of Canada's leading private art galleries. Gallery staff makes fine art and contemporary craft more accessible to customers.

Petroff Gallery represents more than 300 artists from across North America in its 2,200-square-foot space. When it comes to Judaica, specialized staff can help you find that one-of-a-kind piece or a gift for the person who is hard to buy for. The gallery's most popular Judaic artworks are those of Gad Almaliah, which include framed blessings and talmudic passages illustrated with impressed pewter.

"Gaddy used to be a designer of stamps and coins in Israel, and his graphic genius is evident in each piece," said Sara Levine-Petroff, Petroff Gallery's art consultant and curator. "What makes them so sought after is that there is an appropriate prayer or blessing for everything – for those who contribute to their community, for a new home, a physician, a wedding, a teacher."

The stunning glass menorahs are also extremely popular, especially for weddings, she said. "People want to give a unique piece that will bring meaning to the recipient's life, to fill it with light and beauty."

Each piece exhibited at the gallery is a signed original, which is appreciated by the person receiving the gift. With each holiday, there is a rise in popularity of the objects related to the festival. Recently, the seder plates flew out the door, said Levine-Petroff.

For bar mitzvahs, kiddush cups, tzedakah boxes and Judaic kaleidoscopes are always great gift choices. For bat mitzvahs, the gallery sells hand-blown glass Shabbat candleholders, as well as menorahs and framed paper-cut blessings from Israeli artist Marci Weisel.

For the bride and groom setting up a Jewish home, the gallery has an artful collection of mezuzot, silk challah covers, stunning seder plates and Shabbat objects. "Shabbat pieces are really one of the best gifts, since they will be used weekly. And with use comes meaning, and a deeper appreciation of the Sabbath."

Levine-Petroff said the gallery has a deep connection to Judaic arts. "We develop an understanding and appreciation of prayer and ceremony when we are stimulated by innovative interpretations that get us to reinvest our soul. Judaic works of art should inspire us," she added.

For Jewish books, gifts and ritual items, Israel's Judaica (870 Eglinton Ave. W. and 441 Clark Ave. W.) is a one-stop shop. Established more than 25 years ago, Israel's provides its customers with excellent service and in-depth knowledge of all things Jewish. The store also has an Internet and mail-order division serving the Jewish community both nationally and internationally.

Yerachmiel Mehl, store manager at Israel's Thornhill location, said Judaica items continuously change in popularity. Throughout the year, kiddush cups, mezuzah cases and challah boards are regular sellers.

"I was surprised this Pesach to see so many kosher lamps fly off the shelf, along with wash cups. We also, of course, sold many hundreds of Haggadahs, many dozens of bedikat chametz kits, seder plates and matzah plates," said Mehl. "Parents were often looking for Haggadahs and plague kits that would keep their kids involved."

Rachel Samery, manager at the Eglinton location, said the most popular Judaica items at that store are mezuzot, kiddush cups, candlesticks and kippot – "the essential ritual items for keeping a Jewish home." While the Thornhill crowd leans toward traditional-looking items, the Eglinton shoppers prefer more modern products, Mehl said.

Photos courtesy of Petroff Gallery

When it comes to gifts, the choice depends on the occasion, Mehl said. "For a wedding, I think that the Get 2 Gift Wedding Kit is amazing. This item includes a multi-coloured glass to break under the chupah and the cost of having a local artist fuse that glass into a beautiful mezuzah case, menorah, cube or pretty much anything you want."

For a bar or bat mitzvah, Mehl recommends the Timechart History of Jewish Civilization. "It comes in the form of a book, but it's really just a huge pull-out time chart. It is interesting without the heavy reading."

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Retirement-home residents tell their stories

Residents of retirement homes bring with them a multitude of stories. Here are some of them.

Rose Besser

Residents at **Amica** communities throughout Ontario and British Columbia have many wonderful stories to tell. Whether you wish to reside at the luxurious Amica at Thornhill, the grandly appointed Amica at Bayview Gardens; downtown, midtown, east or west, there is an Amica that is right for you. Here is one resident's story.

"Two years ago, I had a fall at home. After surgery, rehab and discharge from the hospital with a walker, neither I nor my family felt comfortable with my going back to a house that had simply outgrown me. It was time to look at options. Of all the retirement communities my children and I toured, Amica at Thornhill, with its luxurious décor, location and accessibility to public transit, was an easy choice for me.

At Amica, I regained my strength using on-site physiotherapy, personalized fitness programs and hydrotherapy in a warm massage pool. I transitioned from using a walker to walking independently within four months of my accident. During my stay at Amica, I made friends and loneliness became a thing of the past, so I made the decision to move in permanently. Today, I am completely independent, enjoying all that Amica, and life, has to offer."

– *Rose Besser, resident of Amica at Thornhill*

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Kensington Place residents Malka Colla, left and Sara Birensztok are seen with general manager Michael Ayers.

Kensington Place residents give back. You might be tempted to think that retirement is a time of well-deserved rest after a life of busy work. However, for residents of Kensington Place, a move to the residence has opened up a wealth of opportunities to contribute their time and talents to worthy causes.

"This past winter we baked challahs and hand-decorated beautiful scarves and hats for the Out of the Cold program," says Kensington Place general manager Michael Ayers. "We also held fundraisers for the National Council of Jewish Women, hosted many community groups and enjoyed an amazing Memoirs of the Catskills event to benefit the Jewish National Fund. Our residents are simply eager to give back to their community."

Currently, Kensington Place residents are holding a clothing drive to benefit Bikur Cholim, a charity that supports the underprivileged. Donations of clean clothing in good condition may be dropped off at Kensington Place at 866 Sheppard Ave. E., attention Danyelle. For more information, call 416-636-9555.

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Doreen and Irene

There's nothing closer than sisters.

Doreen and Irene are living proof. They've always been together even when apart. Their childhood was an odyssey that saw them flee their birthplace, Singapore, to Australia, only to return three years later — then on to England the following year. There, Irene and her younger sister Freda remained in Boarding School as her father and Doreen moved to South Africa. Doreen and Irene were ultimately reunited in South Africa, where they married and raised families of their own.

They always lived near each other so it comes as no surprise that after Irene moved to Thornhill in 1985, where she catered for the Holy Blossom Synagogue, Doreen was only a few years behind. Then, they both moved to Skymark, a Tridel condominium in Toronto. In 2010, because Irene's daughter wanted her mother to benefit from the worry-free support of a retirement community, they visited **Delmanor Northtown** and immediately felt at home.

Speaking with one voice, Irene says: "We knew the moment we walked in that we'd both be happy living here. Tridel quality was what we were used to and the chance to retire together was what we were after." Adds Doreen, "we love doing things together – the activities, the excursions and dining together. We always have."

Sisters. There's nothing closer.

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Margaret Darte, one of **Hazelton Place**'s longstanding residents, is 90 per cent blind, but Margaret has ears like a hawk and really enjoys the variety of music that Hazelton offers. She says "the music that we have here is very good and I find it very uplifting. I love the Irish Harp player who often tells stories after each piece. The classical groups play beautifully and give me lovely intervals in my life. And the steel drummer has great rhythm and gets people to be lively. Some even dance. Overall, I just love the variety, and I always look forward to who will be entertaining next."

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Sophie Bendel

Since opening **L'Chaim Retirement Residence** in 2001, founder Judy Cohen has had the pleasure of enjoying a decade of continuity with residents. Typifying that continuity is its very first resident, Sophie Bendel, who moved to Toronto from Winnipeg into 2001 at age 90 to be closer to her Toronto-based children. Ten years later, she and L'Chaim look forward to celebrating her 100th birthday together.

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At age 95, Helen Cornfield has found her joie de vivre as a member of a theatre group at the **Terraces of Baycrest**, the retirement residence where she resides.

"Being part of the group makes me feel alive," says Cornfield, who had a front-row seat at the recent viewing of a movie her group had made to showcase their talents.

"People have the stereotype that there is a way you should act and sound when you're my age," says Cornfield. "They think you just sit and vegetate, but we are active. We have a social group that keeps us feeling creative… we're giving something back and not just sitting there passively while entertainment is provided for us."

Her friend, Terraces of Baycrest resident Jean Goldstein, 89, agrees. "The theatre group keeps me in touch with what's going on at the Terraces. I meet people with interests similar to mine, and it's very stimulating to learn new things and perform for others. Our grandchildren look at us with new eyes."

The eight members of the group – all residents of Terraces of Baycrest – write and perform skits about the challenges they face as seniors. With honesty, sincerity and a sense of humour, they explore a wide range of topics.

"This group was founded close to five years ago as a vehicle for hearing the voices of our clients, giving them a mechanism for self-expression and for dialogue in community," says Baycrest's Bianca Stern.

Stern believes in the power of the arts as a therapeutic medium. Today, she and her co-facilitator, Shawn Fremeth, work to empower the actors and enable their creativity. They hold annual storytelling sessions, inviting all interested residents from the Terraces to participate, and choose topics based on discussion with the actors.

Stern knows that storytelling can be a powerful way to capture feelings and emotions and explore social issues.

"It has given the group a sense of purpose and energy," she says. "It has increased their confidence and self-esteem. Group members have also been a source of encouragement and support for one another through the ups and downs in their lives. It has given them the impetus to explore other creative activities and empowered them to raise key social issues within their community and explore solutions."

Back at the Terraces of Baycrest, the theatre group's movie performance has just ended. The theatre group receives raucous applause. The members get to their feet – slowly and surely – and with big smiles on their faces, turn to the crowd and wave at them.

"It's pretty nice to get some applause," Cornfield says, laughing. "We love to ham it up!"

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At **Constantia Retirement Residence**, a case of mistaken mail delivery had a happy ending. Who hasn't, at one time or another, received a letter addressed to someone else? Although this can be a hassle, at Constantia Retirement Residence, the wrong address is sometimes the right one.

Consider the case of residents Rose Caplin and Dorothy Bellack. One day Rose received a letter addressed to Dorothy and returned it to the front desk. Dorothy had been expecting the letter for some time and wanted to know who returned it so she could thank them personally.

Rose and Dorothy met and a friendship developed that endures to this day. They now enjoy socializing together, having tea, playing Rummy Q and going on outings.

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Adenat Inc. a one-stop shop

Marni Brinder Byk
Special to The CJN

When attempting to sum up Adenat Inc., the two words that come to mind are "vertical integration." Adenat Inc. does everything when it comes to real estate – they buy, rent, demolish, renovate, landscape, and sell.

Owner Israel Schwartz says he doesn't just buy homes, he revitalizes neighbourhoods through the redevelopment and revitalization of its homes.

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With offices in Israel, Canada, the United States, and France, Schwartz took his perfume profits and invested in real estate.

Schwartz spent a lot of time and energy buying property when the market was low, mostly during the early 1990s. Schwartz then rented out his homes, and in approximately six to eight years, they returned the capital.

He then decided whether he wanted to develop them, using, of course, all of the various Adenat divisions to complete the jobs.

Schwartz, who now lives in Miami, spent a lot of time and effort making Adenat a one-stop shop.

Adenat Real Estate Ltd. sells Adenat homes, because, as Schwartz puts it, they market the Adenat brand far better than any typical real estate agent would.

"Our real estate company is quite young, but [Adenat Inc.] gets better exposure with its own agents."

He points out that real estate agents typically advertise themselves, not the builder of the homes they're trying to sell. He says builders spend years and many dollars on a finished home and, in the end, barely get any recognition.

But Adenat agents "highlight the high-quality products Adenat fills our homes with." The Adenat agents remind potential buyers that "this is an Adenat home, this is an Adenat kitchen."

His agents also benefit from a large amount of inventory through Adenat, and if they're seeking a renter for a property, they're more invested in finding the right renter, so they are essentially making sure a company's investment is safe. That's why they've been known to rent to professionals, executives and even employees of the Israeli consulate.

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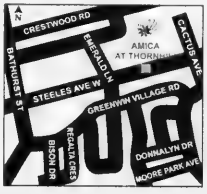

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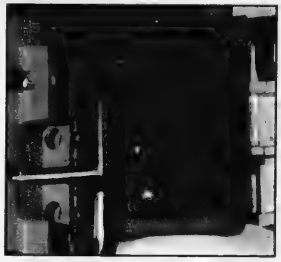

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Renting is an affordable way to live downtown

Jennifer M. MacLeod
Special to the CJN

Maybe you thought you were finished with rental living when you bought your first home. Or perhaps you still think it's only for students, new Canadians, young professionals, or anyone who can't afford a house. Whatever you used to think about renting, think again: it's an appealing option for anyone, at any stage of life. And today's renters have a lot to choose from, even premium options you might not have thought possible.

Think owning your own home is always a better investment? In fact, says Trish MacPherson, vice-president of sales and marketing with Canadian Apartment Properties Real Estate Investment Trust (www.caprent.com), "Homes are close to peaked. They're not going to increase as dramatically as they have in past."

Renting can not only save you money in mortgage and maintenance (generally two to four per cent or more of the value of your home per year), but can also free your principal so that you can invest more securely and at a higher rate of return. Many who rent, MacPherson says, can actually afford to own, but choose to put their money to better use.

Of course, if your income is less secure, renting is definitely a better option, offering flexibility, predictable payments and lack of maintenance "surprises" – the kind nobody enjoys, like coming home to an unexpected flood. "A reputable landlord is going to have communication channels 24/7 to help if there is an emergency, major or minor," says MacPherson.

Don't think rental living means life crammed into a tiny or outdated apartment, either. In fact, the Canadian Apartment Properties Real Estate Investment Trust (CAPREIT) – which controls more 30,000 accommodations across Canada – is constantly upgrading its units, as well as common areas such as lobbies. And if there's anything in an apartment that you'd like updated to suit your personal taste, CAPREIT is usually happy to accommodate those requests, doing the work or recommending contractors who know the buildings and can provide quality workmanship.

As for the apartments themselves, most offer more personal living space than contemporary condominiums. With a brand-new condo, "you're going to get something half the size for the same monthly rent," says MacPherson.

CAPREIT also offers town-home complexes as well as two "land-lease communities" in Ontario. Land-lease properties offer the best of both worlds: you own your home (most are bungalow-style houses), and lease the property. The lease includes neighbourhood amenities like a community centre. "It's a good way to transition from home ownership into something with a little less maintenance," says MacPherson.

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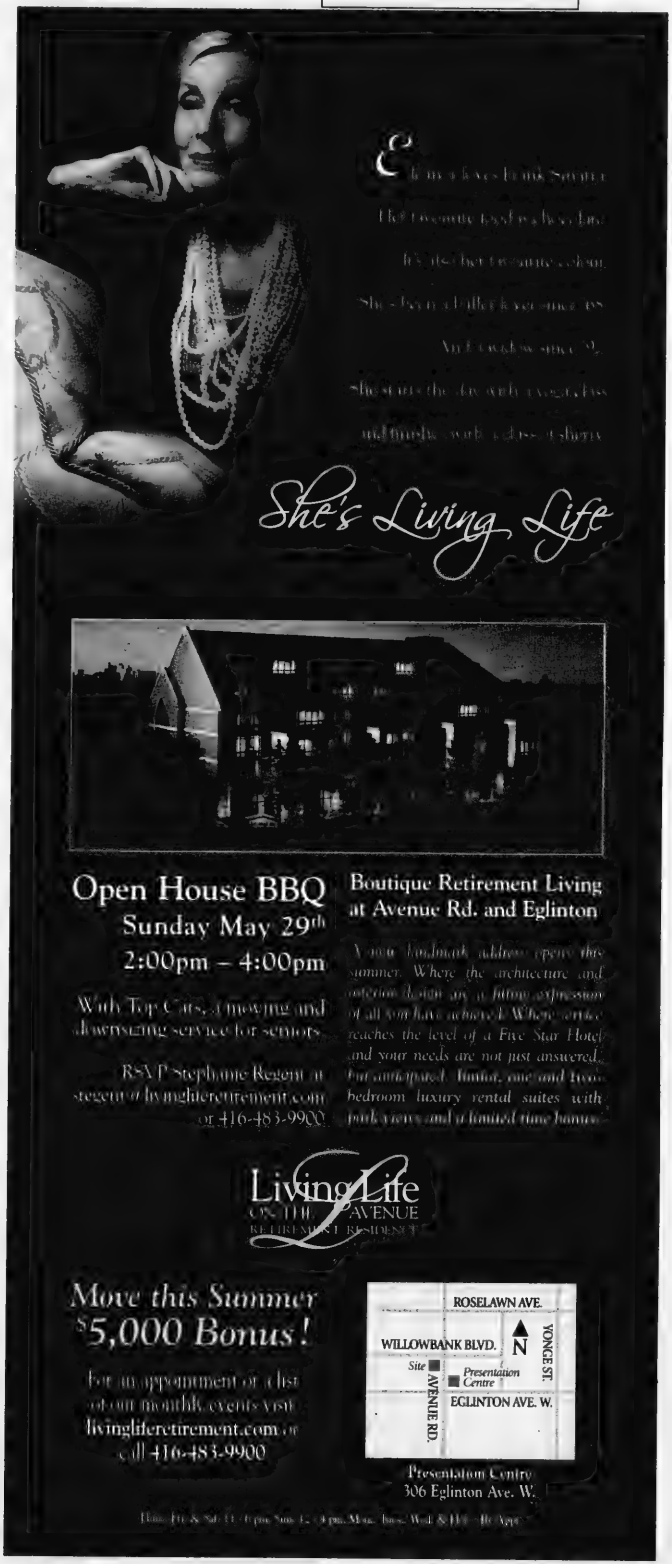
88 Erskine Ave. offers a range of amenities, including a media room, yoga classes, library, community garden and sauna facility.



Judaica for every occasion

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Finding that special gift "for a person who is unlikely to spend on themselves but would feel pleasantly spoiled having it is key," Mehl said. "For example, sterling silver drippers for a candelabra or a beautifully framed *Birkat Habayit* or a silver *tzinder* can really be an endearing gift."

At the Eglinton location, seder plates and challah boards are very popular wedding gifts, said Samery. For bar and bat mitzvahs, people love to give tzedakah boxes, menorahs and gift books. The store also offers a variety of personalized kippot, benschers and ketubahs for simchahs.

Israel's makes an effort to support Israeli artisans by providing a venue for their giftware at both stores. There is even a simchah consultant available to serve clients at each location.

"Our customers want to feel cared for more than anything, and I feel special nachas every time we achieve that as a team," Mehl said.

At Shaynee's (492 Lawrence Ave. W.), the most popular Judaica items include Shabbat candlesticks, menorahs, challah boards and knives. Shaynie Schwartz said the store specializes in handcrafted pieces by artists and unusual items from the classic to the funky.

"Our taste is avant-garde. We also carry upper-end production lines such as Michael Aram, who is a very hot designer in the giftware industry and has a beautiful line of Judaica. We attend many gift shows in search of these unusual items."

Schwartz said selling Judaica products reflects her heart and soul. "It is a marriage of our childhood memories and our adult refinements."

Gift ideas at Shaynee's depend on the occasion. For bar and bat mitzvahs, tzedakah boxes, menorahs and candlesticks are top sellers. For weddings, a challah board, challah cover, menorah or seder plate are practical options.

Schwartz said all types of customers from all over the city are attracted to her store. "There are Jews of every denomination and non-Jews as well, extravagant and budget-minded. They like what they see and they enjoy being heard, because we listen."

Chuck Elnekave, of The Israeli Source, said that this time of year, some of the most popular items are gifts for the upcoming wedding season. "It could be anything from books or housewares to challah boards or kiddush cups. One of the most popular lines we sell for the wedding season is Gary Rosenthal's collection of items that can be personalized with shards of the glass broken at the couple's chupah."

He said that the wedding season is a popular season for people buying new tallitot. "We've just expanded our selection of tallitot by about 40 per cent, with some great new styles and designs."

Elnekave said that they carry a huge assortment of popular gifts, depending on the occasion. "From weddings and bar/bat mitzvahs to graduations and housewarmings, we've got lots of items that would be relevant for any occasion, as well as for no occasion at all."

His store is different, he said, in the sense that it's not a typical boutique store. "We offer great service and a phenomenal selection, but because we cut out the fancy frills you come to expect with a boutique, like wall-to-wall carpeting and fancy shelving units, we're able to offer the products people are familiar with at prices that would typically be exclusive to wholesale purchasers.

"I love interacting with the Jewish customers, and helping people find products that enrich their lives. Whether the customer is looking for something that will have special meaning to them or not, I know that whatever people buy from me will, at least in some way, play a role in something deeper than just a purchase of any random tchatchke."

Customers who have a keen eye for savings absolutely love the store, he said. "We're constantly looking for ways to streamline our business and product selection so that we can lower our operating and purchasing costs, and pass those savings on to the customers for even lower prices."

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You spend more time in your home than anywhere else, so filling it with furniture that you love is important. Decorium (1-800-232-2267), a Toronto family owned and operated home furnishing store that was founded in 1986, can help you. "It's really more like five stores in one," said Steve Forberg, the CEO of Decorium. "We save people from running around to other stores to meet all their needs. We have 100,000 square feet of product!"

Decorium was started by Forberg's grandfather. "My grandfather came to Canada and went into the manufacturing business," said Forberg. "Eventually, my father took over his business and turned us into what we are today – one of the largest independent retailers in the country."

Decorium's goal is to provide customers with a fashionable high-end look, but give it to them at mid-line prices. "We search the world for our unique products," said Forberg. "You won't find stuff like this anywhere else." Decorium carries more 100 different sofas and over 50 bedroom sets. And if they don't have exactly what you hoped for, they can custom order it for you. "We bring in close to 100 new items every week. People will drop by the store just to see what has changed since the last time they came in. We like to keep things fresh for everyone."

One of the latest trends in bedroom furniture is upholstered headboards. "Colour is also coming back," said Forberg. "A splash of colour in an accent piece can really brighten up a room."

Decorium offers its clients free in-store interior design consultation and the experienced staff will help pick out pieces for all clients. The company also has a full delivery service and will put all pieces of furniture together. "Our clients deserve this level of service," Forberg said.

Brooklyn Furniture (416-635-6111), another family-owned business, can also meet all your furniture needs. The Bathurst Street landmark has been serving the Toronto community for more than 50 years and is known for its medium to high-end furniture that is sold at discounted prices year round.

"We have four generations of customers," said Louis Hochman, CEO of the company. "Our clients know we take care of them, so they keep coming back. They are our best advertisers."

Brooklyn Furniture carries a huge range of products, from children and youth bedroom sets to office, dining-room and living-room furniture. The store always has one-of-a-kind pieces on the floor and every summer has a tent sale with furniture that is further discounted. "Because we're a family-operated business, no one here is on commission. We're not just trying to sell you any product – we're trying to help you make the right decisions for your home," said Hochman.

Brooklyn Furniture also sells a wide variety of name-brand mattresses. "If someone is coming here to buy a bedroom set, why would we want to make them go to another store for the mattress? This is just another example of how we go out of our way to meet our customers needs," said Hochman.

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Residences on Lytton offer style, intimacy

The desirability of a luxurious new home hinges not only on the trappings of the residence itself, but on the other properties that surround it. The right house with all the right finishes on the wrong street is hardly a solution for the discriminating buyer.

So when you find the home of your dreams in a splendid little enclave surrounded by other homes of comparable quality and matching style, says David Eichorn, Broker of Record at David Eichorn Realty Ltd. (416-787-1712, www.eichornrealty.com) you can immediately check off the two most desired qualities on your wish list.

Filling this bill, says Eichorn, is Residences on Lytton by Esquire Homes, of which he is the exclusive agent. This new residential community, situated at Lytton Boulevard and Bathurst Street, will boast nine townhomes, two semi-detached homes and one fully detached home. The units will range in size from approximately 1625 sq ft to 2850 sq ft of finished living space, including a selection of three and four bedroom models. These residences will be finished with high-end upgrades and feature quality craftsmanship throughout. Pre-construction prices range from $899,900 to $1,249,000.

Lytton Park offers a prestigious address with close proximity to all amenities. With only 12 residences in this new development, it offers prospective buyers the cachet of leading-edge construction together with the prospect of a close-knit community environment.

"Living in the big city doesn't mean you need to sacrifice intimacy", says Eichorn. "Today's builders are cognizant of the need to offer buyers a lifestyle without compromise, and I think the Residences on Lytton reflects that."

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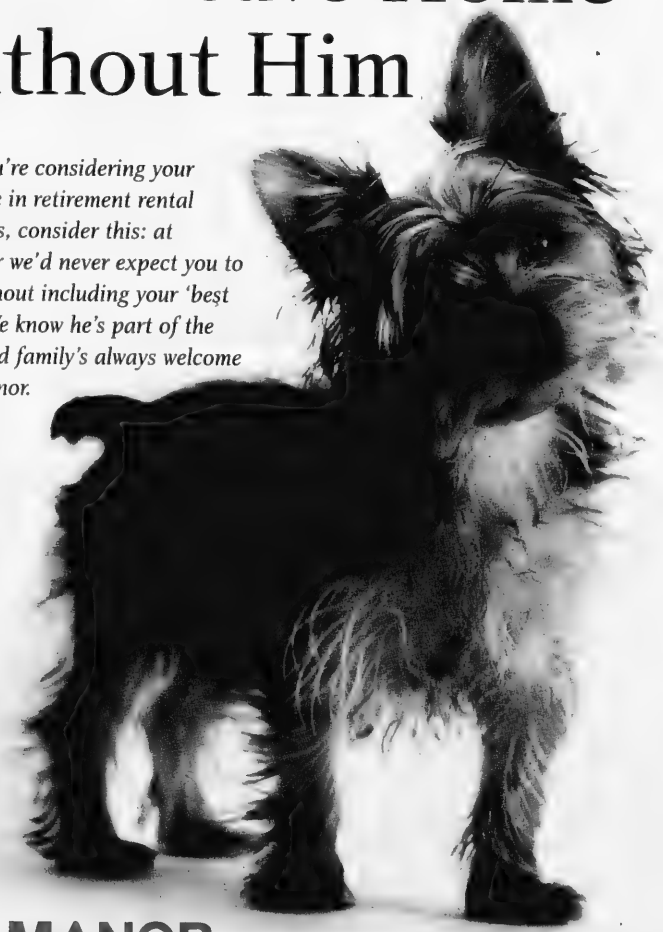

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Don't ignore your home's electrical systems

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Homeowners who prioritize upgrading their kitchens or bathrooms before restoring their outdated home electrical systems could be making a potentially hazardous mistake, said Armando Pecchia, Birnie Electric's residential service manager.

While it may be tempting to fall back on the age-old "out-of-sight, out-of-mind" adage, Pecchia warns that ignoring faulty electrical systems could be dangerous.

"Just because you can't see it, don't ignore it because electrical systems have a shelf life. Wires degrade all the time, and you can't see it until a fire happens. Don't ignore your electrical system. Have it tested," he said.

"Typically, we see this in homes that are 15 years or older where no one has ever had their electrical [wiring] tested. If you've got fuse boxes versus circuit breakers, it's good to have those tested... Flickering lights is also an indicator that the electric system in the home needs to be updated."

Adam Gardin, owner of Garcon Building Group, which is a general contracting company that builds new homes, does renovations, repairs and additions, said that electrical work is a significant part of his work.

Gardin, who has been in business since 2004, said that the Electrical Safety Authority has recently been cracking down on ensuring that electrical systems are up to par.

"Four or five years ago, what would easily have passed [inspection], they're making us go back and redo a lot of things," Gardin said.

"A big problem is the old knob and tube wiring they used to do."

Knob and tube wiring can usually safely accommodate a maximum of 60 amp service, while most new homes come standard with 200 amp service to account for more electronics and appliances.

Another problem with knob and tube is that it is not a grounded system, which is generally more hazardous than modern wiring systems.

"When we do renovations and additions, sometimes people buy a home and they've been told that it's all been upgraded from knob and tube, but in fact, when we open up the walls, a lot of it is still there and that's typically a big surprise for clients," Gardin said.

Pecchia said aluminum wiring is another outdated and potentially dangerous electrical system that is found in many older homes.

"They were used in the 1970s, but they were banned. But there are a lot of homes in Toronto that have aluminum wiring. Insurance companies are also starting to deny coverage if you have aluminum wiring."

One of the problems associated with aluminum wiring is that the electrical current through the metal causes a changes in its temperature, which results in the expanding and contracting of the wire. The fluctuations in temperature can cause joints to loosen and compromise the connection, which can lead to an electrical fire.

Still, the most common mistake associated with residential wiring occurs when homeowners overload their circuits, Pecchia said.

"A lot of the houses weren't built to withstand all the gizmos that we're plugging in. They are really overloading the circuits, they're putting in extension cords, or those power bars and plugging in 10 devices into one outlet. It just wasn't meant to be used in that way."

Pecchia said it's important for people who own older homes to get an inspection.

Birnie Electric uses the CurrentSAFE Electrical Hazard Detection service to inspect homes inside and out.

The process includes a no-fee assessment of a home's electric system during which an electrician will test receptacles for wiring problems, check that smoke detectors are working properly, and answer any electricity-related questions.

Following that, the homeowner receives a full report that documents potential safety hazards, such as wires that aren't properly grounded or bad connections.

The best part of the inspection, Pecchia said, is that it can be done without having to cut any holes in the walls or ceilings.

"We use infrared thermal-imaging devices to check behind the walls for hot spots, and ultrasonic listening devices... so that if there is a loose wire, and it's arcing or buzzing, it detects that noise," he said.

Gardin said that from the perspective of a general contractor, his best advice is to do your research before hiring someone to work on your home.

"When people are doing repairs and renovations, it is [important] that they don't skimp out on the mechanical and electrical aspects of their home because the things that you don't see, per se, people feel like they can get away with using a cheaper guy or a less experienced guy. But those are crucial elements of the home," Gardin said.

His advice for future homeowners wanting to avoid facing an electrical problem is to get a good home inspection done before buying a home.

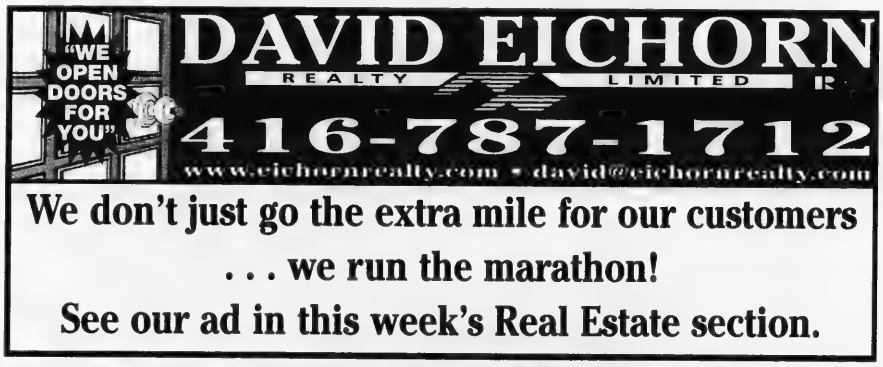
"When you go into look at a house, look at the overall condition of the mechanical room. That's where they have the furnace, the boiler, the electrical panel, all the difference elements of the mechanical and electrical systems are in that room," Gardin said.

"If you go in to that room, it'll either be really clean and neat and everything will look put together, or it will be a complete mess. That is usually a good sign of the overall condition of the home. If that room is a mess and you've got wires hanging out all over the place, chances are you're going to have some problems."

Those who own a home that is 15 years or older should look into upgrading their homes to 200 amp service.

"That will accommodate the additional equipment that we're putting into our homes – the big TVs, the stereo systems and that stuff," Gardin said.

For more information, call Birnie Electric at 905-569-1818 or Garcon Building Group at 416-636-2000.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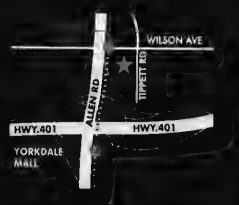

Improving your garden and backyard habitat

Stephen Sweet
Special to The CJN

With the weather warming up, it's time to start enjoying the great outdoors. And more than ever these days, that can be done without leaving your property.

Designing the space outside one's house or apartment has grown by leaps and bounds.

"Once upon a time, we'd just have a slab of concrete with a couple of chairs on it and that was it," said Brian Murphy, a longtime landscaper who created his own company, Brian Murphy Design.

Brian Murphy

"Now, we go for groupings, where you have couches, tables, chairs and fire pits."

All of those can be purchased from Deck and Dock, located on Castlefield Avenue, just west of Dufferin Street.

"We cover all aspects of outdoor living," said Deck and Dock's Dave Reburn. "We do sectionals, dining sets, tables, fire pits and basically all aspects of outdoor that anyone would be interested in."

He's noticed a bit of a change from a classic look of outdoor furniture to more of a modern feel.

"It really means that you move from a woven wicker armchair, a classic design over the last 30 or 40 years, to something like a sectional today, something that might even be called 'contempo,'" Reburn said.

Although some of the more popular items these days, such as sectionals, have large cushions, there may not be a need to bring them in every time it rains anymore.

"With better quality cushions, one of the things we can actually do is water-proof cushions," Reburn said.

Using a fabric called crypton (sometimes spelled krypton), cushions are essentially resistant to water.

Even if you've bought your cushions a few years ago, the process can be done at the same time as a cleaning.

"The best approach is cleaning and waterproofing at the same time, so sometimes the best cushion for that is one that's three years ago that needs to be cleaned anyways," Reburn said.

Deck and Dock also stores furniture and does restoration in the offseason, and will do either regardless of whether or not the items were purchased there.

Photos courtesy of Brian Murphy Design

With the living items in place, that just leaves the natural beauty of the landscape to worry about – which Murphy covers.

"Most often, I'll do a complete makeover," said Murphy, who has been landscaping since the 1970s. "It's either when a building is being renovated or just a basic garden in place, and then we build a whole beautiful landscape."

As with the physical outdoor pieces, landscaping has changed to become more current.

"There's a big interest in modern design and modern look," Murphy said.

"We're doing gardens now that are very structured, have clean lines, and lots of grasses or architectural-looking plants as opposed to a pile of fluffy things."

That's not to say that he won't plant a garden full of those pretty things, because he does like them.

"Some people just love flowers, and I'm able to create a border garden," said Murphy, who recently won awards for his design at a home in North York.

A border garden is a European-type concept that has perennials instead of annuals, staged in a way that some bloom in every different part of each season.

"It's difficult to create, but a lot of fun to do," Murphy said. "For people who love flowers, a border garden is a great thing to have."

Deck and Dock is open seven days a week and can also be reached by phone at 416-781-4887.

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Baby stores have everything for new parents

Jennifer Libman
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Becoming a new parent is a big adjustment and figuring out everything you need can seem overwhelming, so luckily there are experts in Toronto that can help. Dear-Born Baby, 905-881-3334, was established in 1979 and has been serving new parents ever since. It the one place to find all the best products to make parenting convenient, rewarding and enjoyable.

Not only will you find everything you need for your baby, but the store offers specialty services such as professional car seat installations, stroller tune-ups and repairs, furniture touch-ups, and rentals.

"We pride ourselves on being a full service baby store," said Hope Katz, registry manager at Dear-Born Baby.

"We carry everything you could possibly need to get your child through infancy and into toddlerhood. We also have the latest and greatest of every product."

If you don't see a product you want on the store-room floor, Dear-Born can order it in for you. "We have access to every line of all the manufacturers we carry. We want you to get exactly what you want," Katz said.

Dear-Born Baby recently opened up an outlet store located across the street from their original location on Doncaster Avenue in Thornhill. The outlet, which is currently only open on weekends, offers marked down and discontinued products at a reduced rate.

"This is a great opportunity for young couples on a budget to be able to afford high-end products" Katz said. "The items are all excellent quality – they just happen to be older models."

Dear-Born Baby also offers parents of new babies workshops on topics such as infant massages, car seat and stroller safety, and parent and child nutrition.

For parents who are unsure of what kind of furniture to buy for their baby, Dear-Born books personal consultations with experts in the store to help them make the right choices.

"Nothing is more stressful than trying to find a sales staff to help you in a crowded store," Katz said. "We let you book an appointment so all our attention is on you."

Of course, babies grow up and then they require new furniture. For a chic and contemporary line of adjustable beds, sofa sleepers and day beds, parents will want to go to Sapapa, 416-709-2385.

Sapapa, which is called Aminach in Israel, sells high quality beds and mattresses that are not only fashionable, but have a state-of-the-art patented "healthy sleep" technology that makes sleeping more comfortable than ever.

"We have beds in every size from single to king size," said Danny Seigelwachs, owner of Sapapa. "We can also custom make sizes to fit any room. Another unique feature of the beds is that each one is equipped with storage space underneath the bed. This is perfect for children because they can have a designated spot in their room for all of their toys."

Sapapa also has a line of sofa beds, which unlike many traditional pullout couches, are comfortable enough for sleeping on every night. "These are great for small rooms, or for guest bedrooms," Seigelwachs said. "They are so simple to transform from couch to bed that it can be done nightly." These beds are also popular for college and university students, because they can be used during the day as a place to study or entertain friends.

Sapapa is also proud to sell beds that have a built in sound system at the foot of the bed.

"It has speakers so you can plug in your iPod or laptop and listen to music while in bed," Seigelwachs explained. "And of course, we wouldn't compromise the quality of the mattress just because it has a novelty bed frame."

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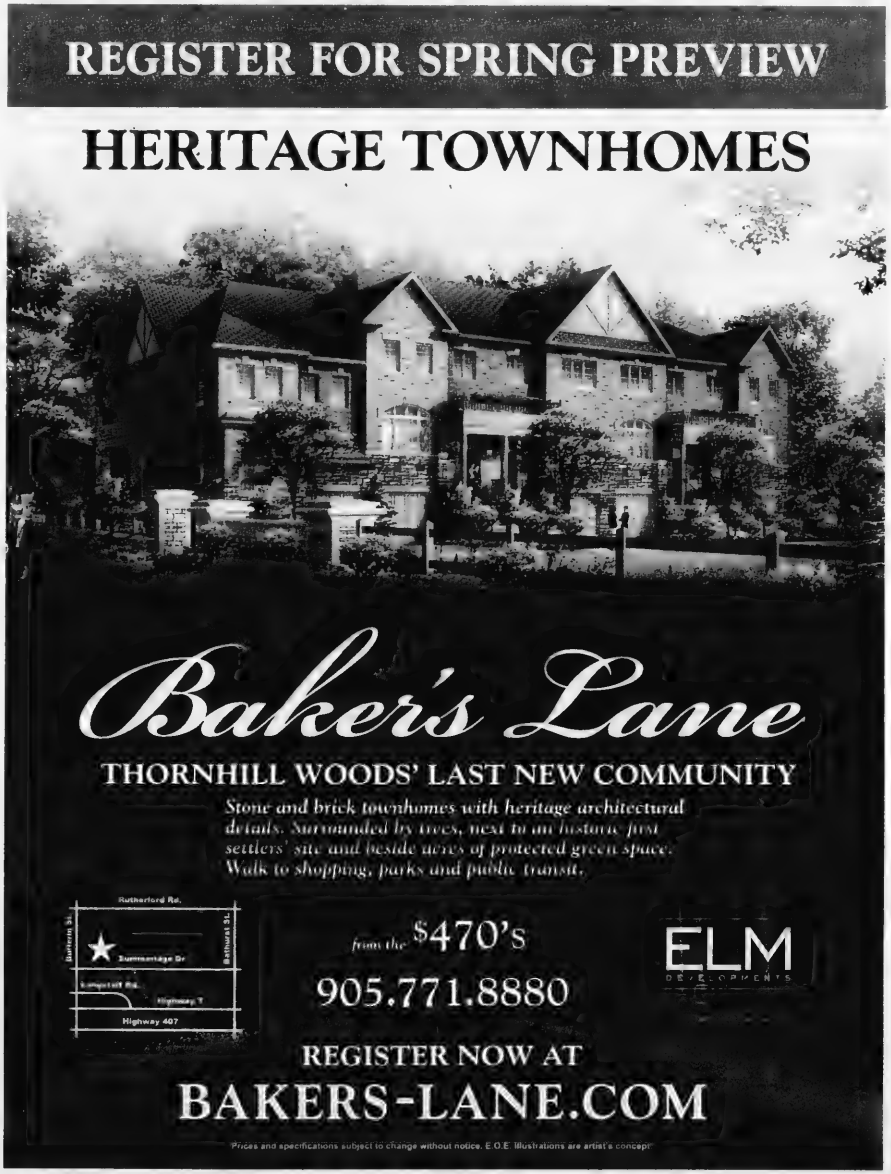
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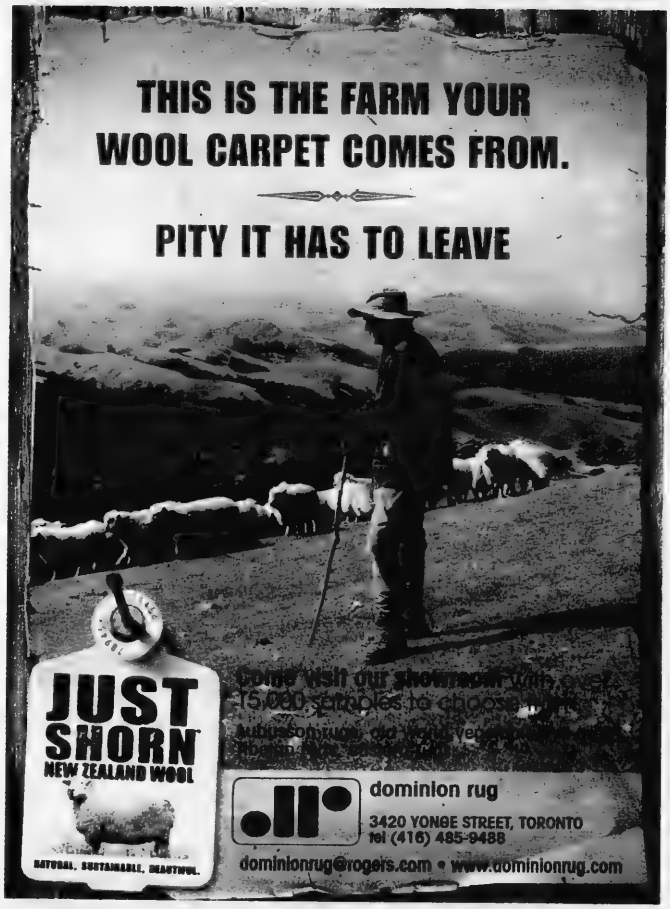

Tips for keeping your home healthy

Jennifer Libman
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Lisa Borden, founder of Borden Communications + Design Inc., believes that your home is the most important place in the world for you to be safe, and the best thing you can do for yourself and your family is to fill it with healthy things.

"My main role is to help people get perspective and develop a healthy system that's the right fit for their home," Borden says.

When Borden began her company in 1994, the environmental movement was just beginning to enter mainstream society, and finding environmentally friendly products was difficult because the market was so small. Interestingly, over the last 15 years, even though the movement has exploded, finding these products is not much easier.

"There are thousands of 'green' cleaning products out there, but these aren't any better than the conventional product," Borden says. "Words like 'natural' and 'biodegradable' don't mean they are healthy for you. They still contain harmful chemicals, and probably cost more as well. We don't know how these chemicals will react with our bodies – save your money and don't buy them."

Borden believes in inspiring change in her clients by encouraging them to think creatively and view the world from a different perspective. "My job isn't to sell a specific product. I do market products I believe in, but even then, I want my clients to feel proud to put their name behind them."

She encourages people to use common sense when evaluating whether or not a product is healthy for the environment. "You need to think about where it came from, how it got there, what it's used for and where it will go after you're through with it. Don't be a blind shopper – think about your choices and be empowered to make educated decisions."

The first piece of advice Borden has for people looking to create a healthier home is to get rid of all cleaning products. "There is virtually no upside of using them in your home, and all of your cleaning needs can be met with just water and good microfibre cloth."

The only cleaning aids Borden allows in her home are dish soap and laundry soap. You wouldn't know that from walking into her house though. "I still have standards of cleanliness!" she says with a laugh.

The second tip she offers is to insist that all guests take their shoes off immediately upon entering the door.

"Think about it – would you want your kids crawling on a floor that's covered in pesticides and dirt? We have no idea what we walk through everyday. Don't bring it into your home."

Third, Borden encourages people to take an inventory of their personal care products. "Your skin is your largest organ, and it absorbs everything. Don't you want to know what you're putting into your body?" She advises people to look up their favourite products on www.cosmeticsdatabase.com a website that rates cosmetics and other health-care items based on their ingredients and toxicity.

Borden also tells people to avoid products containing any fragrances, including air fresheners. "Fresh air is the air we don't smell," she says. "We're so accustomed to these fake scents that when we don't smell anything, we wonder about it. If your house needs some freshening up, then open the window."

Finally, Borden stresses the importance of being a picky shopper. "This goes from the products you use to clean your home to the clothes and personal care items you use and the foods you buy. Think about every purchase and choose discriminatingly.

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Snowbirds purchase second homes

Lauren Kramer
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As the Canadian dollar continues to increase in value against the greenback, Canucks are looking south of the border for second-home investments and finding them irresistible.

Neil Schneider, a real estate agent with Prudential Arizona Properties in Phoenix, says the percentage of Canadians buying property in Phoenix has been very high in recent months.

Most of them are Western Canadians, he adds. "Phoenix provides a good contrast to Canada weather-wise. The values have been outstanding, and not everyone wants to go to Florida, so this is a good alternative."

Condominiums in decent communities in the area are selling for $25,000, Schneider says, and five out of the seven most expensive homes sold in Phoenix in mid-April were purchased by Canadians. "They were priced between $1.5 million and $3 million, and were 5,000- to 7,000-square-foot homes on at least an acre, with newer construction, great views of the desert, swimming pools and great amenities," he says. Many of them are in golf communities with clubhouses, or gated communities.

At the lower end of the spectrum, a $25,500 condo such as one Schneider sold to a Canadian family recently will get you a one-bedroom, one-bathroom condo in a gated community. "It's not fancy, but it's in a nice neighbourhood with a swimming pool, and it's just 10 minutes away from many cultural and recreational facilities," he says.

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It's not just the retirees that are buying either, he adds. Most of the Canadians purchasing second homes in Arizona are in their 40s to 60s, still working, with teenagers or older, more independent children.

Rickie Klein, a real estate agent in Naples with Premiere Plus Realty Co., echoes this sentiment. "The age group I'm dealing with is 40s, 50s and early 60s, a highly educated, successful demographic. They fit in extremely well in Naples," she says.

It's the Ontarians who are purchasing in Florida, she adds. "I've been here 10 years, and we've never seen so many Ontario license plates on the road as we are today. The Canadians that are coming to Naples are so pleasant, easygoing and educated. They're a wonderful addition to our community."

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Rental buildings have resident-focused approach

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Jessica Green, marketing director with Greenwin Inc. (www.greenwin.ca), agrees that a rental lifestyle is hassle-free. "When you rent, you eliminate heating costs, water bills and property taxes. You get immediate response to service requests and a permanent break from shovelling snow. You can take a vacation with the comfort of knowing that a building representative is always on-site." Greenwin, a developer and property management company, has operated for more than 60 years in the residential and commercial spheres.

For Green, the advantages of renting go beyond the actual unit where you live to the community beyond. "Some sites have regular barbecues, contests and seasonal celebrations, while others offer yoga classes, swimming lessons and purse exchanges... our property managers are committed to creating communities within their buildings."

View from one of the balconies at 355 St. Clair Ave. W.

"We provide aqua fitness classes for the residents," says Eugene Hankin, a Greenwin property manager who operates two buildings near Yonge Street and Eglinton Avenue, along with scheduled yoga and Pilates classes. For one upcoming ultimate fighting (UFC) event, he says, "We're going to be ordering the pay per view, getting pizza," and allowing residents to enjoy the event in the media room. Even green thumbs can be happy in an apartment that includes a designated garden plot.

These amenities may not be available in all of Greenwin's buildings and developments, but they are definitely typical of Greenwin's resident-focused approach. "We're always looking for ways to improve by conducting surveys and regular resident appreciation events," Green says, adding that "all sites offer the same level of service—regardless of the amount of rent you pay."

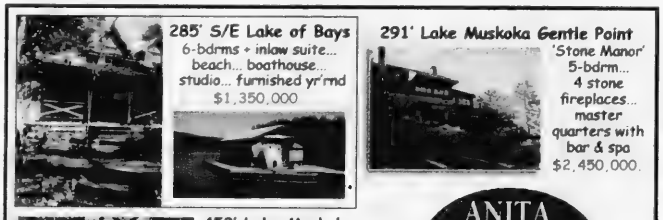
Greenwin's definition of community doesn't end at the building door, either. "We're committed to social responsibility through community revitalization," says Green, addressing high vacancy rates, crime and drug activity in priority neighbourhoods. "Much like we did at San Romanoway [Apartments] with a Cineplex-sponsored movie theatre, art gallery and upcoming media-arts centre, our vision is to create community hubs where residents feel a sense of pride and ownership for their home."

Simply living in the heart of the city, close to transit, shopping, and a vibrant, exciting lifestyle can have its own benefits, especially at a time when the dream of owning a patch of land has driven some hopefuls farther and farther beyond the city limits.

Living in the city has lots of benefits

"The notion of the white picket fence is appealing," says Green, "but with property taxes, utility bills, legal fees, insurance, decorating, kids, travel, school and other debts, at some point you have to question whether buying makes sense for you."

"Renting doesn't have to be seen as a second option," agrees MacPherson. Shop around well ahead – in Ontario, mandatory 60 days' notice lets you find out early which apartments will be available.



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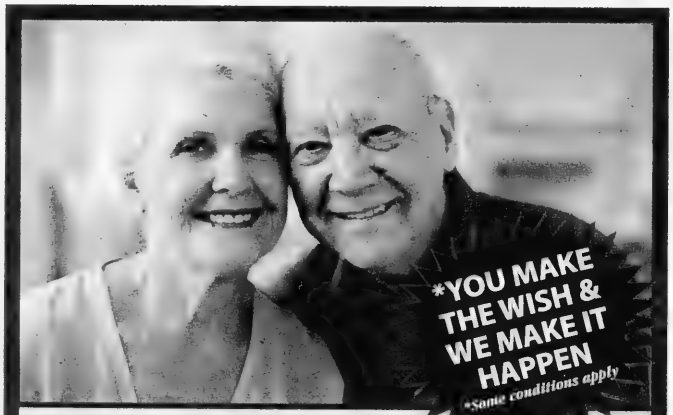

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Canadians find Jewish communities in Florida

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They're also buying properties with higher price tags, on average. At the end of March, Klein closed on a $685,000 property that was purchased by a Toronto couple. "Some people just want to get their feet wet spending $200,000, and others want to spend $2 to $3 million," says Klein, who closed $3 million worth of sales in the first quarter of 2011. "Canadians get off the plane here, see the blazing sun and blue skies and make a decision to buy another residence. Then they don't leave," she says.

The sizable Jewish community in Naples is an added benefit. The mayor of Naples is Jewish, the city boasts three synagogues, a vibrant Hadassah group and an American Jewish Federation with more than 6,000 family members. "Many Canadians are surprised to find such a huge, tightly knit Jewish community here," she says.

Palm Beach is experiencing the same interest from Canadians, according to Phyllis Conviser, a real estate agent with Prudential Florida Realty. "Five to six per cent of our sales are to Canadians right now," she says. "Now that our dollars are so similar, they really should be looking in this area."

It's paradise, agrees Klein. "Naples is like Palm Beach. It's very special, not like any other community in Florida," she explains. "It's elite, clean, safe and full of culture. We have the highest concentration of retired CEOs anywhere in the U.S., which is to say we attract a really high-end demographic."

Everyone has their own version of paradise, though, and for Schneider, Arizona fits the bill perfectly. "This is a delightful place," he says. "It has an excellent cultural and recreational scene, lots of historic and natural beauty, and we're only six hours from California and the beaches there."

Whichever state they're eyeing, Canadians are loving their strong dollar and making a dent in real estate markets south of the border. They're looking for sunshine, good prices and the kind of amenities they can't enjoy year-round in the Great White North. No surprise, most of them are leaving their snowshoes and skis back home.

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What drives a rise in property values?

As long as people have been buying and selling homes, there have been factors that drive a rise in value. One theory is to follow the artists, meaning where they buy and establish a neighbourhood. Inevitably, it rises greatly in value.

We asked realtors what they think the real drivers of future values are in the areas they work.

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Rodica Iliescu, sales representative for **Remax All Stars Realty Inc.**, said that the most important factor that she considers in the increase of property values is employment. Without it, the whole geographical area is affected and the property value is adjusting negatively.

The employment corridor is very important for the growth of the community and property. "I'm referring to the industrial zoning and adjacent commercial retail businesses – Promenade Mall, Walmart, Winners, Bagel World, Starbucks, restaurants, banks, medical offices, professional offices, and other supporting shops and offices," she said.

In Toronto, employment is very diverse. We have many industries. We do not depend on one as some towns do. For example, Elliat Lake depends on the extraction of the minerals and coal. If the mine closes, then the whole infrastructure is affected, including employment, real estate, standard of living, depression, illnesses related to the economic condition and the amount of crime.

There is another factor that comes into consideration as well – new residential development that is affordable for the community. Developers contribute to the growth of the community. They transform the geographical area positively and dramatically from year to year It is a great improvement for the community. The people who live there have choices.They can afford to raise a family. We are thankful for this community, and the developers who work in this geographical area.

Further consideration is the fact that there are two employed adults to sustain the family. Also, the higher number of renters, the higher the risk of having stagnated or negatively adjusted property values.

Fortunately we live in a community that cares about our future and prosperity. Nothing should be taken for granted. And we should continuously work together for the common goal of a stable environment. To create this condition, it has to be maintained,so please shop, participate and enjoy your community. Be part of it.

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Donna Seidman, broker of record at **Seidman Real Estate Limited/Brokerage**, said that as long as people purchase property without over-budgeting themselves and they are comfortable and can keep up with their lifestyle, they are making a good investment, as they are increasing their equity in the property from year to year.

"I am a licensed real estate broker specializing in residential property and working over 30 years in Bathurst Manor. I see this as a great demanding neighbourhood. Lots of homes are being renovated or rebuilt. The land value with good-sized lots keeps the prices high. There are many large homes being built," she said.

"Many young families are coming back in the area to cut their travelling time to work and take advantage of good transportation and the Downsview subway."

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Darren M. Slavens, vice-president/broker, **Slavens & Associates Real Estate Inc.,** says simple supply and demand determines will determine future value. When supply outpaces demand, prices fall. Likewise, when demand outpaces supply prices rise. In most residential neighbourhoods in the central or midtown area, there are a number of different attributes that would lead to demand.

First and foremost would be access to good public schools and proximity to the TTC. For instance, we see that Cedarvale is one of the hottest neighbourhoods in the city. Why? It has one of the most sought-after public schools in the city and is within a five-minute walk to the subway station. You can look at the Yonge and Lawrence area, and we'll see the exact same thing – John Wanless School district and quick walk to the Yonge subway line. Who wouldn't want to live in Allenby? You have a beautiful green neighbourhood with, again, a top public school and it's not too far from the subway. You have to remember when people have access to good public schools they can be saving upward of $15,000 in private school tuition. Think of what that can cover in a mortgage at current interest rates.

Access is also a key factor for people. "What can I walk to?"; "Is there shopping?"; "Does the area have restaurants?"; "Can I walk to them?" We live in the greatest city in the world, and people who live in Toronto want access to all the city has to offer.

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Bernice Whelan, of **Bernice Whelan Real Estate Realty**, said there are a number of factors that she believes will drive future value in the Lake Simcoe area.

As people's lives become busier and more stressful, the close proximity of Lake Simcoe to Toronto – only 40 minutes away – continues to increase in value to many cottagers. Many people are putting their permanent home on the water and keeping a condo in the city. As this lifestyle choice becomes increasingly popular, so do the waterfront properties they are looking for.

People are no longer interested in just the summer cottage – they want all the amenities and are willing to pay for it.

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David Eichorn, of **David Eichorn Realty**, says the demand for specific areas is driven by proximity and access to community services that reflect similar cultural values. This may include synagogues, recreation centres, schools and shops.

"Ultimately, people want the same thing they've always wanted... a good roof over their head. Families with children or expecting children want to know that that their kids can grow up in a safe, culturally stimulating area close to other like-minded children and families. Older buyers want proximity to their children and grandchildren, insofar as possible.

"Finding the right home in the right location at the right price is an art in itself. When we do that, our "work" may not hang in a gallery, but I can assure you it's what our clients value most."

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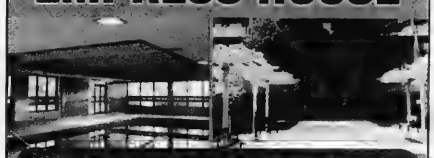
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The garage has become my family's dumping ground

Anita Szabadi-Gottesman
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I pride myself on keeping a neat, clean home. It borders on obsession. I can't rest my head on my pillow until I have made sure that every picture frame is turned to just the right angle, every dish is washed, dried and stored and the bathroom towels are neatly folded and hung.

Of course, the towel rule applies only to my bathroom and not to the second bathroom used by my not-as-compulsive adult children still living at home. My Armageddon, my highest insurmountable peak, my organizational nightmare – is my garage.

There is nothing quite as frustrating as being out for a leisurely stroll with my pooch and gazing with wonder and awe at many of the orderly, pristine garages in my neighbourhood. With their gleaming floor tiles, freshly painted walls and stainless-steel shelving units that would be the envy of any home design guru, I can't help but feel overwhelmed with feelings of anxiety and inadequacy.

But where to begin? Since downsizing from my large suburban home, the garage has become my family's dumping ground for any item that doesn't seem to belong anywhere else. From skis and toboggans to car tires and seldom-used sports equipment, my family members and I are all guilty of the same crime – when you don't know what to do with an item, including that birthday present you have not delivered to the selection of winter hats you may or may not wear this season, the refrain is the same – just put it somewhere in the garage.

Well into our third year in our new home, there is no more "somewhere." Every possible space has been taken up by some utilitarian items such as a much-needed upright freezer – chosen with saving space in mind – boot racks and garden tools to piles of junk with no other place to call home.

Experts agree that the first step in cleaning out any storage space from the cutlery drawer in the kitchen to the bedroom closet through to the garage is to start by removing everything in the space. A gargantuan task that cannot be done alone by even the most dedicated, all family members must become involved. Pick a day, notify family members, serve a hearty breakfast and begin.

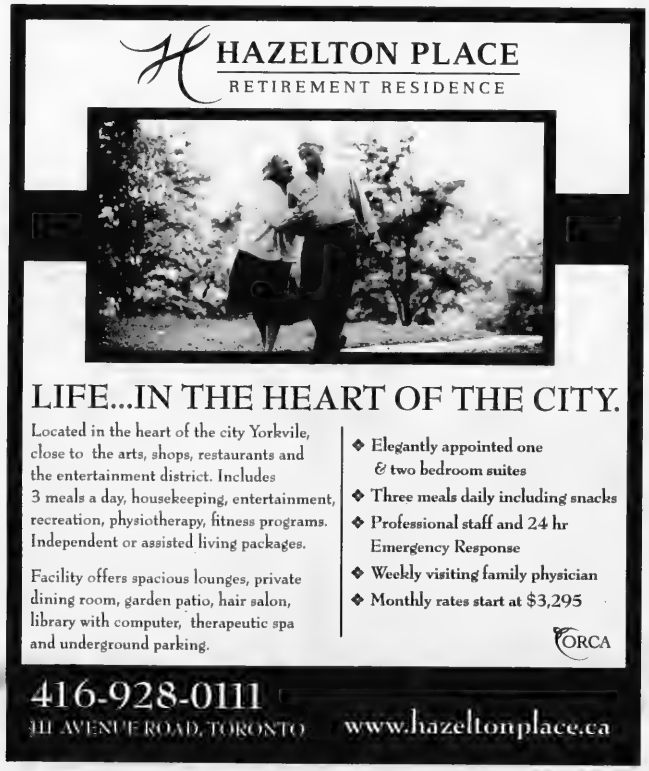
First step in cleaning is to start removing everything in the space

Identify three distinct sections on your lawn: items to throw away; items to give away and items to keep. This, of course, requires a steely grit as when sorting begins various family members will want to hold on to "precious" items that they have not only not seen but not used for several seasons. Be strong and don't let your or any family member's emotions sway you from your mission. Visualize your clean garage neatly housing only items you really need. Surely those old rusty skates do not hold any emotional attachment and neither do the assortment of clay pots you bought just in case you had a sudden urge to plant that herb garden in your kitchen. Throw, give and keep sparingly is your mantra, and you must stick to it.

When curious neighbours stop by to chat be polite but curt so as not to distract you from your duties. Keep the family well fed and hydrated, and if you don't want to take the time away from your work to whip something up in the kitchen, order pizza or pre-purchase party sandwiches.

Once the sorting is complete, you can begin to assess your storage needs. Will it all fit in the garage leaving room for a car and a bicycle or two? If not, your local big-box home improvement store has all manner of easy-to-assemble storage units that double as garden seats and benches. Look for dead space on the side of the house and find the appropriate storage unit.

If you want to go all out and have the space, consider a garden shed to house your bulkier items. Assess the remaining space and keep going– can you hang items from the ceiling and create more room on the floor? There are specific units available for all manner of storage from sturdy hooking systems made just for bicycles to special inserts for rakes and brooms and vacuum cleaners. The educated folk at the big-box stores can provide a wealth of information if you're willing to ask. Just don't send your husband – he won't ask.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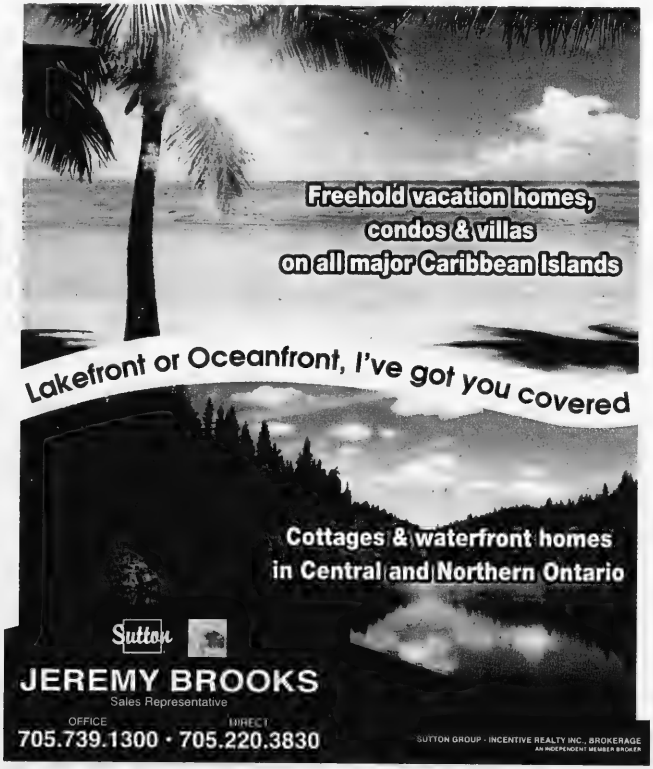
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Picture your new home

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Norstar's Portrait Condominiums encourage potential buyers to "picture yourself home" in the currently-under-construction, eight-storey midrise building.

The company encourages potential customers to live in their "artistic, natural setting" and to live "life as art." Located in the Dublin Heights/Bathurst Manor area of North York, at 695 Sheppard Ave. W., two blocks west of Bathurst, Portrait's sales office is directly across the road from the construction site at the corner of Sheppard and Yeomans Road.

According to Norstar co-owner Gary Silver, Portrait Condominiums is in an ideal setting: an upscale neighbourhood, minutes from Yonge Street, highways, Yorkdale Mall, the subway, and numerous synagogues.

Asked what excites him about the project, Silver lists many exciting details, but he highlights its location and architect Paul Northgrave, whom Silver calls one of the "finest architects in Toronto... responsible for some of the most elegant buildings in Toronto."

Portrait Condominiums, he says, will be the "pinnacle of the Sheppard corridor" and proudly points out the building's south-facing terraces, enormous balconies, park-like settings and abundance of amenities. Portrait Condominiums will boast a fitness studio, yoga and pilates studio, steam room, pet spa with grooming facility, party room, a guest suite, games room, a 24-hour-a-day uniformed concierge, and even a garden potting room.

At Portrait's sales office, Hedwig and George Hoedlmoser are in the process of purchasing their suite.

When asked why they chose Portrait, they respond that they "like the area, like the building" and are downsizing from their current home. "We saw the model and knew it was the building for us" and that the staff are the "best they have worked with," George said.

Sean Sezlik, site sales manager, said Portrait is accommodating with floor plans and is letting the Hoedlmosers make some changes to their newly purchased suite. Sezlik also noted that there are also no hidden costs and that with Portrait's incentive program, they are receiving eight per cent interest on their deposit and free parking.

Silver, Sezlik, and the Hoedlmosers all toast the newly purchased suite with wine to close the deal.

But the good news keeps on coming. Although the Hoedlmosers are downsizing from their current home, they won't have to say good-bye to hosting summer parties. Their new suite will only be steps away from the building's fifth floor outdoor terrace and barbecue.

Occupancy begins in early 2012, but everyone can enjoy the daily evolution of the building by visiting PortraitCondo.com and looking at a live camera of the construction site.

Suites range from 600 to 1,700 square feet and "are embellished with soaring ceilings, engineered hardwood flooring, electric fireplaces, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and more."

For more information, visit the Portrait Condominiums sales centre, visit PortraitCondo.com, call 416-282-9600 or e-mail portraitcondos@gmail.com.

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Retirement residence changed lives

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Gerald Berley, a resident at **Four Elms Retirement Residence**, says that moving into his retirement residence has changed his life – "it's made it even more wonderful!

"I've been able to continue all of my charitable work here, and yet, I can also make an impact here at Four Elms. It has enhanced my life because now I am spreading my wings, I am socializing more and doing what I love to do best – be with people," he says. "I love meeting new people and learning about them, and here at Four Elms, I have the opportunity to do that daily. I just love it!

Gerald Berley

"You know, I still wake up in the mornings, feeling like I live in a hotel, for everything is provided for me and I don't have to run around to do any chores or errands. There are so many fun things to do and wonderful common areas for us to enjoy – the theatre, the billiards room, the library, all the lounges and the gym. I am always busy, always doing something fun, and I am really enjoying my years of retirement."

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The **Dunfield Retirement Residence** represents the evolution of retirement living says Karen Hen, marketing manager, where the residents can enjoy an active and stimulating environment that gives them the same kind of choice and variety they experienced throughout their lives.

Meeting with friends in the Bistro Café or the Classic Dining Room for lunch or dinner is great for residents like Lillian Peranson and Ida Fienberg. Lillian went to public school with Ida's brother and even though she didn't know her well then it was nice to know someone before she moved in. In fact when Lillian was touring our residence it was Ida who wanted her to see her own suite. What a great way to welcome a new resident.

As resident Fern Cohen put it; "I didn't know anyone when I moved in but I have made so many new friends here, this was the best decision I made and the happiest time of my life."

Station preview a huge success

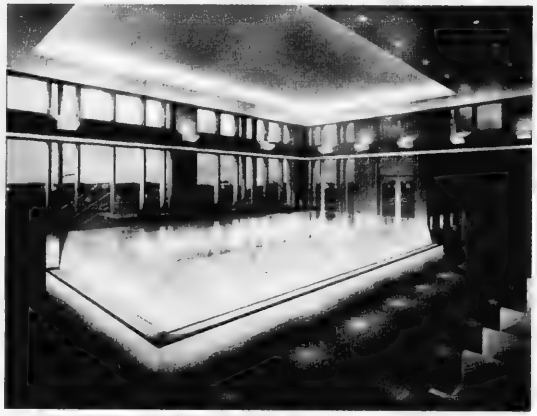
After a preview sale at the Station Condos on the Subway, this fabulous development is now more than 60 per cent sold.

These sales are a result of the total package the Station has to offer, including an amazing location at Wilson Avenue and Allen Road, steps from the Wilson subway station and close to amenities such as schools, parks and Yorkdale Shopping Centre.

The Station is leading the revitalization of this hot, emerging area of Toronto, which means that residential property values will likely increase over time. The Station is only minutes from downtown via the subway, but it's far enough that buyers can enjoy downtown living with uptown prices.

Suites start in the $200,000s, so now is the optimum time to get in on the ground floor of this incredible opportunity. The Station's two-bedroom designs are more spacious than most others you'll find in the GTA today and are priced even lower than many one-bedroom suites downtown. It's almost like getting the second bedroom free.

Adding to the tremendous value are remarkable amenities that include two Toronto firsts. The condominium will feature three "Urbanas" – intimate indoor/outdoor party rooms that open onto a heated, protected barbecue/dining space, similar to a private box at Air Canada Centre – and an indoor infinity-edge oasis pool with a magnificent waterfall that can actually be used for swimming. Typically found only in high-end hotels and exotic resorts, this innovative pool invites suite owners to relax at the side to the mesmerizing view of water spilling over all three edges, seemingly until infinity, or plunge right in for a refreshing dip.



In addition, the Studio Club on the seventh floor is surrounded by glass and boasts incredible views. The club includes a grand party room, with a large bar, catering kitchen, fantastic sound system, dance floor and indoor/outdoor fireplace opening onto a fabulously landscaped terrace with barbecues. Plus, the club has a games room, fitness centre, his and hers steam rooms, and outdoor lounge areas. And to maximize convenience, the community also features 4,000 square feet of convenient retail space right at the corner of Wilson Avenue and Tippett Road.

Lukas Design Interiors appointed these luxurious amenities, which are showcased at the presentation centre.

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You, too, can own a vacation home in the Caribbean

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You don't have to be a millionaire to own a luxury vacation home in the Caribbean. These days, prime beach front property can be an affordable option through fractional ownership.

You can buy into this luxury lifestyle at a fraction of the cost by buying a portion of the property, says Jeremy Brooks (705-739-1300 or 705-220-3830), a real estate agent with the Sutton Group. "You buy shares in a property that you can use a few weeks a year."

He notes that one of the big differences between fractional ownership and a time share is that fractional ownership is deeded. "The real estate is owned as deeded real estate or the deeded equivalent in a corporation owned by a group of individuals. Each owns a percentage of shares in the asset and has equal rights and privileges to its use."

Brooks says people tend to buy one-tenth or one-twelfth of the property. "Four- to five-week blocks are typical fractional sales."

He works with Hibiscus International, a Canadian-based development company with properties in islands including Barbados, St. Lucia, St. Maarten, the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos, St. Thomas, Granada, Antigua and the Dominican Republic.

He says that according to recent market research, a high percentage of Caribbean homes are being purchased by Canadian buyers, in part, because of the strength of the Canadian dollar.

The prices depend on the exclusivity of the location, the size and the amenities provided. "You can pay $200,000 to $300,000 for a fraction ownership property in the Dominican Republic – it's one of the more affordable locations – or up to $1 million plus on another island."

Price depends on location

Many areas in St. Maarten like Cupecoy, are popular because the setting offers luxury resort style amenities such as swimming pools, tennis courts and restaurants, he says. "You would think you're staying a big resort."

Another benefit, he adds is that "it's a 45-minute ferry ride from St. Maarten to St. Barts. That's the place to see celebrities."

Brooks says there are many different styles of fractional ownership, from villas in gated communities to resort-style condominiums.

Another type of fractional ownership is syndication, which is a private fractional ownership shared by a group of friends and/or family. Everyone becomes a shareholder in the property. "Syndication offers more flexibility in property selection, because it can be set up with any freehold private home. You also know your co-owners."

Most property ownership in the Caribbean is set up as a holding company, with the fractional or co-owners getting shares and splitting the taxes. "Property taxes vary. They're very low. In some areas, they're next to nothing."

He points out that from an investment standpoint, Caribbean properties offer many financial advantages in comparison to those in the United States, where foreign owners are taxed heavily and insurance premiums for such things as hurricanes can be high. As well, several islands have no inheritance or capital gains tax.

The management companies provide a range of services – the monthly fees vary between properties – and they can also rent out the properties when they are not being used by the owners. In this way, they can earn income from the units. However, he cautions that the money earned has to stay in the Caribbean. "If you bring the money back, you pay tax on it in Canada."

In years past, property ownership in the Caribbean was also limited to the wealthy because the islands were not easily accessible, Brooks says, noting that most of the islands now have modern airports and travelling logistics are no longer a major challenge.

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Units available in all sizes

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Terrence Lukas has a diverse and storied background in creating fabulous residences, hotels, private clubs and resort interiors. Saturated primary colours in the model's accessories and artwork add dynamic contrast against the light grey walls and white furniture throughout the living, den and kitchen areas, while mirrored surfaces, glass and polished metals add sparkle. The model is fitted with furniture and accessories that give the suite a sense of personality that Lukas calls "a mixture of sophistication, sexiness and fun."

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Two-storey living spaces, called Townlofts, are available in two-bedroom, two-bedroom-plus-den, and three-bedroom-plus-den designs, from 1,237 to 1,706 square feet, including up to 197 square feet of private courtyard. These are available on the ground floor with private courtyards, or as sophisticated penthouse homes. There are also a limited number of Townlofts that feature both residential and commercial zoning – ideal for entrepreneurs who want to be close to home.

Continuing the theme of innovative building styles, The Station also has live/work suites, priced from just $399,000 for 1,094 square feet. These residence/business suites are already proving a hit with a variety of purchasers. The ground floor is right at Wilson and Tippett, so it's perfect for offering professional services or a retail space. Upstairs, the one-bedroom suite can become your home as well, giving new meaning to having a "home office," or you can rent it out and supplement your income by adding "landlord" to your entrepreneurial ventures. You may opt instead to live in the upstairs suite and rent out the ground floor to a business.

Since 1986, Brandy Lanes Homes has built innovative communities and imaginative residences across Southern Ontario. This well-respected firm has earned a reputation for pioneering condominium thinking and design. Vision combined with hands-on experience have catapulted this builder/developer to the front of the line when it comes to the design and construction quality of both homes and neighbourhoods.

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Redecorating tips for a room fit for a teen

Ellen Lechter Green
Special to The CJN

Transforming a room to reflects your teen's taste and interests can be a challenge.

Trends or themes can go out of fashion quickly, and bold colour combinations for flooring and furniture, items that cannot be easily and inexpensively replaced can be risky.

Still, the bedroom is her domain, and she needs to have a voice in its décor. Better to listen to what your teen wants, advises a parent who recently went through the process, and try to incorporate as much of it into the space to satisfy you both.

"Lara had a beautiful little girl's room that I decorated myself when she was five," says Mary. "I had built a solid, dark-brown wood four-poster twin bed and matching armoire, and we painted the walls light pink to match her carpet. I thought that maybe one day the pink would go, but I felt she'd always have that furniture."

Now 11-years later, Lara's tastes and needs changed. "Lara was tired of heavy dark furniture. She really wanted light and modern," says Mary. "I always buy my furniture to last a really long time, so I had trouble with the idea of change. But I realized that these next few years are just another stage of her life, and her room should reflect her own tastes and style, not mine."

She does caution that anyone working with a teen on a room update has to set guidelines. First, she says, make a budget and adhere to it, no matter what. "I allowed her two paint colours for the walls, which can keep down costs if you are not doing the painting yourselves," she says. "Also, it creates more of an orderly flow to the space and chances are won't be something she gets sick of too quickly."

The old pink carpet was replaced with a sandy berber, a neutral that Mary feels will be better for resale one day. "Lara wanted a pastel violet paint and a soft cream for her walls, which was fine by me," she says. "She also loves the colour black, so we used it in accent touches throughout the room."

A design trick she learned from her painter was to pick paint in both eggshell and semi-gloss finishes as opposed to the traditional flat. "This creates more of a velvety lustre on the walls and a warmer ambience," she says. "And it also makes the walls easier to clean."

Another big change was selling the twin bed and purchasing in its place a double mattress, which now sits on an inexpensive white platform. Mary found an affordable violet bedspread that is both washable and soft, one of Lara's requirements. "Her last bedspread was very expensive but really didn't hold up well. When Lara's friends come over, they use her bed as a couch, and I wanted something I wouldn't feel too bad about replacing one day if it gets shabby."

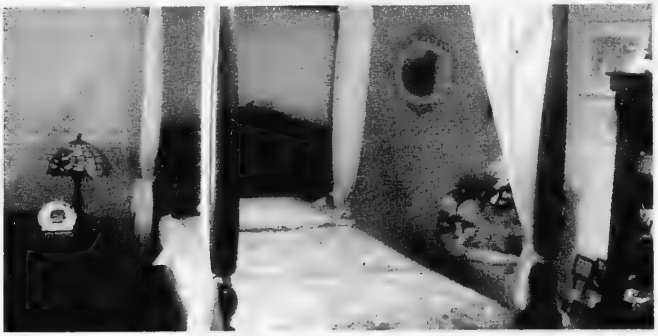
Simple white bookshelves bought on sale for $10 each help hold all Lara's sports trophies, knick-knacks, makeup, and of course, stuffed animals. "One of the conditions of redoing the room was that she had to donate at least half of her stuffed animals to a charity," Mary says, laughing.

The original armoire turned into a mother and daughter weekend project. "We painted it a semi-gloss cream that matches her walls," she says. "It was a huge job, and people thought we were crazy to paint this beautiful piece of furniture."

Still, there was no point in investing in more furniture when what Lara already had was so functional and well-made. "She used to hate this armoire," says Mary. "The shelves were so dark she could never see her clothing properly. Now it's light and airy, and I have to say it came out beautiful."

A ceiling medallion painted in violet highlights the new modern track light and finishes off the space. "Now her entire room looks like a jewel box," says Mary.

No pictures yet adorn Lara's walls since she is taking her time with what she wants. "The big decisions have been made," says Mary. "The small decorating details are up to her, and I expect they will keep changing over the years. But I've learned that change is good."



The four-poster bed once dominated the "little girl" bedroom.

The "teenage" room is now light and airy and feels spacious.

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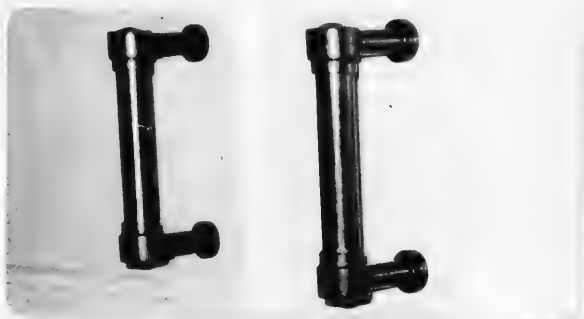
New look with kitchen handles and knobs



Wrought iron cabinet pulls provide a good, comfortable grip and unique look for kitchen cabinets. ***[Anita Szabadi-Gottesman photos]***

Anita Szabadi-Gottesman
Special to The CJN

To freshen up a kitchen that is looking tired, an effective solution is changing the hardware on kitchen cabinets and drawers. Choosing new handles or knobs ensures an inexpensive facelift that will provide a completely updated look for any style of kitchen. Standard round metal pulls have been replaced by a vast selection available in an assortment of handles and pulls.

The first step is to measure the spacing of the existing knobs. Ideally finding knobs or handles that fit the existing holes in the cabinets is the way to proceed. If however you have fallen in love with a particular handle or pull that does not exactly fit the existing dimensions, a little wood filler will do the trick. Once dry, new holes can be drilled to accommodate the handle choice.

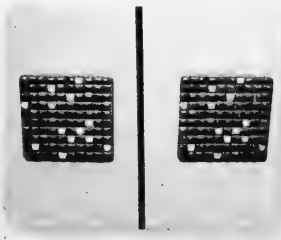
The selection of handles available today is overwhelming. They come in bronze, chrome, cast iron, glass, plastic, wood, stone, marble, porcelain and ceramic. Finishes can be high gloss, brushed, satin or hammered. Styles range from rustic to modern and sleek with Victorian and a bit of country thrown in.

A uniform look can be created by choosing all the same handles, or spice things up by mixing and matching. Finding one type of handle for cabinets can easily be complemented by a similar or contrasting look for the drawers and pantry doors. Take into consideration the handles of your appliances and mix and match with that look as well. Modern appliances have updated handles and pulls to work with today's kitchens.

While the look of the handle is important to achieve the overall effect for the room, the size of fingers and hands of the users must also be taken into account. Some pulls are very narrow and uncomfortable for a larger hand, while others do not have enough space between the cabinet and the fingers to ensure a good grip. The drawers and cabinets in the kitchen will be used multiple times daily by everyone in the home. Functionality as to size and spacing of knobs and pulls must be factored in before the final selection is made.

Big box stores always have an amazing array of choices on hand. Specialty shops are a great place to go for unique designs. Comb kitchen makeover showrooms and specialty shops to get some initial ideas then relax in the comfort of your own home and surf the web. A quick search will take you to countless websites specializing in unique kitchen hardware.

Whether putting a handle into your cart at a retail outlet or ordering online, it is best to order a sample first. Install one and see not only how it looks but how it feels in your hand. Even the most inexperienced do-it-yourselfer can replace most kitchen hardware in an afternoon.



Hammered finish wide comfortable handles create a completely new, modern look for existing kitchen cabinets.

Traditional kitchen always a classic

Photo courtesy of Decorium

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If you can't find what you're looking for, customers can make special requests and the staff at Brooklyn Furniture will try to source it out for them. "Sometimes our best ideas come from our clients."

After your home is fully furnished, the next step is to accessorize, and give it your own special touch. A new company, Vermont Floral Design Inc. (905-761-5454), offers a unique product that will help make your home beautiful. The company takes fresh flowers and, using natural preservatives and a patented technology, turns them into floral art. The flowers are grown and preserved in Kenya, and then artists from North America and Europe turn them into different pieces that, unlike fresh flowers, last for many years.

The floral art can be used to make pieces such as lamps, tablecloths or place settings. Vermont Floral Design Inc. can also preserve floral bouquets that would normally wilt and dry out after just a few days. This means items such as bridesmaids bouquets can be saved and used as table decorations for years after the event. There are hundreds of different designs to choose from, and all of them are offered in 24 different colours.

To view products, or to make a custom order, visit the showroom located at Jane Street and Rutherford Road in Vaughan Mills shopping mall.

When Manny Y., owner of Logart Kitchens (905-709-2722, www.logart.ca), a custom kitchen company based in Thornhill, went into the custom kitchen cabinetry business in 1979, his innovative design work was well received in Israel, where he had trained in interior design.

In 1980, he presented a kitchen design at his first home show. He had money for only one display in his booth, while the larger companies were able to show several design options. Despite his limited financial resources, it was Manny who won the prize for kitchen design that year.

And today, he continues to offer his clients the same high level of design through Logart, the custom kitchen and dental cabinetry manufacturing company he founded 16 years ago.

Manny says his clients get real value, because not only are they getting high-quality custom cabinetry at affordable prices, but they are also getting his design services for free. He stresses that he is both a trained designer and a manufacturer, advising people on colour choices, how to match the counter and back splash and lighting selection.

One of the great skills, he said, is his ability to visualize a space and maximize its usage without structural changes.

He said most people opt for traditional style kitchens, but many people living south of Eglinton Avenue prefer the sleek lines of a European kitchen. "The traditional kitchen painted with glaze in an off-white or neutral is always classic," he said.

When he designs a kitchen he checks out the space and the natural light. "Not all interior designers are experienced with kitchen design," he said. "It's a real specialty. I also have a lot of years of experience as a kitchen manufacturer.

Barbecuing a year-round passion

Once a strictly summer pastime, barbecuing is now a year-round affair thanks to infrared technology and other innovations that allow backyard heroes to indulge their passion 12 months a year.

Gone are the days of waiting an eternity for the coals to heat up. Though that old-school technology is still available for the nostalgists among us, says Febian Frempong, owner of Sobie's Barbecues (416-224-2526, www.sobies.com), barbecuing is no longer synonymous with long wait times.

"With today's infrared your grill can attain maximum heat within two minutes," he grins. "You can have a restaurant-quality steak dinner ready faster than in most conventional kitchens."

This rapid attainment of peak temperature greatly facilitates searing the meat, poultry or fish to seal in the juices for maximum flavour, says Frempong.

Sobie's positions itself as a one-stop shop for barbecue enthusiasts, offering a huge selection of top brand-name barbecues, smokers, and accessories.

But it's the service, notes Frempong, that sets a barbecue vendor apart.

"We have a service department that caters for after sales service as well repair and refurbish existing barbecues."

"Many stores sell barbecues, but we pride ourselves on product knowledge and our ability to help customers determine which barbecue is right for them. If you have questions, make sure your salesperson is able to answer them."

Last new Thornhill Woods' community

Homebuyers are flocking to private previews of the last new home community in Thornhill Woods. "We're pleased," says Joe Morano of Elm Developments, creator of Baker's Lane, an enclave of 51 heritage clay, brick and stone town homes at Dufferin Street and Summeridge Drive. "We've spent a great deal of time making sure this new community is exceptional in every way."

Nestled beside a historic first-settlers site and protected green space, Baker's Lane features a nature path inside the community as well as a landscaped outdoor retreat area with seating. Homeowners will live in a setting surrounded by mature leafy trees.

Elm's architects have designed homes with distinctive architectural details, such as brick soldier coursing with keystones, arches, frieze boards, dentil trim, columns and ocular windows. The streetscapes will be stunning, says Morano. Elm brings a 25-year history of custom home building to this final phase of Baker's Lane.

Spacious three-bedroom interior designs, many offering walkouts, range from 1826 to 2106 square feet. Main-floor powder rooms, upper-level computer lofts and walk-in linen closets are among the highlights. Kitchens are luxury-sized with desks and pantries. Many open onto great rooms with walkouts. Every kitchen features an island with breakfast bar or a peninsula breakfast bar.

Generous walk-in closets are a given with every master bedroom retreat. Master ensuites feature his and her sinks, soaker tubs and separate showers.

Living close to walking-distance amenities is rare outside the city. Cyclists and walkers have the Dufferin-Summeridge shopping centre close by, as well as the North Thornhill Community Centre, with gym, pool and fitness facilities. Schools and synagogues are close at hand. Commuting is convenient with easy access to major highways and public transit. Prices start from the $470s.

To register for a private preview, call 905-771-8880 or go to www.bakers-lane.com.

Artist's rendering courtesy of Baker's Lane

Relaxing in the great outdoors

Elaine Cohen
Supplements Co-ordinator

With so many months of inclement weather, Canadians are eager to take advantage of the months from May to October, when they can take in fresh air, balmy breezes and sunshine. Whether it's a modest balcony, a stylish deck, a pretty patio, a spacious backyard or a beautifully landscaped lawn, it is home sweet home.

Therefore, it's nice to be able to take in the scenery, sip a cool drink, curl up with a book, and socialize with friends.

To take advantage of the outdoor scene, it pays to invest in some outdoor furniture. If you have to schlep bridge chairs and tables every time you go outdoors, it becomes a nuisance, especially if it starts to drizzle and everything has to be returned indoors. Eating outdoors is also a popular summer activity. Social events include family brunches, luncheons, barbecues, birthday parties and evening gatherings.

A vast selection of outdoor furniture is available and the price range is extensive. Before making a purchase, wise consumers must remember to choose furniture that suits their respective climate. Next, consider their lifestyle and the items that would increase their quality of outdoor rest and recreation. Price is another factor but even within each category of furnishings, prices vary. Here is a sampling of different types of furniture and items accessible to make the most of invigorating outdoor life.

Choose furniture for right climate

One need only study the history of teak to realize the benefits of this indestructible wood. In ancient China it was used to construct ships. After noting the durability of Chinese ships, the British emulated their formula and built strong fleets using teak wood.

Today, teak furniture is recognized for its good looks and functional benefits. It withstands water, is worm-resistant and doesn't rot; therefore, it's appropriate for outdoor use. Teak contains natural oils and silica. Moreover, it is easy to maintain because it can be washed down.

Teak comes in an extensive range of styles and collections. When exposed to sunshine, it adopts a radiant glow. Furniture sets, benches, tables, recliners and Adirondack chairs are among the popular items people buy to furnish their outdoor porches, patios and decks.

Eco-friendly reclaimed teak is produced from remnants of salvaged old teak objects that have been restructured into garden tables and chairs.

Rattan garden furniture endures rigorous outdoor weather conditions ranging from intensive sun exposure to heavy rainfall. It is strong, attractive and weatherproof, and is produced in different colours and styles. Consumers usually add comfortable cushions to the chairs and sofa suites.

Aluminum furniture is inexpensive, lightweight, strong and maintenance-free. It is resistant to fading, space and décor-friendly.

Hammocks and garden swings offer a delightful respite from daily commitments. Psychologist Evan Esar described the charm of the hammock as follows, "Hovering between heaven and earth, arriving nowhere but nevertheless being on one's way."

Iron garden furniture is durable, attractive, albeit requires maintenance and can be pricey. However, it is classy and stylish, as long as it is scraped and repainted every three years.

Stackable plastic furniture is inexpensive, washable, durable and lightweight. Colours, styles and pieces vary. Among the items are storage units, patio sets, plastic chairs and benches. Keep plastic clean and prevent mold by washing it with a soapy cloth and a small amount of bleach.

Cedar furniture is classy, durable and beautiful. Porch swings, trellises, arbours, planters, tables, chairs, recliners and rockers are among the useful items made of cedar. Consumers note cedar isn't cheap but is cost effective.

Cushions are comfortable components. Consumers are advised to look for cushions covered with fabric that resists mold in damp weather. As for wood, it should be stained with waterproof sealant to protect it. Any exposed wood on pergolas or decks should be stained.

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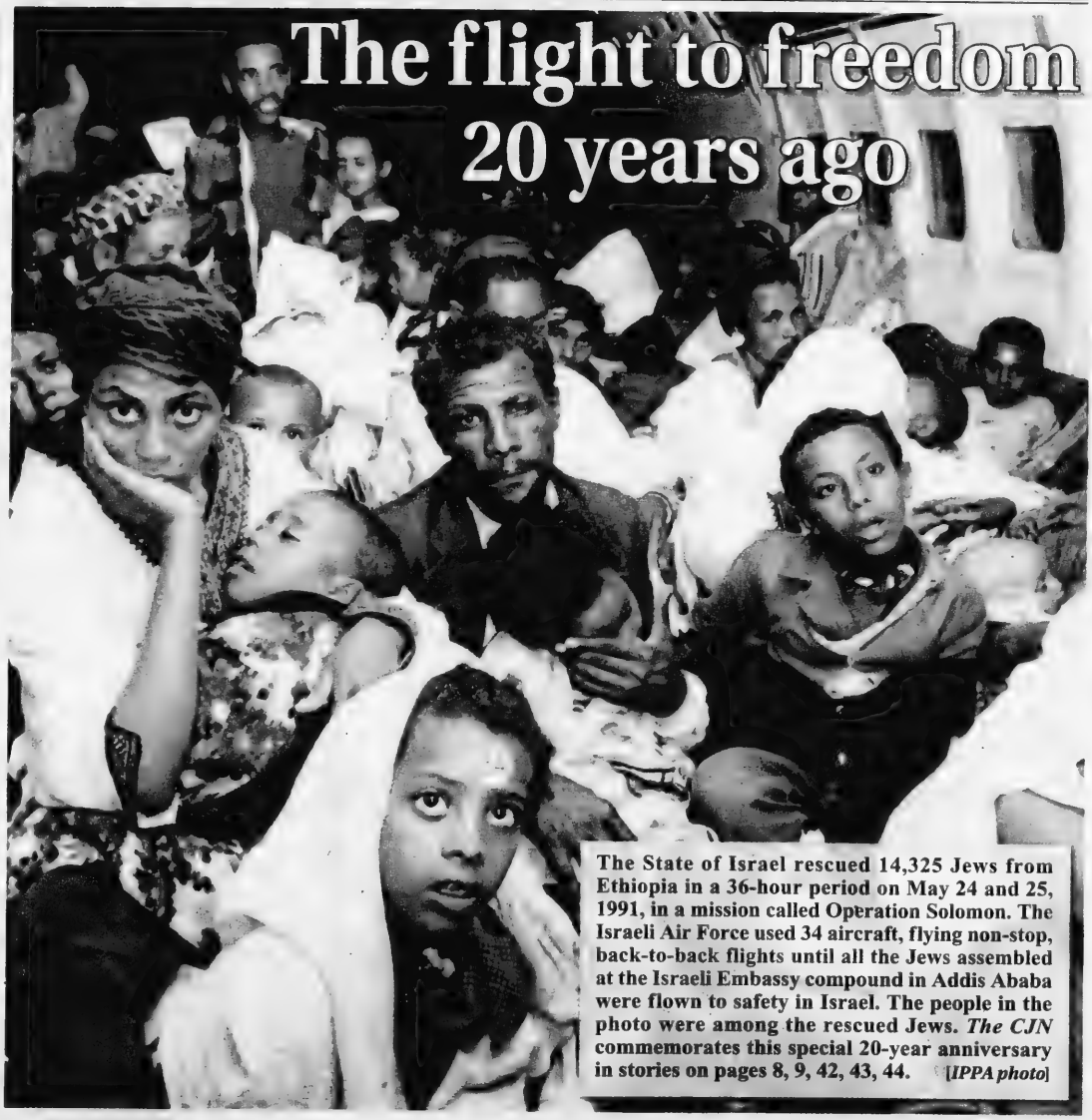

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Waiting For Visa

MONTREAL — The son of a jailed Hamas leader, Mosab Hassan Yousef, who worked undercover for Israel's Shin Bet for 10 years, was still awaiting a visa last week to enter Canada. Yousef, 33, a West Bank Palestinian who lives in California, is due to give a Chabad-sponsored lecture in Montreal May 25. In an autobiography last year, he revealed he spied for Israel from 1997 to 2007. His father, Hassan Yousef, a Hamas founder, is in jail in Israel. The younger Yousef, his eldest son, was also jailed in his youth by Israel. Last June, Yousef was granted asylum in the United States, where he has lived since 2007. He'd been facing deportation because statements in his book appeared to support Hamas, a U.S.-designated terror group, until a Shin Bet official vouched for him.

Gartner Retires

TORONTO — Hana Gartner, host of TV's *Fifth Estate*, is retiring after 35 years with CBC, the corporation announced last week. The Prague-born Gartner, the daughter of two Czech Holocaust survivors who met after the war, had hosted the *Fifth Estate* since 1982. She also co-hosted CBC's flagship news show, *The National*, from 95 to 2000.

WORLD

Educator Attacked

BUENOS AIRES — The headmaster of an Orthodox Jewish day school in Buenos Aires was attacked as he left the school. Moshe Cohen, of Heichal Hatora, was hit in the head with an iron bar May 9 as his assailant shouted "Jew, Jew." He was hospitalized with a serious head injury. The attacker was arrested. The assault occurred on the eve of Yom Ha'atzmaut. Leaders of the AMIA Jewish centre and Israel's ambassador to Argentina condemned the attack, as did the leaders of all major Argentine political parties.

Terror Plot Alleged

NEW YORK — Two men who allegedly intended to mount a terror attack in New York City, likely on a shul, were arrested May 11 after a sting operation. The men reportedly discussed attacking a synagogue, although they didn't have a specific one in mind. They reportedly attempted to buy hand grenades and guns. The alleged terrorists weren't identified, but an official told the *New York Times* they were "homegrown." One is believed to be of Moroccan descent and the other of North African descent. They were charged under New York State's anti-terrorism law.

Paper Apologizes For Cutting Clinton

NEW YORK — A chassidic newspaper apologized last week for removing U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton from a White House photo of officials watching the raid on Osama bin Laden.

Hillary Clinton

The Yiddish-language *Der Zeitung* in Brooklyn, N.Y., manipulated the photo of political leaders in the White House "situation room" watching the deadly raid May 1 on bin Laden's hideout in Pakistan. The two women in the room – Clinton and Audrey Tomason, director of counterterrorism who works with the Security Council – were digitally removed.

Media outlets noted that the White House released the photograph with a disclaimer stating that it "may not be manipulated in any way."

In an e-mail statement posted on the *Washington Post*'s website, *Der Zeitung* said its photo editor had not noticed the stipulation. Along with its apology, the newspaper said it explained its policy of not printing images of women. "Because of laws of modesty, we are not allowed to publish pictures of women, and we regret if this gives an impression of disparaging to women, which is certainly never our intention. We apologize if this was seen as offensive," the newspaper said in its statement, which also noted the support that Clinton enjoyed in New York's Orthodox communities when she was elected and re-elected to the U.S. Senate.

The original photograph shows Clinton sitting at the table with the president, covering her mouth with her hand and wearing a shocked expression. Tomason is in the back, leaning forward, presumably for a better view.

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Endowment fund created for Jewish studies

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Hindy Najman's vision for expanding the University of Toronto's Centre for Jewish Studies is becoming a reality with changes that have been implemented under her leadership and with the launch of two campaigns that will raise $36 million for the centre.

Last month, just before Passover, an agreement was signed between UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and the university to establish a $15-million endowment fund at the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto for the U of T centre.

As well, the university is also planning to raise $18 million for the centre through its own campaign. The university's fund, which will be part of a larger campaign for the faculty of arts and science, will be used for eight new endowed faculty positions at the Centre for Jewish Studies. The faculty positions will be put in place over the next few years.

Ken Tanenbaum, a third-generation Toronto philanthropist whose family has a history of supporting Jewish education, is the driving force behind the endowment at the Jewish Foundation. His family is donating $5 million – $2 million of which will go toward the endowment, and $3 million as an immediate gift to Jewish studies, beginning in September with $1 million a year over the next three years.

At the same time, the $2-million Tanenbaum gift has kick-started a one-on-one campaign for the endowment fund, led by Tanenbaum and his father, Larry, which is expected to be completed by fall.

The $15-million fund and the Tanenbaums' $3-million gift will be used to support students financially, fund new programs for the university and the greater community, and underwrite day-to-day operations.

University president David Naylor told *The CJN* in an e-mail, "The University of Toronto is proud to be the home to one of the very best locations for Jewish studies research and teaching in the world. We have certainly benefited in recent years from the excellent leadership that professor Hindy Najman has provided.

Hindy Najman, left, and Ken Tanenbaum *[Frances Kraft photo]*

"We've had clear signals that many professors and a growing number of students are deeply interested in the broad field of Jewish studies. We're also extremely encouraged that the University's Centre for Jewish Studies is drawing such strong interest and support from the community. I am personally very grateful for the leadership role that Ken and Larry Tanenbaum have been playing to move the centre forward."

Najman, who has been director of the centre for the past three years, said she could not have proceeded with her vision without the encouragement of Naylor, U of T provost Cheryl Misak and arts and science dean Meric Gertler. "They embraced my vision for Jewish studies as part of their broader vision for U of T as a university of academic excellence," Najman said.

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Rhythm, soul and fire

A gathering of more than 700 elated and ready-to-party late-teen youths would, at all times, be a live-wire assembly of high-voltage electricity and stirring buzz.

Imagine then, that same number decamped on a stretch of leafy grass under a large protective canopy at the Mini Israel outdoor museum in the picturesque Ayalon Valley on the highway from Tel Aviv, just at the very edge of the hills west of Jerusalem.

The group was fidgety, playful and excited. They were the large Canadian contingent of 650 youngsters from Toronto and Montreal – and some from Panama and Australia – who were brought together to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut on the eve of the conclusion of their participation in March of the Living for 2011, a two-week program that takes Grade 11 students to Poland after Pesach and then to Israel.

From the editor's desk...

The 650 Canadian teens were also joined by some 30 young adults and by 39 older adults who had taken part in the March.

Anticipation coursed through the restless crowd like a spark jumping from one wire to another.

"Canada's March of the Living delegation was one of the largest of the total 8,000 marchers from around the world who took part this year," Dale Boidman, national chair of the March of the Living, proudly told *The CJN*.

Funded by local UJA– CJA federations, March of the Living is a department of UIA Canada.

"It is an educational experience whose primary goal is continuity through identity building," Boidman said.

She should know about educational experiences because she has been involved in Jewish education for more than two decades, and for the past three years, the dedicated, articulate Montrealer has been national chair of March of the Living.

"The goal is to take Jewish students and have them connect with Israel and with their Jewish identity," Boidman said.

The effusively enthusiastic response by the youths to the evening's program suggested that the March had achieved its goal.

When the sun dropped below the western horizon, Yom Hazikaron changed to Yom Ha'atzmaut and the program began. It had rhythm, soul and fire.

The singing of the familiar message by Rabbi Nachman, that the entire vast world is but a very narrow bridge, but the main point (of what we must try to do in our time) is not to be afraid, set hands clapping and bodies swaying.

Ernie Bloch of Toronto and Ernest Urman of Montreal, both survivors, were the soul of the program. They spoke briefly but poignantly.

When each man ascended to the podium and took the microphone to speak, the restless, stirring throng of 17-year-olds settled quickly into a deferential, respectful silence as they focused on the two beloved old men speaking to them.

The love and respect that was aimed so obviously by the youth at the old men was reciprocated with tender, touching inspiration.

"I am privileged to stand before you – you wonderful, young Jews," said Bloch.

This important expression of admiration for the youngsters was repeated by Montreal's firebrand, Rabbi Reuven Poupko. The flaming propulsion of his animated remarks provided the fire of the program.

"You are an extraordinary group of young Jews who are committed heart and soul to the Jewish people," he began. He then pointed out that the cool starlit evening ushering in the celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut was for all of us a "magical moment of transition."

He elaborated.

"At the end of World War II, we were despairing. We were broken, we were lost. We were weak, we couldn't protect ourselves. Then, three years later, the Jewish state was declared. It was a reversal of fortune such that the world has never seen before. We went from being weak, powerless and homeless to being a proud, strong, independent people."

The consequence of being an independent people, Rabbi Poupko underlined, was that it made the Jewish people "the single most protected people on Earth." And why was that, he rhetorically asked the brazenly adoring audience? "Because, to be a Jew is to have a home."w

Jonathan Hazan, one of the young March participants from Montreal, told *The CJN* that "the March of the Living trip had been a really meaningful and amazing experience. I got to learn more about the Holocaust. Now, coming to Israel, I feel connected to God and to Judaism."

Hazan's unburnished testimony suggests that Boidman and the entire March of the Living infrastructure of volunteers and professionals had indeed achieved their goal "to take Jewish students and have them connect with Israel and with their Jewish identity." And that is all to the betterment of the Jewish future.

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Premier plans to strengthen ties with Israel

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty, who spoke last week at the Wolfond Centre for Jewish Life as part of a political speaker series aimed at young Jewish professionals, said that part of his plan to build a stronger Ontario is to work with Israel.

McGuinty presented his plan for jobs and growth, health care, education, electricity and tax reform to about 100 people at the event organized by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

Dalton McGuinty

No doubt catering to his mostly Jewish audience, McGuinty – the first speaker in a series that will also present Ontario Progressive Conservative leader Tim Hudak and New Democratic Party leader Andrea Horwath – began by acknowledging Ontario's Jewish population of more than 200,000 as a community that is committed to "shared success."

"We will do whatever it takes to secure a bright future for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren," he said.

McGuinty said his plan to build a stronger Ontario includes building more ties with Israel.

He spoke about his trade mission to Israel last year, during which he visited Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and West Bank cities Ramallah and Bethlehem.

His meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Israeli President Shimon Peres focused on the life-sciences sector.

"[It's] an industry where Israel grew from 186 companies in 1996 to over 1,000 by 2009. Thanks to its entrepreneurial spirit, Israel has fared much better than most in this economic recession. And as Ontario moves forward, I want to strengthen our partnership with the people of Israel and learn from their success," McGuinty said.

The premier moved on to education, referring to an increase in the number of graduating high school students in Ontario, promising to provide financial support for those who cannot afford university tuition fees, and committing to a plan for all Ontario schools to offer full-day kindergarten by 2014.

He said the full-day kindergarten plan has been garnering attention from countries around the world, including Israel.

"In fact, Prime Minister Netanyahu wanted to know more about it when we met. I think that's pretty flattering coming from the leader of a country that has more engineers and scientists per capita than anywhere else," he said, adding Netanyahu organized an impromptu meeting between McGuinty and Israel's education minister during the trade mission trip.

McGuinty's plan for strengthening Ontario's health-care system includes hiring 11,000 more nurses, and almost 3,000 additional doctors.

While it was reported only three years ago that up to 900,000 Ontarians were without family doctors, McGuinty said that today, 94 per cent of all Ontarians have a family doctor.

He boasted that wait times for surgeries have also been reduced.

Investing in infrastructure was also emphasized in McGuinty's plan. He said that in spite of the recession, Ontario has recently built 18 new hospitals, 400 new schools, and countless roads and bridges.

Because Ontario places a high demand on the electricity supply, retrofitting the nuclear power plants is a priority, he said.

"We're doing what needs to be done to make sure we have electricity to power our homes, our schools, our hospitals and our economy."

He said that some have claimed that they can rebuild the electricity system without increasing electricity bills.

"That's magic. I don't have magic. I just have reality and a responsibility. We need to do this work and there is a cost to it."

But he added that he hopes to offset the cost with a clean energy benefit, which would provide customers with a 10 per cent rebate on their electricity bills for the next five years.

Switching focus to the recession, McGuinty said that Ontario has fared well compared to the United States.

McGuinty also touched on the largely unpopular 13 per cent harmonized sales tax (HST) that replaced the GST and PST last year.

He said the tax reform is necessary to compete with emerging economies like China and India.

Most countries, including Israel, have taken on a value-added tax, which in Ontario is referred to as HST, he said.

"It works, it makes you stronger, it's good for the economy, and it creates more jobs."

He added that the tax makes Ontario a more attractive place to invest because the HST means that businesses will be paying less taxes overall.

Referring to Ontario's $16.7 billion deficit, McGuinty said that he will not cut services.

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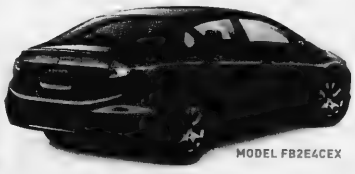

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Rebel forces overran the country the next day.

A mere 36 hours before, in the early hours of Friday, May 24, Israel mobilized a small armada of airplanes and the courage of its air force, other specialists and volunteers to safely bring to Israel the 14,325 Jews who had bravely assembled at the Israeli embassy in Addis Ababa.

"In terms of the dangers to the rescuers and to the people being rescued, it stands out in modern history," according to Asaf Agmon, the commander of the rescue operation.

Agmon's pilots flew three-hour, non-stop, back-and-forth flights between Israel and Ethiopia. They used 21 Hercules planes, 10 Boeing 707s and three El Al jumbo jets. The seats had been removed from all the planes in order to squeeze as many people as possible into the rescue vehicles.

Two babies were born on the planes.

The 20-year anniversary of Operation Solomon attests to the humanity of the Jewish state and to the life-affirming rootedness of its people.

Not since the days of Dunkirk in World War II, under vastly different conditions, have we seen so grand a gesture of self-sacrifice and moral action. But what other state in modern times has undertaken such a rescue? There is none to have tried, let alone to have succeeded. There is, and has been, only Israel.

In this edition of *The CJN*, author Judie Oron quotes a Jew who had been rescued from Ethiopia some time before Operation Solomon, who poignantly and powerfully tells us what Israel did for him and his family. "The [Israeli] embassy people gave me money and food and put my children in their school. I knew that here, finally, was a nation that would love us and help us!"

The word "Falasha" was used as a nasty, derogatory epithet by Ethiopians against the Jews of their land. It meant "stranger," or "unwelcome," or even "swine."

And as the songwriters of the Boston-based musical group Safam noted and sang with such glowing inspiration after the Jews of Ethiopia arrived in Israel, they were "Falasha never more." They were and are Beta Israel, of the House of Israel.

We are all of the House of Israel.

We must all note on our calendars, and remember in our hearts, those days of rescue 20 years ago, to ensure our children and grandchildren will know of it too.

25 years ago in *The CJN*

Israeli prime minister Shimon Peres urged every Jewish family to have at least four children. He made the statement after a Hebrew University study predicted that by 2000, Israel and the territories would be 43 per cent non-Jewish, while the Diaspora Jewish population would fall from 9.5 million to eight million, and to six million by 2026.

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Serious errors in letter

I am writing to point out a number of serious errors in the letter from Stephen Scheinberg of Canadian Friends of Peace Now ("Weak attacks on PA's negotiation stance," May 12).

• Scheinberg states that negotiations between Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and Israel "bogged down" after prime minister Ehud Olmert and foreign minister Tzippi Livni's Kadima coalition lost to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. However, Abbas walked away from the negotiating table during Operation Cast Lead, which took place in December 2008. When Netanyahu came to power after the general election on Feb. 10, the negotiations were already at a stalemate.

• Scheinberg quotes German Chancellor Angela Merkel as complaining that Netanyahu has not taken "a single step to advance peace." Yet Netanyahu was the first Israeli prime minister in history to declare a moratorium on building in the West Bank. Abbas refused to negotiate until only a month remained in the moratorium, knowing Netanyahu could not renew it. In fact, Abbas has pointed to U.S. President Barack Obama as having created this impasse, telling *Newsweek* that "it was Obama who suggested a full settlement freeze... We both went up that tree. After that [Obama] came down with a ladder and he removed the ladder and he said to me, jump."

• Scheinberg asserts that the Palestinians are seeing "their patrimony nibbled away." However, in all peace negotiations since 1993, Israel has offered between 93 per cent and 97 per cent of the West Bank, with land swaps to compensate. Logically therefore, the settlements take up no more than seven per cent of the West Bank. Additionally, all new construction is within existing settlement borders. Claims that there will be no land left for the Palestinians are both ridiculous and easily disproved.

Errors like these contribute to the international vilification of Israel. Why does Scheinberg perpetuate them?

Stephen Tannenbaum
Thornhill, Ont.

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Half truths and innuendo

There is an irony in Lawrence Hart's column on the demonization of Israel: he employs some of the same tactics as Israel's most vociferous critics – half truths and innuendo ("Demonization of Israel as free speech?," April 28).

In defaming Hamilton Jewish Federation and its executive director, Gerry Fisher, Hart relies on a reporter's casual condensation of a thoughtful and well-considered press release to which a collective body of individuals and national Jewish organizations embedded their footprint.

The significant phrases actually read as follows: "CJPME's (Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East) objectives of demonizing Israel and supporting the intentions of the most extremist anti-Israel voices have done nothing for peace and justice in the Middle East, but they have exacerbated tensions between various communities in Hamilton. However, Hamilton Jewish Federation believes in the principal that until CJPME's message is found to be in violation of Canada's anti-hate laws, they are entitled to deliver it, free from intimidation or abuse from anyone, regardless of how dishonest and repugnant their messages may be."

Had Hart been a little more patient and more interested in assessing all the facts before engaging in such a public condemnation, he would also have learned that no less than the chief of Hamilton's police service applauded federation's measured response.

Hanna Schayer,
Dundas, Ont.

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The number of days Hamas has held Gilad Schalit captive

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Courier visited Izbica, not Belzec

In "The Jewish Film Festival is back" (May 5), Sheldon Kirshner states that Jan Karski, a courier for the Polish government-in-exile during World War II, visited the death camp Belzec. Historically, this is not correct. While visiting the Warsaw Ghetto, Karski was asked by ghetto resistance leaders to check on a rumoured death camp. Karski found Izbica, which he thought was Belzec. He was able to penetrate Izbica and witnessed life in Izbica. Izbica was a transit camp (Durchgangslager) feeding victims to the extermination camps Belzec and Sobibor. Izbica was the waiting room for death. Belzec was a very secretive experimental extermination camp under the "Aktion Reinhardt" banner. It was Karski who later gave me the first lead for my research about my family, who perished in Belzec.

Willie Glaser
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'The bird from Yerusalem'

Judie Oron

Every year at Rosh Hashanah, a small, black bird flew into the Beta Israel villages. They called it the bird from Yerusalem, because it came from the direction of their ancient homeland. Now, finally, they were following the path of that small, black bird. When a young boy asked, "Where are we going?" his father replied, "To our redemption."

On May 24 and 25, 1991, 14,325 Ethiopian Jews were airlifted to Israel in a clandestine mission, code-named Operation Solomon. When the nearly 36 hours of back-to-back flights were over, rebel armies declared an end to Ethiopia's brutal Marxist regime and entered the city where, hours before, the Jews had waited fearfully, praying to be rescued.

The first immigrants arrive in Jerusalem at the Diplomat Hotel, May 24, 1991. *[Judie Oron photo]*

Against the backdrop of these dramatic events, my role in Operation Solomon was a small one. I was in Jerusalem, and the call came at 4 a.m. It was from Susan Berhani – a Jewish Agency social worker and the wife of Zimna Berhani, an Ethiopian-born Jewish Agency official and soon-to-be a future Israeli consul.

"You didn't have any plans for the weekend," Susan declared.

"Nope," I agreed.

"So, pack a bag and get over to the Diplomat Hotel. Prepare yourself for a long vacation – but leave your bathing suit at home."

My connection with the Beta Israel began in 1985, when, as director of the *Jerusalem Post*'s charitable funds, I travelled throughout Israel, assessing and funding the community's needs. Later, I left the *Post* to form an informal group of professionals who assisted Ethiopian families waiting to immigrate to Israel.

My first trip to Ethiopia was at the request of one of our group, an Ethiopian Jew whom I'll call David, who had asked me to help his cousin and her family.

Sarah and Amsalu had endured hard times, David explained. Sarah was pregnant when their family left for Sudan. Days later, their guides betrayed them to government soldiers. For months, they huddled on the floor in a filthy jail cell, covering the children's ears when the sounds of torture became too strident.

Released months later and stripped of all their possessions, they arrived at a Jewish village in time for Sarah to give birth to a boy, whom she named Yalfal, which means "these hard times will pass."

Weeks later, they again set out for Sudan, and were again caught and arrested. The soldiers debated, shouldn't they execute this woman? Only a criminal would take a newborn on such a dangerous trek.

Miraculously, they were released, but now they'd have to wait until the end of the rainy season before making another attempt. Then, the rebel armies moved into the area. Fighting broke out and the way to Sudan was blocked. Two long years later, David wrote telling them to make their way to Addis Ababa. The Israeli Embassy had opened and Jews were leaving for Israel.

When I met the family in Addis in 1990, Amsalu told me, "The embassy people gave me money and food and put my children in their school. I knew that here, finally, was a nation that would love us and help us!"

I'd noticed that even though Yalfal was one of the older children, he was one of the shortest. "Yalfal became sick in jail and since then, he never grew," Sarah said, clearly worried.

Yalfal may have been small, but his smile was enormous. Despite chronic stomach pains and diarrhea, he was a cheerful kid, and a resilient one, too, as, over the next few weeks, I dragged him daily to the American Jewish Joint Distribution's medical clinic to treat his parasites.

I worried about him, and about Sarah, too, because I'd been instructed to lie to her. She'd been asking David why there were no letters from her father. In fact, he had died months before. David feared that Sarah might become suicidal if, after everything she'd been through, she learned the truth.

I'd hoped to avoid lying to Sarah, but Amsalu insisted that I keep up the pretense that her father was alive. If she believed that he was waiting for her in Israel, Amsalu said, she'd be more able to withstand the difficult conditions in Addis and the long waiting period that would surely ensue. So, I lied to Sarah and then I worried. The morning of Operation Solomon, I made my way to the Diplomat Hotel and found Susan handing out instruction sheets.

"For symbolic reasons, the first group will be sent to Jerusalem," she began her briefing. "Our first job will be to weed out the sick people who fell through the cracks at the airport. Judie, you and I will be doing that," she continued.

"We'll all make sure that everyone is fed and given a room. After that, we'll start interviewing the olim for their *teudat zehut* [Israeli identity papers]."

When the first bus pulled up at the hotel, we rushed outside to witness the disembarking. Despite the news blackout, throngs of Ethiopians stood waiting to see if their loved ones had arrived. I watched, captivated, as people ran, crying, into each others arms. There was no sign of Sarah and Amsalu, so I dashed back into the building and joined Susan, who was handing a patient over to a waiting medical team for evacuation to a local hospital.

"Sorry for the delay," I mumbled, embarrassed.

She grinned and bent to interview an old lady who was lying on the floor.

I got out my clipboard and began interviewing a pregnant woman who lay spread-eagled on a sofa. After giving me some vital statistics, she winced and began to moan loudly, gripping her stomach. My Amharic was definitely inadequate for this situation and there wasn't a translator in sight. I looked around and was relieved to finally spot a familiar face from Addis. We got the requisite information on the form and ushered the woman to a waiting ambulance.

About an hour later, we began handing out room keys. A hotel employee accosted me, complaining that the children had discovered the elevators and were riding them up and down, getting lost and holding things up. It was now midnight and, after dispatching one of the translators to sort out the children, we started herding people into the dining room for supper.

Just before dawn, I fell asleep on the floor of the hotel lobby. I woke up when a booted foot nudged me awake.

"Hey, Judie! Isn't this something?" Eli Amir, author and Aliyat Hanoar (Youth Aliyah) head, was grinning down at me.

I sat up and looked around. Tables had been set up, and a few families had lined up in front of them, waiting patiently for their *tachkir aliyah* (interview for their identity papers). Zimna had flown in on the last plane from Addis. "Written records were rarely kept in Ethiopian villages," he said. "Some olim won't know their date of birth. We'll have to use our common sense, because these dates will determine what grade a child will enter or when an adult will receive a pension."

"This is going to take a while," Susan said grimly. "Can you stay on, possibly for a few weeks?"

"No problem," I answered.

I was assigned to work with Zaudie, a young soldier who had an outgoing personality and, as I was to learn over the next few weeks, a good head in difficult situations.

"*Kuchavaloo*, [sit down]," I motioned to the first family, a young couple with a small child and an infant.

The man shook my hand and bowed, saying, "Thank God and the Israeli government for bringing us to our homeland!"

"It's a small family. It shouldn't be too complicated," I said hopefully, peering at the registration form.

The woman bared her breast and began nursing the baby. Zaudie laughed at my surprised expression, grabbed a hunk of Play Dough from a neighbouring table and, working rapidly, began to form a beautiful horse. The baby's eyes grew enormous as he watched Zaudie turn the horse into a frog. We got through the family's names and places of birth. I asked the father for his date of birth. He shrugged.

"Were you born before or after Mengistu overthrew the *negist* [the emperor] Haile Selassie?" I asked.

"After," he replied.

While I counted backward from 1974, Zaudie snorted and then wrote 17 for the man's age. He quickly filled out the rest of the family's ages. It all looked about right to me, so I signed the form under the appropriate box, delighted to be done with our first interview.

The weeks following the operation were exhausting. Each family interview was like an archeological dig, requiring much patience and concentration. I took some time each day to check if Sarah and Amsalu had arrived. David reported that they were living in a hotel in Tiberias. Sarah had been informed of her father's death and was taking it hard. Two months later, I borrowed a translator and headed north.

Sarah's eyes were swollen and she was thinner than she'd been in Addis. She hugged and kissed me and then began to wail loudly. As I struggled to calm her, I caught sight of Yalfal and nearly dropped Sarah onto the floor.

"Yalfal! You are so tall!" I shrieked, startling Sarah out of her wailing.

By the time I left, her mood had lifted and she was boasting about how she'd managed to fatten her son despite the strange food coming from the hotel kitchens.

Days later, I asked David what it had been like for him in Addis.

"Judie, we owned that airport!" he grinned. "My friend was manning the radios. He kept broadcasting, 'Do not approach the airport! The Israelis are taking the poor, miserable Falashas to their country and we have permitted this. They'll be finished soon and then we will capture the airport. Repeat, the Israelis are flying the poor, miserable Falashas.' I looked around me and thought, 'How far I've come from that terrified boy who left Ethiopia for Yerusalem!'" he said proudly.

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Mulcair the mensch

As Liberals reel from their stunning electoral defeat and Conservatives rejoice, Israel's supporters in Canada can find reassurance in two important outcomes from the recent federal election.

First, the re-election of Prime Minister Stephen Harper is sweet vindication. Harper has been a steadfast friend of Israel, defending and embodying the democratic values uniting Israel and Canada. Claims that Harper and his party would suffer at the polls for befriending the Jewish state proved as empty as the charge that Canada was not elected to the UN Security Council as punishment for voting for Israel.

Gill Troy

in Montreal

The second piece of good news is that, as the NDP gets used to becoming the loyal opposition, the NDP deputy leader and designated coach for its unseasoned rookie MPs is Thomas Mulcair, a thoughtful, reasonable progressive who refuses to join the pile-on against Israel.

I had the privilege of hearing Mulcair address the Ottawa Conference on Combating Antisemitism last fall. Amid a tsunami of speeches, Mulcair's stood out. It was short, elegant, eloquent and effective. Although I will only quote from a CBC blog description because the conference was under Chatham House Rule, Mulcair impressed me in three ways.

First, he struck me as someone who believes in democracy and the rule of law, refusing to sacrifice core ideals to follow one trend or another. Second, he was embarrassed, as a member of the McGill community, having graduated from McGill Law School, that McGill hosts Israeli Apartheid Week. His indignation reflected an awareness that those who claim to be "only" anti-Zionist are usually antisemitic, too, as well as a deep commitment to preserving universities as safe, open, tolerant places for thinking students.

Third, he described an ugly moment in an anti-Israel demonstration when protesters wanted to attack a Jewish-owned business. This move reflected what he called the "any Jew will do" mob mentality of picking on all Jews because of a disagreement with some Israeli policy – demonstrating the underlying antisemitism perverting so much of the anti-Israel movement.

A year earlier, when a local synagogue was defaced with swastikas in his riding, Mulcair again stood tall. He declared the act of hatred "particularly disgusting in the case of a congregation that includes several Holocaust survivors." He quoted Martin Luther King's teaching that "he who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really co-operating with it."

And in that spirit, when his NDP colleague and fellow deputy leader Libby Davies supported the anti-Israel boycott movement, Mulcair confronted her swiftly and directly. Davies is a long-time critic of Israel who mocks Canada's "so-called friendship with Israel." She has no problem speaking at a rally whose chants call for another intifadah or being photographed at that rally in front of a poster making the false comparison between Israel and South African apartheid.

"No member of our caucus, whatever other title they have, is allowed to invent their own policy," Mulcair proclaimed when Davies endorsed boycotts. "We take decisions together, parties formulate policies together, and to say that you're personally in favour of boycott, divestment and sanctions for the only democracy in the Middle East is, as far as I'm concerned, grossly unacceptable."

I have no idea where Mulcair stands regarding Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu or Israel's ultimate borders, and I don't care. We need a broad pro-Israel coalition that fights blatant antisemitism and the antisemitism masquerading as "only" anti-Zionism.

We need a broad pro-Israel coalition uniting people from left to right who defend Israel's right to exist and fight the demonization of Israel and Zionism. We need a broad pro-Israel coalition standing for core democratic rights and the understanding that Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East, the only stable country following rule of law, the only steady source of civil liberties for Arabs and Jews, and the Mideast's only true friend to Canada.

And we need to honour steadfast friends such as Mulcair, hoping that as he coaches his young, newly elected NDP MPs, he points out some of the hypocritical trends that some fellow progressives succumb to, while reminding them of the enduring liberal rights and democratic ideals that make Canada and Israel among the few functioning democracies in the world – whatever mistakes they may make, whatever imperfections they may have.

Mi casa es su casa

Once in a long while, a rabbi has an experience so profound, so exhilarating, so close to why they feel "called" to the rabbinate that it makes him or her stop in their tracks and say, "If this was the last rabbinic thing I ever did, I would be happy." At the end of a Shabbat service and dinner in Guatemala with Casa Hillel, I felt just that.

While there are organized denominational synagogues in Guatemala City of both Ashkenazi and Sephardi background, it was the small group of native Guatemalan Jews that my recent "voluntour" participants were most interested in meeting. This newspaper has recently run articles on the Jewish population of Guatemala and noted that members of this small chavurah, known as Casa Hillel, remain "outsiders" to the larger mainstream communities. The truth is, Casa Hillel has been marginalized by the mostly white, mostly upper class and mostly traditional synagogues who won't recognize these working-class, brown, Reform-converted folks who feel more zeal and dedication to their Judaism than so many Jews who have been born into it.

The Casa Hillel community is an amazing group from Guatemala, Colombia and Nicaragua – Spanish-speaking folks who, to put it simply, fell in love with Judaism. Some of them trace their roots through the Marranos of the Spanish Inquisition, secret Jews whose descendants are only now discovering their Jewish identities. Others fled from the strong evangelical presence in Guatemala to find a new spiritual home. Some are children of intermarriage who now as adults want to identify fully as Jews. None of them converted for marriage. Most of them are couples who converted together, along with their young children.

We brought them tallitot and their first *netilat yadayim* cup. They gave us Mayan tea and shared their challot, which they'd made with flour milled especially for them by one of their members. They'd never been visited by a Jewish group before. Few Jewish tourists spend Shabbat with them. And I was only the second rabbi to "officially" visit and lead services and give a dvar Torah, the first being the Spanish-speaking rabbi who converted them.

I closed my eyes while we all sang a Sephardi tune to *Lecha Dodi*. The room felt palpably like the Divine Presence had rested upon it. The sound of Spanish accents mingled with our Toronto tunes. Two of our group had yahrzeits and said *Kaddish*, to which the group responded with the most heartfelt amen I've heard in a long time. We spontaneously formed a circle and danced together.

Later at dinner, one by one, Casa Hillel members stood up and told stories of how passionately they wanted to practise Judaism, even at the cost of alienating their Christian families of origin, and even at the cost of the antisemitism many of them now experience. They told us how they would never turn back, no matter what, and how Judaism was now the central defining factor of their lives and would always be.

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein

in Toronto

We Jews have not yet lost our fear and suspicion of the convert. How wrong we are. If only we could admit that a convert who adores Judaism makes us embarrassed at how tired, bored, ignorant and jaded our own Jewish lives so often are.

The highlight: the seven Casa Hillel kids, ranging from 11 to 18 years old, approached me with much enthusiasm and excitement. Now that they have met us, they're so inspired, they said. They want very much to learn more, to meet other Jewish kids who will accept them as Jewish. I asked them to stay strong in the meantime and stay focused on practising Judaism. "You don't have to worry, rabbi!" they said. "Why not?" I asked. "Because we love being Jewish. It's the most important thing in the world to us." Right there and then, wondering how many North American 15-year-old Jewish kids would so freely say that, I made them a promise I intend to keep: I will bring them this summer to a Jewish summer camp where they can "live" Judaism daily. It will be a powerful jumpstart for them.

Gracias Casa Hillel, for reminding us that we daily take for granted what for you is a passion, and what for us should be.

A new impediment to peace

Like a bolt out of the blue, the Fatah-Hamas reconciliation agreement, secretly brokered by the new government in Egypt last month, took Israel by surprise. Having watched the implosion of a series of Palestinian attempts to forge unity, Israel assumed that the Palestinians would remain hopelessly divided. Israel was shocked and angered when the rival Palestinian factions finally signed an accord. The Palestinians were influenced by protesters calling for unity, revolts in the Arab world and the collapse of peace talks with the Israeli government last September. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, after warning the Palestinian Authority to choose between "peace with Israel [or] peace with Hamas," suspended the transfer of almost $90 million worth of tax revenues to the PA.

With this pact in hand, the Palestinians, after a period of sustained acrimony, stand on the cusp of forming their second unity government in five years.

Denounced by Netanyahu as "a great victory for terrorism" but hailed by PA President Mahmoud Abbas as the end of a "black" chapter in Palestinian history, the pact is still largely a work in progress, with key details yet to be ironed out, as Abbas said last week.

Mahmoud Abbas

Given their tactical and strategic differences, the Fatah-Hamas agreement may yet blow up, suggested the outgoing director of the Israel Security Agency, Yuval Diskin, who retired on May 15. Claiming that the chances for "real reconciliation" between the rivals were "slim," Diskin noted that the agreement, while creating "a facade of unity," has yet to be implemented on the ground. Considering the fragmented nature of Palestinian politics, Diskin's analysis may be prescient.

Perpetually riven by intrigue and dissension, the Palestinian political scene was thrown into disarray in January 2006 when Hamas, in an astonishing upset, defeated Fatah in legislative elections. Prodded by Saudi Arabia and encouraged by Egypt, Fatah and Hamas negotiated the Mecca accord and formed a coalition government. Fatah continued to govern the West Bank, partially occupied by Israel, while Hamas administered the Gaza Strip, which Israel unilaterally evacuated in the summer of 2005.

Sheldon Kirshner

in Toronto

Fatah's partnership with Hamas was short-lived, collapsing in a welter of violence in 2007 as Hamas staged a coup and ejected Fatah forces from Gaza.

Even if this mini civil war had not occurred, Fatah's union with Hamas seemed doomed. While Fatah, a secular organization dependent on western aid, embraced a two-state solution based on the pre-1967 armistice lines, Hamas, an Islamic fundamentalist group backed politically, financially and militarily by Iran and Syria, remained steadfastly committed to Israel's destruction.

In accordance with its national charter, Hamas, branded as a terrorist group by the United States, Canada and other western nations, rejected the Quartet's conditions for recognition.

The Quartet – the United States, the United Nations, the European Union and Russia – demanded that Hamas recognize Israel, renounce terrorism and accept all agreements previously entered into by Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

With Hamas refusing to budge from its recalcitrant position, the Quartet boycotted Hamas and Israel refused to deal with the Palestinian coalition government.

Now that Fatah and Hamas appear to have reconciled, we appear to be back to square one.

The Fatah/Hamas agreement is clear on only two points.

A new interim government, made up of independent technocrats from both sides, will be created. Parliamentary and presidential elections will take place within a year.

In the meantime, Fatah and Hamas will continue to rule the West Bank and Gaza respectively.

In essence, the agreement is long on rhetoric and short on answers.

First and foremost, observers wonder who will be chosen as the prime minister of a united Palestinian government. The Fatah representative who negotiated the accord, Azzam al-Ahmad, has said that Salam Fayyad, the current prime minister of the West Bank autonomous areas, will not serve in the transitional government. Who will replace Fayyad? Certainly not Ismail Haniyeh, the current prime minister of the Hamas regime in Gaza.

Negotiators will have to grapple with a host of other unresolved issues, the most important of which is whether Fatah and Hamas will merge their police forces.

Khaled Meshal

At present, Israel and the Palestinian Authority engage in security co-operation, which has helped keep terrorism in check. But if Fatah and Hamas amalgamate their forces, Israel will most likely cancel its arrangements with Fatah.

Another unanswered question concerns the future membership of the Palestine Liberation Organization, a major decision-making body.

Until now, Hamas has been excluded from the PLO. But if Fatah allows Hamas to join the PLO, the Palestinian leadership will surely undergo drastic change, with immense ramifications on the Arab-Israeli peace process, such as it is.

The two sides will also have to discuss how best to confront Israel should there be no peace talks in the near future

Hamas, meanwhile, remains extreme and uncompromising in its outlook.

"The presence of the Zionist entity on our land is illegal, and it is impossible to recognize it," said Haniyeh recently. "We will not recognize Israel," declared Mahmoud al-Zahar, a leading Hamas figure. "That matter is settled."

The Hamas official who signed the unity agreement, Khaled Meshal – the object of an Israeli assassination attempt in the 1990s – has spelled out his objectives.

As he put it, "Our aim is to establish a free and completely sovereign Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, whose capital is Jerusalem, without any [Jewish] settlers, without giving up a single inch of land and without giving up on the right of return [of Palestinian refugees]."

In separate comments, he refused to disavow violence or to pledge that a peace treaty would mean the end to all Palestinian claims on Israel. On May 10, he imposed a one-year deadline on Israeli recognition of a Palestinian state.

Last week, in an effort to allay fears that Hamas' inclusion in a Palestinian government would undermine the prospects for peace, Abbas reiterated his opposition to terrorism and violence and asserted that he will be responsible for handling peace talks with Israel.

Peace negotiations broke down last autumn after Israel refused to renew the partial settlement moratorium in the West Bank.

In its present form, the Fatah-Hamas agreement looms like another obstacle in the search for peace.

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Community brings Israel closer to home

Laura Fixman
Intern

Rabbi Stewart Weiss and his wife, Susie, brought the realities of living in Israel closer to home at the community-wide commemoration of Yom Hazikaron and celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut last week.

There was a full house for the program at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto (BAYT) May 9, where other speakers included the consul general of Israel, Amir Gissin, and Thornhill member of Parliament Peter Kent.

Susie Weiss focused on Yom Hazikaron, Israel Memorial Day, when she spoke about her oldest son, Sgt. Ari Weiss, who was serving in the Israel Defence Forces and was killed during a raid on Hamas headquarters in September 2002.

She spoke with Ari every day when he was in the army and sent him packages of food. After he was killed, she could never have imagined that she would be speaking about his life to people around the world, she said.

"I didn't then realize how much a part of our lives Ari still would be."

The rabbi spoke during the Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day portion of the program, describing his pride at living in Israel, which remained unchanged after his son was killed.

"I don't think that it has radically changed my opinion," he said. "We always understood that living in Israel included a certain amount of risk."

This was the first time in 20 years that the couple have left Israel during Yom Hazikaron, Rabbi Weiss said in an interview before the program. When they were asked to come, it was the respect they feel for the Toronto Jewish community that made them decide to say yes.

A table was set up to honour the memory of the Fogel family at the community program at the BAYT.
[Laura Fixman photo]

"I think the Toronto Jewish community is very supportive of Israel," he said.

The event also honoured the memory of two non-Israelis.

Chezi Goldberg, a Canadian victim of terrorism who was killed in a bus bombing in Jerusalem, was remembered when members of his family lowered the Israeli flag to half-mast.

"We wanted to highlight that victims of terror could be people next door to us," event chair Jack Samuels said. "We thought the impact would be more profound."

Torontonian Robert Eisen who left university in 1948 to join the Machal Brigade, volunteer fighters from the Diaspora, in Israel's War of Independence was also remembered for his contribution in support of the Jewish state. Eisen has since died and was represented at the BAYT by family members.

Rabbi Weiss and his wife have shared their story all over the world, including in the United States, South America and Australia. The rabbi said they would consider going anywhere that had a Jewish community willing to invite them.

He also spoke of the difference between reading things about Israel, and learning from personal experience. He said he feels lucky to have the opportunity to strengthen a community's commitment to Israel, simply by sharing his story.

"It's different being with someone who's gone through the experience," Rabbi Weiss said. "People are very respectful."

During the program, there were musical presentations by the Or Chaim choir and by girls from Bnei Akiva of Toronto.

The event also included a display of memorial posters and signs, which guests could view before or after the program.

The rebbetzin concluded her speech by thanking people around the world for what they've done in Ari's memory. She spoke of people they'd never met writing songs about Ari or making paintings of him. She spoke of people who offered her food, their favourite coffees and even cleaning services. Before her son was killed, she assumed that people in her situation would have wanted to be left alone, but she was grateful for what people gave her.

"Somehow they knew that was just what I needed," Susie Weiss told the audience.

While in Toronto, Rabbi Weiss and his wife spoke at other locations, where they were able to add an interactive portion and allow questions.

To date, 13 children have been named for Ari Weiss, including the family's first grandson, Ari Yehoshua Weiss.

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PARTY FOR INDEPENDENCE: After singing and dancing inside the Miles Nadal JCC, students from the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School took to the streets to share their Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration with people at Bloor and Spadina. Pictured, from left, are Zoe Bernard, Molly Katz, Max Tanenbaum and Rachel Rubinstein.

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Community celebrates Israel's birthday

Scenes from the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto's Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration May 10 at Mel Lastman Square: clockwise from left, Rina Tito, left, and Ariella Sibony; Imbar Slavat, left, and her sister, Natalie; Avital Zemer, lead guitarist for the Elevation Band; Judah Elzas, who just had his face painted; Elik Roytgarts, wearing tfillin, with Rabbi Yirmi Cohen; and Linoy Hazan serving falafel to a customer. The event featured a variety of entertainers, and included greetings from Israeli Consul General Amir Gissin, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto chair Elizabeth Wolfe and federation president Ted Sokolsky. *[Frances Kraft photos]*

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Go ahead: make your day!

Rabbi Michael Skobac

On the second night of Passover, we're commanded to begin counting the days that will ultimately conclude with the holiday of Shavuot, which marks the day we received the Torah on Mount Sinai more than 3,300 years ago. "You are to count seven complete weeks...until the day after the seventh week, when there will be a total of 50 days" (Leviticus 23:15-16).

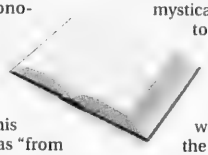
This counting is referred to as Sfirat haOmer – the counting of the Omer. The Omer was a measure of barley (about half a gallon) that was brought as a special offering to the Holy Temple on the second day of Passover that permitted the consumption of the new grain crop.

The purpose of this counting is reflected in the two different formulations of how the counting is actually expressed. Some have the custom of counting the number of days "la'Omer" (to the omer) while others use the expression of "ba'Omer (in the omer).

Counting "to the Omer" expresses the idea of anticipation. After being freed from a brutal Egyptian slavery, we excitedly looked forward to the day when we would rendezvous with the Almighty at Mount Sinai and counted the days.

Counting "ba'Omer" – in the omer – expresses the idea that these are days of preparation for receiving the Torah. Each day is focused on looking inward to work on correcting character flaws and growing spiritually. And of course, some people's practice is to use both forms of counting to focus on anticipation as well as preparation.

In the book of Deuteronomy, the starting time for this 49-day counting is given as "from when the sickle is first put to the standing crop." This agricultural association reinforces the idea that the days of counting are for the purpose of spiritual growth. According to the Maharal, the reason that the essential biblical word for humans, *adam*, is related to the word for earth *(adamah)* is that both have the possibility and potential for growth. What develops from both is entirely dependent upon the effort dedicated toward that goal.



Rabbinic Reflections

According to the Baal Shem Tov, this was the meaning of the unusual description of man's creation. "Let us make man" was God addressing each person who will ever exist and expressing the reality that humans could not be created unilaterally like all other creations. God can give us a body and soul, but who we become is ultimately a function of what we do with these raw ingredients.

Sfirat haOmer is, according to mystical teachings, an allusion to the work of purifying and elevating ourselves beyond the superficial materialism and physicality of this world. *Sfirah* is related to the word *safir* – sapphire – emblematic of polished brilliance. Omer is related to the word *chomer*, which means material (the initial Hebrew letters are both gutturals and therefore interchangeable). The focus of these weeks is to polish and refine our baser material side in preparation for receiving the Torah anew.

Rabbi Michael Skobac is director of education and counselling at Jews for Judaism.

Lessons of the Omer

Before Passover ends – in fact, when it has barely begun – we begin counting the weeks and days of the Omer. This is the period between the second day of Passover and the holiday of Shavuot. There is much Jewish literature, ancient and modern, that discusses the meaning of the Omer and how we observe it. In Judaism today, the Omer is observed as a time of semi-mourning. Traditionally no weddings can be booked during this time, and we refrain from public celebrations. But if the Omer overlaps with the holiday of Passover, one would expect a connection of theme as well as calendar.

Midrashic Moments

Rachel Turkienicz

Among the messages of Passover is the message of seizing the opportunity. With the beginning of the narrative, a young girl, Miriam, seizes the opportunity to speak with the daughter of Pharaoh and saves her brother, Moses. She likewise seizes the moment to unite Moses with their mother to be nursed. Moses seizes the opportunity to defend a Jewish slave and the Jewish people leave Egypt as quickly possible during the 10th plague, because they recognize the opportunity to put an end to that era.

Yet in order to seize an opportunity, one must first recognize it as such. We often miss those moments in our lives when a grand opportunity can emerge. We go through our days with an attitude of "same old, same old," not noticing how many life-changing moments have gone by.

One of the reasons for the Omer is the idea of missing a crucial moment. The Talmud informs us that a plague hit the students of Rabbi Akiva and they perished by the tens of thousands during the time of the Omer. The plague only ceased on Lag b'Omer. Yet as tragic as this event is, the tragedies of Jewish history since then have been equally tragic, if not more so. We don't assign weeks of mourning for any other tragedy in our history.

It's also not a coincidence that the students belonged to Rabbi Akiva, the one sage who backed the Bar Kochba revolt. Not only did Rabbi Akiva back the revolt against the Romans, but he also declared that Bar Kochba was the messiah and that everyone must back him. In other words, Rabbi Akiva was begging his generation not to miss this opportunity to back this budding messiah. Ultimately, Rabbi Akiva failed, Bar Kochba failed and Jewish history continued unchanged.

Throughout his lifetime, Rabbi Akiva never recanted. As far as he was concerned, Bar Kochba wasn't a false messiah but a failed messiah. The Jewish people had failed him.

Pesach teaches us what our destiny could look like when we seize the opportunity to change. We are redeemed from slavery and head toward revelation at Sinai. The Omer shows us what happens when we fail to recognize an opportunity that might change the world. It's a tragedy that should be mourned by all.

When the Talmud asks why Rabbi Akiva's students died, it answers that they were punished because "they did not show proper respect to one another."

It seems like such a small transgression. Yet try to count how many times in every day that each of us has the opportunity to show respect to someone and we let that moment go by.

Rachael Turkienicz is director of rachaelscentre.org.

Dura Europos: jewel in the desert

When one thinks of the ideal archeological site, visions of windswept ruins in the middle of the desert come to mind. However, this is rarely the case when looking at most archeological remains. An archeological site is an ancient habitation where the amenities of life must be present. Foremost among these is plenty of water. But then there are always exceptions to every rule.

In addition to the fabled oasis of Jerichom, there is the site of Dura Europos, which fits the romantic vision of what an archeological ruin should look like. Its discovery even fits the mould of how most people think that a site is discovered – at least according to Hollywood.

Dura Europos was found by a British military expedition in the Syrian desert, where it abuts dramatically beside the Euphrates River. The British were in the process of digging defensive trenches against hostile Arabs when they made a spectacular discovery. It happened in 1921 at the beginning of the Mandate period, when Britain and France were given control of Iraq, Syria and Palestine by a fledgling League of Nations.

One wonders what a British military was doing inside the French Mandate of Syria. However, according to another view, the site was discovered by French troops involved in doing amateur archeology around their campsite. Ultimately, when the boundary of the Mandates was confirmed, Dura fell under French control.

A survey of the site was conducted by the legendary James Henry Breasted, founder of the renowned Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago. (Fortunately, Breasted was good friends with industrialist and philanthropist John D. Rockefeller, who had put up the money for the Oriental Institute, which would shortly be responsible for the massive excavations at the legendary site of Megiddo. Megiddo was located at the time in the British Mandate of Palestine.)

Past Forward

Alex Gropper

What made Dura so fascinating was the fact that it was almost perfectly preserved. It was a virtual time capsule of life on Rome's eastern frontier in the third century CE. The excavators found some amazing material, which continues to captivate the imagination of scholars and lay people alike. There were all sorts of documents, including part of the legendary Diatessaron of Tatian, the earliest of the synoptic Christian gospels. For scholars, these are the greatest treasures of all.

For Jews, a truly remarkable find was a very well-preserved synagogue dating to the latter part of the second century CE. This is one of the earliest and best-preserved synagogues from the Diaspora. Even more amazing is the fact that it contained some exceptionally well-preserved paintings.

Ultimately, Dura Europos has helped to give us insights into the development of Diaspora Judaism during the crucial period just after the community had been devastated by the two revolts against Rome, the first ending with the destruction of the Second Temple and Masada, and the second one with the death of its charismatic leader, Simon Bar Kochba, in 135 CE.

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Other Shavuot dishes

Unlike other holidays in the Jewish calendar, only one festival, Shavuot, has become synonymous with dairy foods. **[http://bit.ly/shav11]** And not to just any *dairy* foods but those ubiquitous blintzes and cheesecakes. Today, however, we're going to look at some other marvellous traditional and contemporary Shavuot dairy dishes.

Start by enjoying Sephardi fare such as Les Fila au Fromage, small cheese triangles. "These ever-so-light little pies... were always among the most popular items on the buffet and tea tables of Oriental Jews," writes Claudia Roden. She recommends filling them with Edam, Gouda, cheddar, cottage cheese and butter. The milk pudding is "the all-purpose dessert of the dairy table and the traditional sweet of Shavuot and Purim." It calls for rice flour, cold milk, sugar and an assortment of flavourings and garnishes. **[http://bit.ly/shav12]**

For something non-traditional, Israeli food writer Daniel Rogov consulted with three Israeli chefs who created entrées based on the ingredients of the Mediterranean: Eggplant and Vegetable Tart with Bulgarian Cheese, Cheese-filled Ravioli with Tomato Sauce and Tart of Mushrooms and Goat's Cheese. **[http://bit.ly/shav13]**

Anyone looking to expand their Shavuot repertoire should have no problem if they spend some time at the RFJC Recipe Archives. How does a Cold Spinach Borscht followed by a Goat Cheese and Scallion Kugel or a Brie and Asparagus Quiche sound? You will find 85 Shavuot recipes (not counting blintzes and cheesecakes). **[http://bit.ly/shav14]**

The Jewish Food Mailing List Archives has separate sections for Shavuot savouries (including Lemon Linguini or Radicchio and Smoked Mozzarella Lasagna) and sweets (Dona Chonita Corn Flan and Grapes Romanoff). **[http://bit.ly/shav15]** Still hungry? Kosherinthekitch.com has sautéed Tilapia Almondine with Braised Red Cabbage and Penne à la Vodka **[http://bit.ly/shav16]**

Jewish & Digital

Mark Mietkiewicz

If you love dairy food and have been to Israel, then you've probably sampled Labane, a salty and sour cheese that calls for regular or goat's milk. The Jewish Reconstructionist Federation's Shavuot website warns that making Labane "is a lot of work but is definitely worth it." **[http://bit.ly/shav17]**

Check out Jewish Heritage Online Magazine's look at Shavuot food traditions around the world.

• In North Africa, matzah left over from Passover was shredded into bowls of milk and honey as a reminder that Shavuot is the culmination of the Exodus from Egypt.

• The special dish for the Jews of Kurdistan was ground wheat cooked in sour milk with dumplings of butter and flour.

• And then there is the Sephardi seven-layer cake called Siete Cielos (Seven Heavens), symbolic of the traditional seven celestial spheres God traversed to present the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. **[http://bit.ly/shav18]**

If mounting Seven Heavens sounds daunting, you should be able to master a more modern blueprint for Mount Sinai whose building materials are pretzels, chocolate chips, sprinkles and peanut butter. **[http://bit.ly/shav20]**

Next time, how to serve up a Shavuot feast if you can't stomach milk.

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Young Poles seek to grasp wartime antisemitism

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

A "significant number" of young people in Poland today can't understand why Poles generally stood by indifferently as Polish Jews were murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust, a Polish scholar said last week.

Andrzej Zbikowski – a professor of history at the University of Warsaw, a researcher at the Jewish Historical Institute and an associate of the Polish Center for Holocaust Research – made this comment at the conclusion of a lecture on Polish-Jewish relations in World War II.

But in the course of his speech at the University of Toronto, Zbikowski, a specialist in Polish Jewish history, provided the answers to his rhetorical question.

Andrzej Zbikowski

As he starkly observed, antisemitism in German-occupied Poland did not diminish, while stereotypes about the affinity of Jews with Communism were prevalent in Polish society and the underground press in Poland portrayed Polish Jews as "the other."

Relations were strained as Polish people 'grabbed' as much Jewish property as they could

Although the London-based Polish government-in-exile promised equal treatment for Polish Jews after the war, one of its members dissented, saying that Jews could not be permitted to resume their prewar role in the economy. His position was supported by right-wing nationalists, he observed.

Zbikowski, whose talk was sponsored by the Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation of Canada, said that Polish-Jewish relations were strained because Poles "grabbed" as much Jewish property as they could.

He suggested that Jews without means were automatically condemned, because they could not barter property for shelter and food.

By 1941, the Polish underground was aware of the anti-Jewish atrocities being committed by the Nazis. Though it did not materially help Jews, it sent reports to the Polish government-in-exile about Nazi crimes.

Only two per cent of Poles joined the underground, while up to 15 per cent read its publications, he said.

For the Polish underground, the paramount issue was the Nazi persecution of Catholic Poles, said Zbikowski, who recently published a biography of Jan Karski, the Polish courier who gave the Allies first-hand information about the brutal German occupation of Poland.

The mass deportation of Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto in 1942 prompted the Polish government-in-exile to pay greater attention to Nazi antisemitism, he said.

After much of the ghetto was liquidated, the Polish foreign minister urged his British counterpart to issue a declaration warning Germany of the consequences of its crimes, while the Polish government-in-exile published a pamphlet on the topic.

According to Zbikowski, Poles regarded the Nazi extermination of Jews as a template of what awaited them, he added.

In a sharp critique of the Home Army, the dominant Polish resistance movement, he accused it of sending far too few arms to Jewish fighters in the Warsaw Ghetto. Jews were thus forced to buy guns and bullets on the black market.

Left-wing Polish partisans accepted Jews into their ranks, but the Home Army generally did not, he noted.

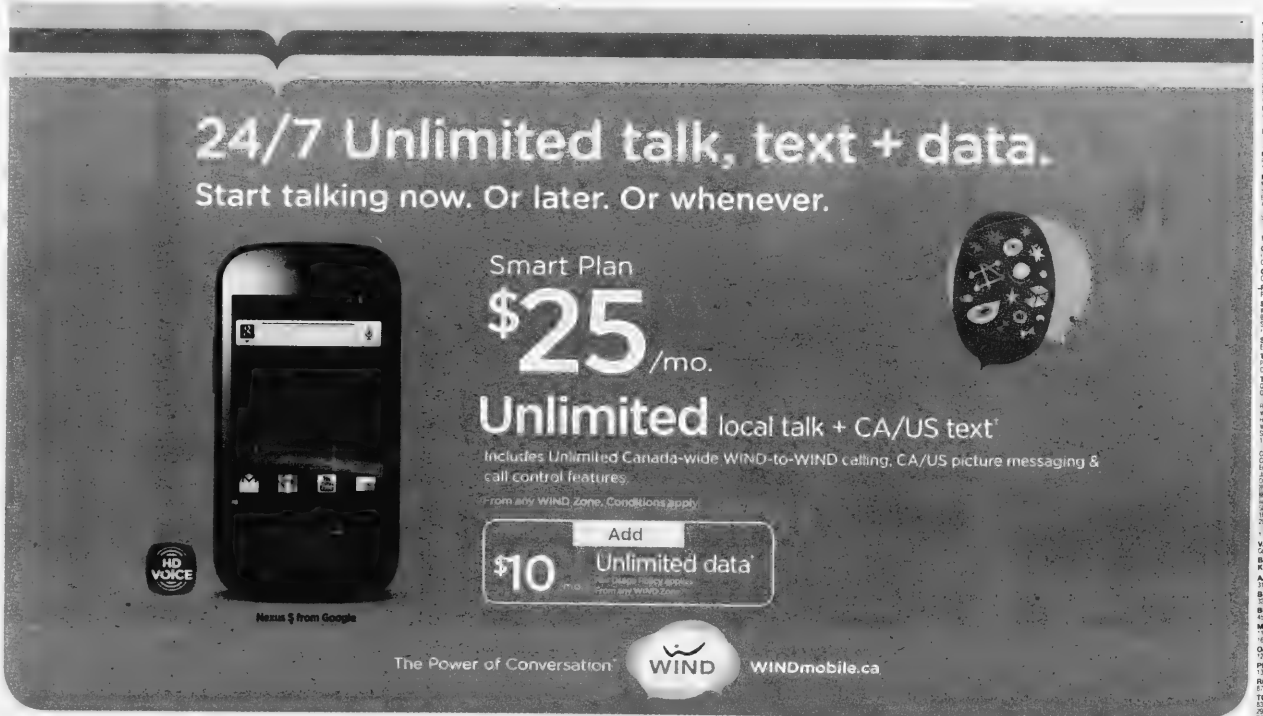
Poles who helped Jews were summarily executed, and as a result, they were usually loath to take such risks, Zbikowski pointed out.

Nonetheless, more than 50,000 Jews out of a prewar Jewish population of 3.3 million survived the war in Poland. Of these, 27,000 Jews went into hiding in Warsaw, depending on Catholics for survival.

In this vein, Zbikowski reminded the audience that more than 6,000 Polish Catholics who assisted Jews have been honoured by Israel as Righteous Among the Nations.

On the other hand, some 4,000 Polish blackmailers betrayed Jews to the Nazis.

Zbikowski said that more than 1,000 books have been published on Polish-Jewish relations in wartime Poland.



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Peres' Hamas comments get distorted

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

The capacity of the media to convey vital information, along, occasionally, with misinformation, is well known. But when misinformation is disseminated, the impact on audiences can be immense and difficult to correct. Just last week we witnessed a perfect illustration of this.

Under the headline, "Peres: Talks with Hamas possible," the popular Israeli news website Ynet carried a special Independence Day interview on May 9 with President Shimon Peres.

Ronen Medzini of Ynet wrote that even following the Fatah-Hamas reconciliation agreement, Peres "refuses to give up on the Palestinian-Israeli peace process." Medzini immediately noted: "Even while Hamas continues to threaten Israel with violent resistance, the president does not rule out the possibility of future negotiations with the terrorist movement."

Just as Arafat eventually became a negotiating partner by recognizing Israel and renouncing violence at the start of the Oslo process (not that he ultimately did either), so too might Hamas, Peres' comments indicate. According to Peres, Hamas could change because it has "problems" and is "not so strong."

"However," Medzini wrote, "if Hamas does not change its positions, Peres adds, it might face economic sanctions."

On May 10, the British newspaper the *Daily Telegraph* reported on this interview under the misleading heading, "Israeli President Shimon Peres urges government to negotiate with Hamas." What began with Ynet as Peres' willingness to consider "possible" future talks with Hamas if it changes quickly became, in the hands of this major British publication, Peres' unqualified call upon his government to negotiate with Hamas now.

Writing for the *Telegraph*, Adrian Blomfield focused on what he took to be Peres' progressive position: "Mr. Peres' comments broke ranks with conventional political thinking in Israel." By contrast, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu "remains categorically opposed to negotiations with Hamas, which has fired thousands of rockets at towns and cities in the south of the country in recent years." This implied that Hamas' deliberate attacks on Israeli civilians do not equally concern Peres and do not represent a fundamental roadblock to talks. Indeed, Blomfield went on: "Mr. Peres' intervention is unlikely to spur the government into talking to Hamas."

Did Blomfield even bother to read the interview he was reporting on? It's unlikely, given his distortions of Peres' actual position. Or perhaps he was determined to put his own spin on Peres' remarks, no matter what. Either way, the report was irresponsible – and it quickly spread.

The May 11 *National* Post ran a shortened version of the *Telegraph* piece under the equally misleading headline, "Israel Should Deal With Hamas: Peres." The Post piece began: "Shimon Peres, the Israeli president, has urged the government to start negotiations with Hamas in the wake of the Palestinian unity deal."

Wrong. Wrong. Wrong.

This is a prime example of how misleading, reckless spin can become established fact. And in an age when instant news and weak fact-checking have become the norm, it's all the more difficult to ensure accuracy. Let's remember that, theoretically, establishing the truth is the first and foremost responsibility of news organizations.

Shimon Peres

As far as truth is concerned, here are some basic facts. Far from being radical and outside the Israeli mainstream, Peres' comments fit within the Israeli consensus. As reported in the May 9 *Jerusalem Post*, Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak said that Hamas would qualify as a party to negotiations were it to accept the conditions of recognizing Israel, renouncing violence, and accepting Israel-PLO agreements. He added that if this were to happen, "Hamas would not be the Hamas we know."

But here is another fact: apart from some recent double-talk about establishing a Palestinian state within the 1967 "borders" – talk that, on the surface, sounds promising to a number of western journalists – Hamas insists that it will never recognize Israel and its right to exist. To date, Hamas remains wedded to the theology that a Jewish state on sacred Islamic soil cannot be tolerated and must disappear. It's hard to imagine a recantation any time soon.

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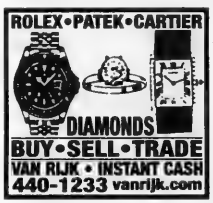

Einat Sarouf thrills audience at fundraiser

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Making her Toronto debut, Israeli singer Einat Sarouf drew more than 200 to Kachol-Lavan's fifth annual fundraiser last week, entertaining the audience with renditions of classic Israeli songs and modern hits in Hebrew, English and Arabic.

Following a light kosher dinner, a silent auction, a few welcome speeches and a video about Kachol Lavan, Sarouf took to the stage, and within minutes, nearly the entire crowd was on their feet, singing along, clapping to the beat and dancing in their seats.

At one point, a group gathered in front of the stage and broke into a hora, while another group led a conga line between the tables in the hall.

Sarouf's playlist included hits including *Ufaratzta, Adon Olam, Balbeli Oto, Frecha, Que Sera Sera, Let's Twist Again* and *Ach Yarab Yarab.*

The energy in the hall was palpable – and when Sarouf walked between the tables to pull the last few seated audience members out of their seats to join the dance party at the foot of the stage, no one could refuse.

Sarouf herself gave into the frenzy, and at one point, climbed onto a chair in the middle of the room to dance and sing.

The event, held at the Canadian National Institute for the Blind in Toronto, raised money for Kachol Lavan's Sunday school, which offers Hebrew and Israeli studies to public school students. Now established as a solid part of Toronto's Israeli community, Kachol Lavan has begun registering students for a third campus in Thornhill Woods next September.

Einat Sarouf wowed her audience. *[Sheri Shefa photo]*

The event was attended by Israeli consul general to Toronto Amir Gissin and UJA Federation of Greater Toronto president and CEO Ted Sokolsky, both of whom said a few words before the concert began.

Gissin said that "Kachol Lavan is the most important project in the lives of the Israeli community in this city."

He said Israel needs to remain a place that second-generation Israelis can feel connected to and understand culturally.

"This project, after five years of struggle and effort has now become something to be very proud of and I think we all share this pride."

Sokolsky said Canadians have a special bond with Israel and he thanked Kachol Lavan for strengthening the bond between the Israeli community and the general Jewish community in Toronto.

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Montessori marks 10th anniversary

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

To mark its 10th anniversary this year, the Montessori Jewish Day School (MJDS) will build a sensory garden, both as a fundraiser and an educational tool for students, who will help build and maintain it. Students will help plant the garden when it opens May 31.

The garden will include flowers of different colours and fragrant herbs for students to enjoy, develop their senses, and use in practical ways.

MJDS is the only accredited Jewish Montessori school in Canada, but head of school Regina Lulka was introduced to the concept in her native Mexico City, where her now-grown daughters attended a similar school. There are also Jewish Montessori schools in the United States and in Europe.

The Montessori approach, which includes mixed-age classrooms and is based on children's natural interests, was developed more than a century ago by Italian educator and physician Maria Montessori.

Lulka, who began her affiliation with MJDS as a board member and became principal about seven years ago, recalls that MJDS held its first classes at the Winchevsky Centre, with a total of 25 students.

Housed for the past five years at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, the school has grown to serve 108 children from nursery through Grade 7. Next year, there will also be a Grade 8 class.

Just inside the school's entrance is a wall fountain that ties in with the Montessori philosophy, Lulka said. "It reflects that the school is a serene environment."

Montessori Jewish Day School teacher Shalisa Agam works with casa (preschool) student Hannah, right, while fellow classmate Noa observes. *[Frances Kraft photo]*

An element of trust – in this case, counting on the students not to throw the stones at the bottom of the fountain – is part of the school's ethos too. "With trust comes respect," Lulka said, adding that Montessori students are given both freedom and responsibility.

There is no homework, and there are no tests. "Assessment is ongoing, daily, minute-to-minute assessment," Lulka said.

In Grades 7 and 8, students are taught how to study and take tests. Alumni have gone on to Jewish day schools, public schools, private schools and gifted programs, Lulka said.

In addition to subjects that are mandated by the local curriculum, Montessori students also have a "practical life" component to their studies aimed at helping them become independent. A nursery child would learn how to pour juice for Shabbat, for example, while older elementary students participate in a "going out" program instead of more conventional field trips.

Lulka explains that small groups of students choose a project and an outing that they're interested in. They plan all aspects of the trip themselves, from setting a budget to calling to arrange the outing, planning the public transit route, and enlisting an adult to accompany them.

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דער ערשטער מיי איז שוין פֿאַרבײַ אָבער טויזנטער ייִדישע אַרבעטער האָבן נישט מאַרשירט אונטער רויטע פֿאָנען און געזונגען "דער אינטערנאַציאָנאַל," און "די שבועה". די הימען זײַנען געווען די לידער פון קאָמוניסטישע, בונדיסטישע און פּרעלי-ציוניסטישע באַוועגונגען.

הײַנט איז דער ייִדישער פֿאָן בלוי און חיל. ישראל איז אַ הײַמלאַנד פֿאַר מיליאָנען ייִדן. אָבער פון אַנהײב צוואַנציקסטן יאָר הונדערט ביז 1948 האָבן ייִדישע אַרבעטער אין קאַנאַדע געמוזט קעמפֿען פֿאַר זייערע רעכט. טויזנטער ייִדישע אַרבעטער האָבן דאָס געטאָן אונטער אַ רויטע פֿאָן און דער סאָציאַליסטישער אידעע. דאָס האָט אינספּיריט אימיגראַנטן זיך צו פֿאַרבינדן מיט דעם אַרבעטער רינג, דער בראַנאָוו און אַנדערע ייִדישע, לינק וועלטלעכע באַוועגונגען.

הײַנט, וען אונדזערע אײניקלעך, דאָ אין טאָראָנטאָ, פֿאָרן פֿאַרבײַ דעם בראַנאָוו צענטער אַדער דעם אַרבעטער רינג צענטער, וויסן זיי נישט אַז אין די שטילע, כמעט לידיקע געביידעס האָט זיך אַ מאָל געטומלט מיט הונדערטער מיטגלידער, קינדער שולעס, טעאַטער, כאָרן און פּאָליטישע אַרבעט – אַרבעט וואָס האָט געבויט די שניידער יוניאָנס, געשטיצט קאַנדידאַטן פֿאַר רעגירונגס אַמטן און זיינען געווען וויכטיק אין דער אַרבעט צו גרינדן די סי סי עף פֿאַרטיי און די הײַנטיקע ען די פּי פֿאַרטיי. אַזוי איז עס געהאַלטן אויך אין מאָנטרעאָל, וויניפּעג, קאַלגאַרי און חאַנקווער.

די רויטע פֿאָנען וואָס זיי האָבן געטראָגן אין דעם ערשטן מיי פֿאָלק זיינען נישט געווען אין גאַנצן אידעאַלאָגיש ענלעך. די בונדיסטן האָבן געהאַלטן אַז ייִדן מוזן קעמפֿן פֿאַר אַ שענערער, בעסערער וועלט דאָ וווּ זיי וווינען. בונדיסטן האָבן געגלויבט אין "דאָיקייט" נישט אין דער ציוניסטישן חלום.

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Zareinu Moveathon returns in June

Laura Fixman
Intern

The Zareinu Education Centre will hold its 14th annual Moveathon Festival and Moveathon Ride next month.

Funds raised are for the programs the centre offers – special education and individualized therapies for children with physical and developmental challenges.

The Zareinu Moveathon Festival, on Sunday, June 12, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., will transform Downsview Park into a centre of fun that includes food, mechanical and inflatable rides, a ferris wheel, a carousel and carnival games. There will be a 65-foot inflatable obstacle course and wagon rides.

The festival's sporting events include a two-kilometre walk, a five-kilometre and 10-kilometre run, the 20-kilometre Ell Monson Simpson Family Ride, and the 20-kilometre girls and boys bike rides. Admission to the park is free, and participants in the sporting events are asked to raise a minimum of $250.

The Zareinu Moveathon Ride for Kids with Special Needs, on Sunday, June 26, is a long-distance cycling experience of either 162.5 kilometres, 100 kilometres or 50 kilometres. The cycling route, which starts and ends at Bishop Reding Secondary School in Milton, Ont., will take experienced cyclists along the beautiful Niagara Escarpment.

There will be drink and food stops along the route, as well as professional cyclists riding along to offer their encouragement and support vans.

For riders over 18, the minimum fundraising requirement is $1,000, and for riders under 18 the minimum fundraising requirement is $500. All participants will receive a custom Louis Garneau jersey and a Zareinu Ride gift pact.

There are two pre-registration and bike inspection days for this event – on Wednesday, June 22, and Thursday, June 23, from 5 to 9 p.m., at 4630 Dufferin St., Suite 301. A bike inspection is courtesy of The Bike Depot.

Post-ride massages will be offered, as well as a barbecue at the finish line.

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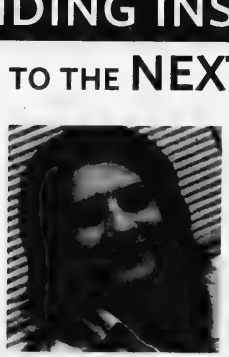

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DeZwirek, Moore to be honoured by ORT Toronto

Compiled by CJN Staff

Peggy DeZwirek and Micki Moore are this year's honorees at the ORT Toronto's 37th annual Golden Circle Luncheon.

The luncheon, which supports ORT's work helping educate students in Canada and in Israel, will take place at the Four Seasons Hotel on June 14.

DeZwirek and Moore are being honoured for their dedication to education through the arts, business and community involvement.

Proceeds from the luncheon will go to the ORT Peggy DeZwirek and Micki Moore scholarship funds, which provide scholarships and bursaries to students in Ontario and to the ORT Schulich Canada Project in Israel, a joint project between ORT and the Israeli Ministry of Education.

The ORT Schulich Canada Project brings the highest level of educational technology into classrooms in Israel. Through the Smart Class Project, whiteboard equipment installed in classrooms allows students to interact not only with one another but also with the online community of ORT students around the world. The equipment is currently being installed in 415 classes in northern Israel, in 87 schools and 38 cities.

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Peggy DeZwirek

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Micki Moore

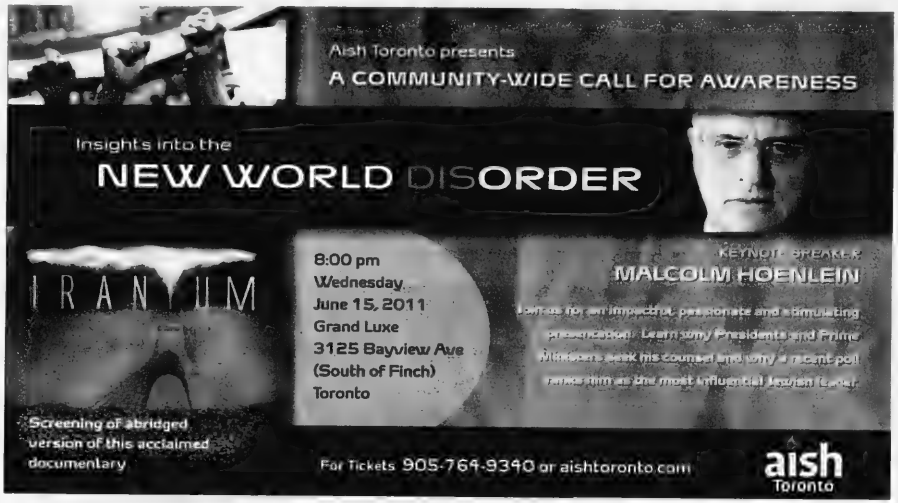
DeZwirek added: "As one of the more fortunate women of today, I have had the opportunity to achieve many of my goals and actively continue to try to help others attain theirs. ORT provides technological expertise through education, which is the pathway to successful futures for the upcoming generations to achieve their goals. "

DeZwirek is the founder of Oakdale's Golf Fore the Cure Golf Tournament, and a member of the Canadian Women's Breast Cancer Society and the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation.

Moore is a broadcaster, journalist, actor and media coach. She is known as the host of Citytv's talk show, You're Beautiful, which ran for 12 years and was syndicated across North America. Moore was a columnist for the Toronto Star and the Toronto Sun, and her columns were distributed to other publications by the New York Times syndicate. She was also the broadcast editor of Flare magazine.

Moore is a board member of the Mount Sinai Hospital and served four years on the Ontario Film Review Board. She is a supporter of the Zareinu Educational Centre, the Israel Cancer Research Fund and United Jewish Appeal .

For more information about the luncheon, contact Lindy Meshwork at 416-787-0339. Ort Toronto's website address is www.ort-toronto.org.



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This weekend is generously sponsored by the Freeman Foundation.

Correction

In our May 12 No Place Like Home supplement, on page B12, titled "Judaica for every occasion," incorrect information was given for Shaynee's Gift Selections. The store is at 3501 Bathurst St. in the Open Window Bakery plaza, phone 416-787-4497.

KOTEL VISIT: Torah Tots nursery students Gila, left, and Hayella Kerbel "visited" the Kotel on their whirlwind tour to Israel with their friends and teachers.

BUILDING ISRAEL: Esther Serruya builds the third Beit Hamikdash on Yom Ha'atzmaut at Netivot Hatorah Day School.

TOURING NEW YORK: Grade 8 students from Robbins Hebrew Academy went to New York City this month to see some of the city's Jewish history, including Temple Emanuel, the Lower East Side and the Museum of Jewish Heritage, as well as other venues such as the Statue of Liberty and Ground Zero, where they spoke with firefighters who were in the World Trade Center on 9/11. Pictured with two firefighters, from left, are students Cortney Mintz, Jordana Mincer, Amanda Smoskowitz and Jordan Shapiro.

FAMILY MOMENTS

Mazel Tov

The Canadian Jewish news

Mazel Tov on your 90th Birthday Pearl Lebo

A note of thanks for being a Mother 2nd to none. Making it to 90 years of age while still being vibrant, active in the community, kind, loving, giving and wise, makes us feel both blessed and thankful. With all of our Love & wishes for many more Birthday celebrations....

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Happy 103rd birthday, Albert Socol, of California, formerly from Toronto, with his youngest great-grandchildren, Ezra (left) and Naya (right), 8 months.

Mazel tov to Lily Tepperman, everybody's Bubbie Lily, on your 90th birthday. With love from your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brother and sister-in-law.

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Sunday, May 22

SHAAR SHALOM SINGLES

Spring dance and casual mix and mingle. Music by DJ **Dave Jones**. 7:30 p.m., $8 includes refreshments. Call **David**, 416-224-9494.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS

Quarterly general meeting, Jewish War Veterans of Canada Toronto Post. Veterans and partisans welcome, and spouses. Breakfast 9 a.m., meeting 10 a.m. Lipa Green Centre, 4600 Bathurst St. No charge. RSVP 416-635-2883, ext. 5181.

LAG B'OMER AT SHORESH

Celebrate Lag b'Omer at a community festival by helping prepare the Shoresh Jewish Environmental Programs' Kavanah Garden for the growing season. 12-4 p.m., 18 Lebovic Campus Dr. Suggested donation $6/person. RSVP on Facebook, www.shoresh.ca, or at 416-805-8382.

Tuesday, May 24

SHINONOME CHORUS

Shinonome Chorus of Japan appears in concert as part of the Cantors Assembly Convention, May 22-26. Co-hosted by The Cantors Assembly and Holy Blossom Temple, it includes a tribute to Toronto composer **Ben Steinberg**. Holy Blossom Temple, 8 p.m. Adults $25, students 25 and under $18. Call 416-789-3291, ext. 224.

THE BOOK OF NACHUM

Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner, rosh beit midrash of Yeshiva University-Toronto miTzion kollel, gives a text-based study of Nachum, dealing with the end of the Assyrian Empire. Co-sponsored by the kollel, Mekorot and Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. Open to students of all levels and backgrounds. First of four Tuesdays at Shaarei Shomayim, 1:30-2:30 p.m. For information and registration, 416-877-2050.

CHANGES IN KENSINGTON

The entertainment and cultural committee of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation presents entrepreneur **Tom Mihalik** of Tom's Place speaking on "The Changing Face of Kensington during 52 years of association with the Jewish community." Sisterhood Hall, 8 p.m. Members no charge, non-members $2. Refreshments.

Wednesday, May 25

HALLELUYAH!

Beth Tzedec Congregation presents "Halleluyah! Greatest Hits of Israel's Song Festivals." Cantors and singers from around the world are accompanied by a 40-piece festival orchestra. Also features the Ein Prat Fountainheads from Israel and children's choirs from Toronto schools. Part of the first Jewish Music Week in Toronto. Tickets $75 priority seating, $36 general admission. 7:30 p.m. Call the Halleluyah hotline, 416-781-3514, ext. 218.

SHOAH VICTIM NAMES

Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada (Toronto) presents "Yad Vashem: Navigating the central database of Shoah Victims' names and preparing pages of testimony." **Steven Brock**, Hamilton JGS, is presenter. Lipa Green Centre, 8 p.m. Non-members $5. www.jgstoronto.ca.

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Thursday, May 26

CARD DAY

Thornhill Study Group, NCJW Toronto Section, invites groups or single players to play bridge, kaluki or other card games (no mah-jong this year). Tickets $20, includes light lunch, raffle ticket and door prizes. Council House, 4700 Bathurst St., noon-4 p.m. Bring your own cards. Reserve 416-633-5100.

Other News

RIDE FOR HEART

The Heart and Stroke Foundation's 24th annual Becel Heart & Stroke Ride for Heart is Sunday, June 5. Choose 75-km route (starts 6 a.m.), 25- or 50-km (start 7:30 a.m.), or ride as a group, 25 or 50 km. Register: 416-486-RIDE (7433) or www.rideforheart.ca. Fee includes traffic-free access to the DVP and Gardiner Expressway, rest stations, lunch, route ambassadors, mechanical support and a post-ride celebration.

HELP THE HOMELESS

Ve'ahavta, the Canadian Jewish Humanitarian and Relief Committee, needs funds for its Mobile Jewish Response to the Homeless outreach van. They are encouraging people – either at your home or collectively on your street – to host a yard sale, June 5, in the morning. Tax receipts will be provided for all proceeds donated. After the yard sale, there will be an Open House, 1-5 p.m., at Ve'ahavta, 200 Bridgeland Ave., Unit D. Register at www.veahavta.org.

TORAH IN SPANISH

Rabbi Avraham Bartfeld teaches Torah classes in Spanish. Wednesdays, 9 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation. For information, 905-886-7935.

JEWISH MUSIC

Charles Heller asks "What's Jewish About Jewish Music?" Music and songs by **Dmitri Shostakovich**, **Maurice Ravel** and others. Features soprano **Stacie Carmona** and pianist **Natalya Tyomkina**. Wednesday, June 1, 7:30 p.m. Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, $15. Tickets at shul office, 416-633-3838.

BLOOD SUGAR CONTROL

Ivan George Fantus, director of the Banting & Best Diabetes Centre, discusses "Controlling Blood Sugars: the best methods and many benefits," at the Jewish Diabetes chapter of the Canadian Diabetes Association meeting May 30. Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 8 p.m. Admission $1. Call 416-363-0177, ext. 7403, or go to www.diabetes.ca.

CARLEBACH SERVICE

Carlebach Kabbalat Shabbat with **Cantor Ben Silverberg**. Friday, May 27, Shaar Shalom Synagogue, Cayne Family Chapel, 6:50 p.m.

SECULAR JEWISH CONGRESS

Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations 41st annual conference, May 27-30, Humber College. Theme is "Jewish Traditions Today – Continuity in Change." With workshops and social and cultural activities. To register or for more information, 416-789-5502, e-mail info@winchevskycentre.org or go to www.csjo.org.

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD

Women and Cancer: Let's Talk – free 4-week discussion series for women 30 years and older who were recently diagnosed with cancer. Members will share personal stories, explore ways to reduce stress, learn about available resources and socialize in a supportive and caring environment. Tuesdays, starting May 24, 1-2:30 p.m. Lipa Green Centre.

Effective Parenting – 4-session group to help parents learn to raise a happy, motivated and well-behaved child. For parents of children ages 2-11 years. Wednesday, May 25, 7-9 p.m. Lipa Green Centre.

When You Are About to Separate: What to Tell the Kids – workshop for parents about to separate or in the early stages of separation. How and when to tell the children, handling moving day and meeting your child's needs. Thursday, May 26, Promenade Mall, Suite 3313, 6:30-9 p.m.

FOR SENIORS

Bernard Betel Centre. 416-225-2112.

Tuesday, May 24. Lecture – "Georges Bizet's Passion: *Carmen.*" **Myriam Shechter.** 10-11:30 a.m. $3 members, $6 non-members.

Wednesday, May 25. North York Concert Orchestra. 7:30-8:30 p.m. $5. Call **Ruth Cohen,** ext. 105. Registration at reception.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. (55+) **Valerie** 416-395-7881.

Special offer: 1/2 price for membership. Casino Rama, Wednesday, June 15. Sunday dance, June 26, 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, ongoing acrylic art classes, 10 a.m.-noon. Thursdays, line dancing, 10 a.m. Social bridge 12:30 p.m. Seniors woodworking, skilled craftsmen, repairs, etc. Call 416-630-6487.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m., Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell, 416-630-9444.

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday afternoon socials. Bridge, mah-jong, Rummikub. Refreshments $2. Call **Pearl**, 416-635-6317, or **Marcia**, 416-932-1229.

Miles Nadal JCC Active Seniors. 416-924-6211. Co-ordinator **Phyllis**, ext. 155. Computer course – beyond the basics, Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m., 8 weeks, $70. MNJCC Active Seniors Choir (55+) Tuesdays, 1-2:30 p.m. $3 drop-in fee.

Baycrest BRAVO Study – Can volunteering help with healthy aging? Baycrest is conducting a research study to measure the effect of doing volunteer work on the cognitive, physical and emotional health of retired volunteers. Individuals aged 55 or older, not working and not in another formal volunteer position (informal volunteer roles such as family caregiving are OK) and willing to contribute 3 volunteer hours per week at Baycrest over a 12-month period are invited to participate. For more information, contact the Baycrest Volunteer Office, 416-785-2500, ext. 2572, or e-mail bravo@baycrest.org.

PROSSERMAN JCC

Sherman Campus, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-638-1881, www.prossermanjcc.com. Current events, with **Peter Diamant**. Thursdays, 12:45-2:15 p.m.

International and Israeli folk dance, with **Teme** and **Sandy**. Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.

Senior social art, with **Lil Goldman**. Mondays, 1-3 p.m.

Conversations about conversion, Thursdays 7:30-9 p.m., until June 2. Explores the history, challenges and rewards of conversion, family, ethnicity and community. Come and speak freely, ask, learn and share in a safe environment.

Beginners Reading Hebrew – Taste of the Prayerbook and Beginners Conversational Hebrew start early May.

Next prenatal session run by an experienced nurse from Mt. Sinai Hospital, July 10 and 17. Space limited to 12 couples.

MILES NADAL JCC

750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211, www.mnjcc.org.

The Gallery in the Miles Nadal JCC presents *Pictures of Resistance: The Wartime Photographs of Jewish Partisan Faye Schulman.* Until May 31.

Spring ulpan for beginners, Tuesdays and Thursdays until May 26. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

"Life and Times of Yiddish." Until May 26. Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

Support group for adult children of Holocaust survivors – a joint program with Baycrest. For more information, contact **Harriet Wichin** (MNjcc) harrietw@mnjcc.org, or **Shoshana Yaakobi** (Baycrest) 416-785-2500, ext. 2271, or syaakobi@baycrest.org.

What's New is now online. You can find it at cjnews.com

JF&CS OPENS NEW BRANCH: Jewish Family and Child's new downtown branch at 35 Madison Ave. was officially opened May 5 at a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Seen from left are Simon Kalkstein, JF&CS mental health services supervisor; Dr. Richard Cummings, executive director; Sharon Shore, board president, and Nurit Adler, branch supervisor.

SINGLES EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 29

Doctor remembered for undercover work

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

In the summer of 1954, Ben Massouda came very close to being killed. Tipped off by a friendly Egyptian official that he was on a "blacklist" and could be arrested at any time, Massouda, his parents and two sisters boarded a flight for London and for freedom.

Two of his cousins were not so lucky. Though he had warned them of the peril, they delayed in making their escape. They were arrested, tortured and eventually hanged as spies by the Egyptian authorities.

All three, history will record, were members of a Jewish underground in Egypt who were implicated in the notorious Lavon affair. Massouda, whose shloshim is being marked this week, was part of the group. He had been working with Israeli military intelligence since the 1948 War of Independence, all the while practising medicine and making friends with the official whose information spared his life.

It didn't have to turn out that way. Born in 1926, Massouda was part of a well-to-do Egyptian family that could afford to send him to medical school. An exceptional student, Massouda finished first in his class, but contrary to precedent in which top students received awards and subsidies, Massouda received nothing. What's more, Jews were singled out and relegated to a special ward in the hospital, Massouda's grandson, Ezra Hahn, recounted.

The antisemitism was such that, when Israel's independence was declared in May 1948, Egyptian mobs rampaged through the Jewish community, trashing homes and killing more than 70 Jews.

"An angry mob shouted death threats as they tried to break into the Massoudas' third-floor apartment," Hahn said. "They blocked the doors with the piano and any heavy items they could find." Egyptian police refused to come to their aid and the family was saved by British soldiers who drove them to safety in an armoured vehicle.

At that time, Massouda, who would go on to a lengthy medical career in Toronto, was approached by his cousins with the suggestion they join an underground to protect Egyptian Jews.

He quickly agreed. "He started by getting money and documents to get young Jews out of Egypt. They felt the situation was deteriorating," Hahn said.

Massouda came into contact with an Israeli agent posing as a British officer, named John Darling. The Egyptians had joined the Arab effort to quash the nascent state of Israel, and Darling had a mission for them. "It's a story that has always stuck in my mind," Hahn said. "They were told the Egyptians were sending a train full of tanks and explosives to the front, near Ashdod, and they had to derail the train."

Darling told the dozen young men that if they were not prepared to die, they should leave the room. Two did, and of the 10 remaining, one was chosen to strap explosives to his body, lie across the track and, as the train approached, detonate the bomb. That was the only option available because Egyptian patrols would have spotted a bomb, Hahn's grandfather told him. The train was disabled as planned.

Massouda continued to work underground right up to the Lavon affair of 1954.

The incident, named after Israel's then-defence minister, Pinchas Lavon, was aimed at disrupting Egypt's growing rapprochement with Britain and the United States. It saw young Egyptian Jews, working with Israeli intelligence, firebomb western targets so that local insurgents would be blamed.

Although no one was killed, Israel was thoroughly embarrassed when its involvement was exposed. What was worse, several of the Egyptian Jews working with Israel were captured, two were hanged and others were jailed and only released in prisoner swaps after the 1967 Six Day War.

Hahn's grandfather was one of the lucky ones, warned by an Egyptian official to leave at once.

Massouda warned his cousins, and within days, he departed with his parents and sisters Vivi and Hosna. Three other sisters left a short time later and two brothers were already living outside Egypt.

However, the two cousins, who delayed their departure, were arrested, tortured and hanged.

"He was always crying when he told us that story," Hahn recalled. "But he was adamant telling them to leave."

From Egypt, Massouda made his way to Boston, where he served as chief resident at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. In 1955, he was summoned by U.S. immigration officials, who had received a letter from the Egyptian president, Gamal Nasser, saying Massouda was not Egyptian.

The letter in effect made him stateless and liable for deportation back to Egypt. An intern working with him got him in touch with the local senator, John Kennedy, who contacted Paul Martin Sr. and asked for help to get him into Canada.

Once in Toronto, Massouda served as chief resident at Mount Sinai Hospital for a time. Later, he worked in his own clinics.

"He was a physician in every sense of the word," Hahn said. "He was compassionate and a brilliant diagnostician."

Hahn recalls his grandfather with pockets full of medication he'd hand to family members to treat their illnesses.

He loved to talk about medicine, and some of it apparently rubbed off on his grandson, who's now attending medical school.

"He was a great influence on me," Hahn said. "[He] was an unbelievable man. Always kind and gentle with a love so true it was palpable. He was a giant in his family, he was a giant of a physician and he was a giant in klal Yisrael."

OBITUARIES
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Chagas,Maria	April 25/11	6101 Bathurst St
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Geffen, Dena	April 27/11	1925 Steeles Ave. E
Rakhrovich, Lidia	April 27/11	5935 Bathurst St
Iablounivskii, Arkadii	April 28/11	Private
Levy, Messod Acher	April 28/11	1101 Steeles Ave.W
Lokiec, Pola	April 28/11	3560 Bathurst St
Marks, Leo David	April 30/11	Private
Kochanowski, Miriam	April 29/11	573 Christie St
Fuksman, Michael	May 2/11	262 Ridley Blvd
Feldman, Joseph	May 3/11	Private
Brooks, Bernard	May 4/11	7 Townsgate Dr
Fromstein, Thelma	May 4/11	133 Torresdale Ave
Brodskaya, Irena	May 5/11	Private
Gruia, Mignon,	May 5/11	550 Cummer Ave
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Prokopetz, Ingeborg	May 6/11	Private
Herrmann, Sally	May 6/11	26 Burbank Dr
Lev-Mor, Amnon	May 7/11	80 Antibes Dr
Dybner, Mikhail	May 6/11	6030 Bathurst St
Pelz, Esther	May 9/11	100 Canyon Ave
Hecht, Moche	May 10/11	11 Townsgate Dr
Zagon, Iren	May 7/11	
Glina, Helen (Chasia)	May 9/11	52 Gordon Rd
Gershgorina, Yevgenia	May 10/11	6250 Bathurst St
Finkelstein, Josef	May 10/11	50 Glen Park Ave
Glikdich, Philip	May 2/11	Private
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Meryl Cole	May 2/11	300 Hidden Trail
Ralph Zeldin	May 2/11	61 Hazelton Avenue
Eva Schwebel	May 5/11	55 Ameer Avenue
Saul Laks	May 5/11	82 Buttonwood Avenue
Helen Gameroff	May 5/11	55 Ameer Avenue
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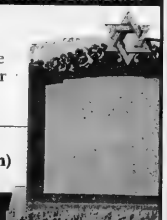

Charity wins at AEPi poker tournament

AEPi almni took part in charity poker tournament last week.

Laura Fixman
Intern

With the Michael Waxman Memorial Poker Tournament, alumni of the Jewish fraternity Alpha Epsilon Pi (AEPi) found a way to honour one of their brothers, who died in 1996, and to bring them together.

The tournament, held on May 12 in Thornhill, raised $1,365, which was donated to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

The fraternity chose to direct funds to the Heart and Stroke Foundation because Waxman died of a heart attack when he was a student. Waxman was also an avid poker player.

There was a $40 buy-in, and about 85 people attended. Poker players who fell below a certain amount of chips could buy-in again for $20. Prizes included golf greens fees, Raptors tickets and a Canon digital camera.

David Burden, vice-president of AEPi's alumni events, said poker is a great way to get alumni interested in reconnecting, and that it was expected to be the most successful event of the year.

The tournament was open to alumni from any AEPi chapter, as well as undergraduates, and was one of the many events the AEPi Toronto Alumni Club has held since forming last year.

With more than 800 alumni in the Toronto area, AEPi is always looking for new ways to get them involved. The fraternity looks to social media as one of its primary ways to stay connected.

"Facebook is a huge thing and so is building a database," Burden said.

He added that social events make it easier for alumni to connect with brothers from other schools or to see brothers they haven't seen in years.

The AEPi Toronto Alumni Club has held several events in the past year, including bar nights and mixers. Ideas for future events include a golf tournament, an art gallery event with wives and girlfriends, and a cigar and Scotch tasting at a brother's home.

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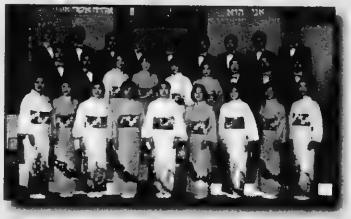

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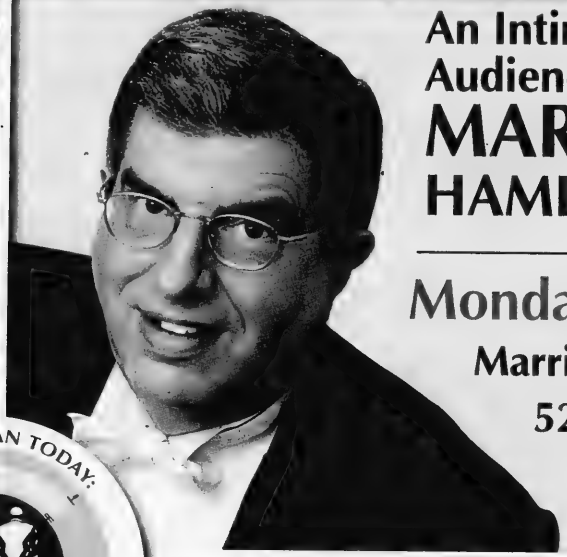

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CUNY flip-flop on Kushner degree spurs wider debate

Ron Kampeas
JTA

WASHINGTON — It was the latest dustup over what constitutes acceptable discourse in the American Jewish community when it comes to Israel.

Except this time the battle wasn't contained within the community, but began at a university board meeting and spilled over onto the front page of the *New York Times*.

When the dust had settled, the City University of New York had reversed its decision to withhold an honorary degree from the Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Tony Kushner over his views on Israel.

What was less clear was what the victory for Kushner and his supporters meant for the pro-Israel wars in America.

"We do not shy away from the difficult, the unpopular, the mysterious," Matthew Goldstein, CUNY's chancellor, said at the meeting last week that reversed the earlier decision to deny Kushner the degree. "Rather, these are the areas that most deserve our careful scholarly attention and our deepest humanity."

The university's original decision to drop the honorary degree for Kushner from its John Jay College came at the behest of Jeffrey Wiesenfeld, a CUNY trustee who served as an aide to Republican George Pataki when he was the governor of New York. Wiesenfeld argued at a CUNY board meeting that Kushner's harsh views on Israel placed him out of the bounds of acceptable discourse.

After last week's reversal, Kushner and his supporters said it was a victory showing that one can criticize Israel and still accrue mainstream recognition, such as honorary degrees.

"We're in a different place in this country on our understanding of the crisis in the Middle East," Kushner said in a talk at the Public Theater on May 8 after reports surfaced that he was being restored to the list of honorary degree recipients at CUNY.

Tony Kushner

What Wiesenfeld "wanted to happen, which was a rally to this ring of a bell, didn't happen – quite the contrary," Kushner said, in remarks first reported by Tablet.

Kushner's critics said it was par for the course for American universities tainted by anti-Israel bias.

In an editorial, the *Wall Street Journal* said the episode showed how bias against Israel is endemic among some in the academic world.

"Mr. Wiesenfeld's 'mistake' was not appreciating that hostility to Israel has become such a deeply embedded principle of the modern academy that objecting to it earns you denunciation as a censor and philistine," the newspaper's editorialists wrote.

Wiesenfeld said in subsequent interviews that at the CUNY board meeting, he merely wanted to note his dissent from awarding Kushner the honour, and that he was surprised when his speech persuaded the board to table the degree.

In a recording of the May 2 meeting available on CUNY's website, Wiesenfeld said he was making his views known "even if I am the lone dissenter."

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'I can't think of a dumber academic action,' says Koch

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At that meeting, Wiesenfeld said Kushner was associated with a group, Jewish Voice for Peace, that advocates boycotting Israel, and that Kushner said that "ethnic cleansing" was used in the founding of Israel and Israel's founding was a disaster.

In a letter to the CUNY board two days later, Kushner demanded an apology and said he should have been given the right to defend himself.

While he has "questions and reservations regarding the founding of the State of Israel," Kushner wrote in the letter, "My opinion about the wisdom of the creation of a Jewish state has never been expressed in any form without a strong statement of support for Israel's right to exist, and my ardent wish that it continue to do so, something Mr. Wiesenfeld conveniently left out of his remarks."

Kushner wrote that his view that ethnic cleansing was used in creating the State of Israel was based largely on the work of Israeli historian Benny Morris. However, Morris also has said that the policy of removing local Arabs from their homes was not a national one, but one instigated by some military commanders on an ad hoc basis and rejected by others.

Ed Koch

Finally, although he is indeed affiliated with Jewish Voice for Peace, Kushner said, he is on the record rejecting its boycott strategy. However, Kushner has expressed his support for the Israeli artists who boycotted the theatre in the Jewish West Bank city of Ariel, saying he and others "stand with them."

"I believe I am owed an apology for the careless way in which my name and reputation were handled at your meeting," Kushner wrote.

But Alex Safian, the deputy director of the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America, which for years has tracked Kushner's statements on Israel, said it was fair game to revoke the honorary degree to Kushner based on his record.

"He's free to hold those opinions, but he shouldn't be surprised if they're held against him," Safian told JTA.

But some supporters of Israel said picking through Kushner's past statements was besides the point: as a celebrated playwright, he deserves an honorary degree.

Ed Koch, the former New York City mayor and himself an honorary CUNY laureate this year, went so far as to advise the institution to boot Wiesenfeld.

"I can't think of a dumber academic action," Koch wrote in a letter to the chairman of CUNY's board of trustees, Benno Schmidt. "What does Kushner receiving an award have to do with criticism of the State of Israel? I am a well-known supporter of that nation. What if I were denied an honorary degree because of my strong support for that state? That would make as much sense as denying Mr. Kushner a degree."

Other past CUNY honorees said they would return their degrees if the university did not reverse its decision revoking Kushner for the honoree list.

Matters became further inflamed when Wiesenfeld told a *New York Times* columnist that Kushner's sin was to equate Israelis and Palestinians.

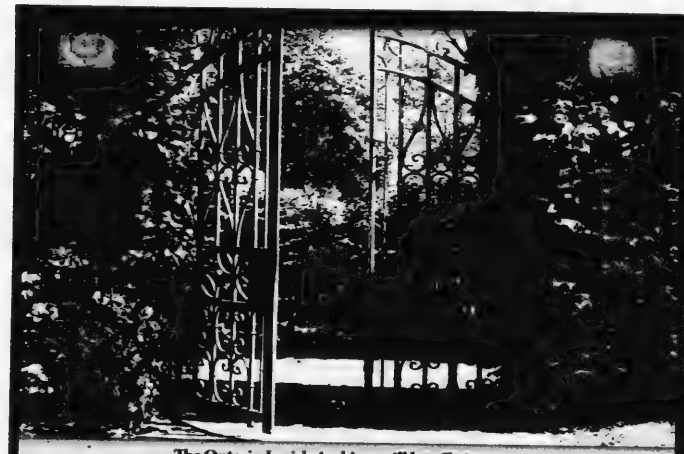
"People who worship death for their children are not human," he said.

Jeremy Ben-Ami, who founded J Street, a group that advocates an intensified peace process and that does not shy from criticizing Israel or the Palestinians, said the lesson here for the Jewish community is that Wiesenfeld's tactics, which may have a measure of success in Jewish circles, make no sense in the wider world.

"This same guy doing this kind of stuff in a Jewish institution would have succeeded," he said, noting successful efforts across the country to limit the plays or movies that Jewish community centres may stage. "You try to do this in the real world and people will think you're nuts."

Wiesenfeld, who has two years left on his term on CUNY's board, has resisted calls for his resignation.

Ron Kampeas is JTA's Washington bureau chief.



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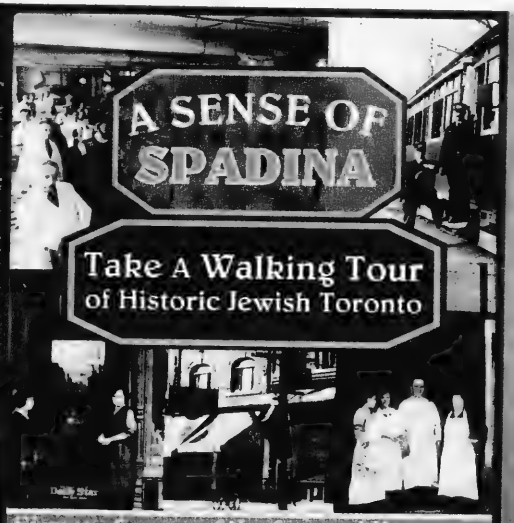
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Centre has 'potential to build understanding'

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In a joint interview with Najman, Tanenbaum said he was "incredibly excited about the potential to work with Hindy... and [that] the impact that could have on Jewish education in Toronto and Canada was very tangible to me."

Two years ago, when Tanenbaum met Najman for the first time and learned of her "road map" for, as she puts it, "getting a very good program mobilized to be one of the best in the world," he "immediately became enamoured" with her vision and commitment, he said. In particular, he noted her plan to integrate the Jewish studies program across university departments and faculties.

He also noted the support the centre has received from the New York-based Tikvah Fund, which recently committed to a third year for a total of $800,000. Najman told *The CJN* she feels very inspired by Tikvah Fund president Roger Hertog's confidence.

The university's Jewish studies centre dates back to 1967 and has been supported by other philanthropists in the Jewish community, including Tanenbaum's grandmother, Anne. Early supporters of Jewish studies at U of T "imagined much of this and started to put the building blocks in place," Tanenbaum said, referring to aspects such as endowed lectures and visiting professorships.

The centre has 65 faculty members and 2,300 students (approximately 60 percent of whom are not Jewish), enrolled in more than 100 Jewish studies courses. Of those, 50 are pursuing undergraduate majors and minors in Jewish studies, and 70 are working on MA or PhD degrees.

In the past year, the centre's undergraduate program has grown by 50 per cent, and its graduate program has more than 10 times the number of students it did three years ago – only six at the time, and 73 now, Najman noted.

Recently, the centre, which was upgraded from a "program" shortly before Najman became director, joined forces with the university's faculty of law to create a collaborative master's program. As well, Jewish studies collaborates with 21 departments and centres in the faculty of arts and science.

Other faculties have expressed interest in collaborating

Other faculties have also expressed interest in collaborating, said Najman, who will be taking a year's leave of absence starting in the fall to teach at Yale University. Jeffrey Kopstein, a professor of political science, will serve as acting director.

Najman said the reason she agreed to take on the directorship three years ago was that she saw the potential of the program. Since then, she added, she's fallen in love with Toronto's Jewish community, and credits it for inspiring her to "build a bridge" between it and the centre, a metaphor she attributes to Tanenbaum.

A native of New York who taught at Notre Dame University before she was recruited by U of T, Najman feels she's been "embraced as an outsider" by lay and professional leaders and community members of all denominations. She said she's spent a lot of time at Jewish high schools, "explaining why we should aspire to send our children to the best universities in the world – it's not just about U of T... and why Jewish studies has to continue beyond Hebrew school, beyond Grade 8, beyond Grade 12. One can't stop at 12 or 18 and imagine you have a sophisticated model of how to be a Jew in the world."

As well, referring to a broader context beyond the Jewish community, Tanenbaum said that U of T, with a student population of 72,000, is "a beacon of multiculturalism and pluralism... We believe that this collaborative model has great potential to build understanding across the university... We must teach the students that cross the U of T campus every day what Jewish studies is, what Jewish civilization and culture and history is about, and what Jews have given to western civilization and what we have received."

Najman also believes that the centre will have a further-reaching impact. She believes it will help other Jewish studies centres throughout North America by serving as a "model of collaboration and conversation with the community."

Ted Sokolsky, president of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, said it's part of UJA's philosophy, "especially through our foundation arm, to become a philanthropic broker... and help donors reach their philanthropic dreams." He added that while federation was already involved with the Centre for Jewish Studies, the new project is a Tanenbaum family initiative.

He said that the university "wants to create one of the finest centres of Jewish studies anywhere... and we want to make [Toronto] one of the finest Jewish communities in the Diaspora." Having such a centre "adds a lot to the attractiveness of a Jewish community," Sokolsky explained. It will "get people to continue to move here, keep our young people here over the long period of time, and continue to make the Toronto Jewish community a hub of Jewish education and Jewish culture in the Diaspora."

Najman is passionate about the centre and the changes it is undergoing. "I feel very blessed to have had this opportunity," she said.

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Former U.S. first lady Laura Bush is the keynote speaker at this year's Negev Dinner in Hamilton.

At the May 30 dinner, the Jewish National Fund (JNF) of Hamilton will honour Kevin P. D. Smith for his continuous support for Israel and the Jewish community, as well as for his contributions to the city of Hamilton, Ont.

Smith is the president and CEO of St. Joseph's Health System, one of Canada's largest health sciences networks, and is an associate professor at the De Groote School of Medicine at McMaster University.

All funds raised will go to support a major research and development project in the Arava, a valley in Israel between the Dead Sea and Eilat.

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Laura Bush

A second Negev Dinner will take place on June 5 in London, Ont. At the dinner, London's longest serving mayor, Anne-Marie DeCicco-Best, will be honoured for her unwavering support of the Jewish community and for Israel, along with her many contributions to the community of London.

The keynote speaker at this dinner will be columnist and CBC commentator Rex Murphy. All funds raised will go toward the development of a scenic lookout in the Biriyya Forest, near Safed in Israel.

For more information about the Hamilton dinner, contact F. D. Simkevitz at 905-527-5516 or e-mail fdsimkevitz@jnf.ca.

For information about the London dinner, contact 519-432-2139 or via e-mail at london@jnf.ca.

One Family Fund Gidion Ride to aid terror victims in Israel

Compiled by CJN Staff

The One Family Fund Gidion Ride, which raises funds for terror victims in Israel, is being expanded to other cities across Canada this year, for the first time.

Cyclists will take to the bike paths on Sunday, June 12, for the seventh annual event in the Greater Toronto Area, a 55-kilometre ride that will take place near Stouffville, Ont.

"In the wake of the recent increase in terrorism in Israel, it makes it more imperative for our community to join in solidarity to support terror victims.... That's why we're giving riders all across the country the opportunity to participate this year," says Marilyn Gotfrid, co-chair of the ride with Lisa Stern.

Rides have already been organized for Vancouver, Ottawa and Montreal.

There are prizes for all participants, but the best reason to participate is "to help victims become survivors," says Gila Yefet, of Thornhill, who will be riding with a group of Israeli-Canadians for the first time this year.

Yids on Wheels (Yowies) will be on hand to marshal the GTA ride once again. Yowie member and One Family Fund vice-president Jonny Diamond is riding because "my grandparents and parents taught me that it was important to support Israel. I feel a strong personal connection and want to do what I can to help alleviate the aftermath of terror for so many people."

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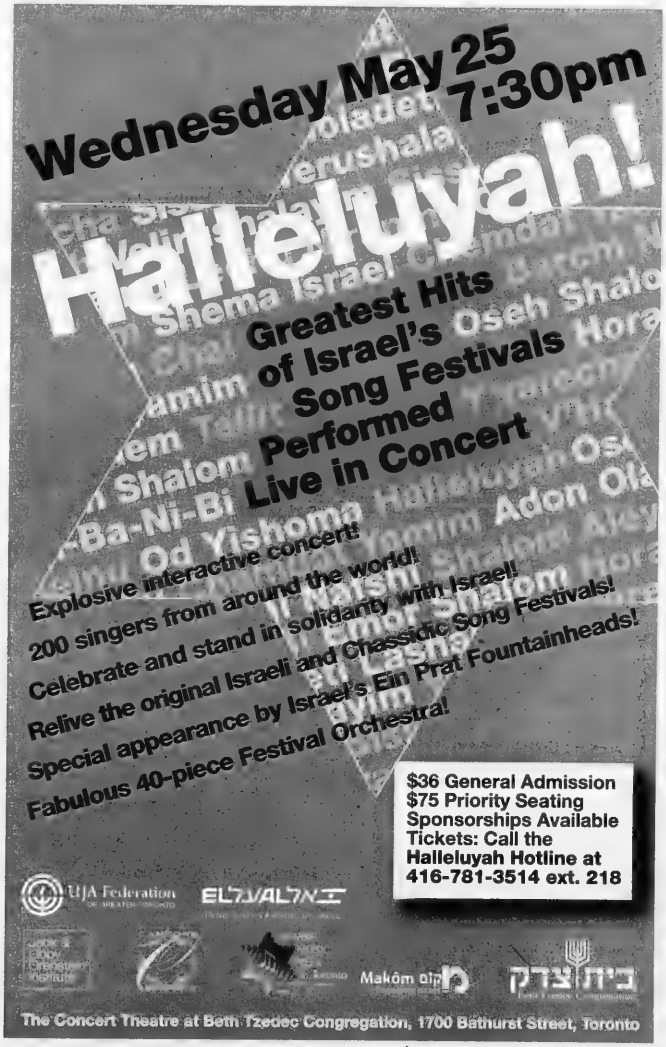

Charest meets 500 young Jews at political 'party'

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL —Premier Jean Charest's eyes lit up when he walked into a room full of hundreds of young people gathered in a swanky night-club setting to party, and shmooze with politicians like him.

Charest was one of more than 30 elected officials, from all levels of government, who accepted the Canadian Jewish Political Affairs Committee's (CJPAC) invitation to its annual Action Party. The event is intended to encourage younger Jews and others who are pro-Israel to become engaged in the political process by first getting to know politicians informally.

This was the third year the event has been held in Montreal and, at close to 500 people, drew its largest crowd ever. A different trendy venue is chosen each year, and this time it was Complexe Dompark, a century-old former textile factory on the Lachine Canal, that has been renovated into commercial lofts.

Stephen Bronfman, right, chats with Premier Jean Charest at CJPAC's Action Party in Montreal.

Participants paid $60 to dress up in "urban chic," enjoy an open bar, food and loud music supplied by a DJ, and meet a politician or two.

"It makes me feel great," Charest told *The CJN*. "This is what we hoping for. It speaks very highly of the community to organize something like this. We want young people to stay and thrive here in Quebec; but we know they are very mobile and can live and work where they want. This is the challenge, and I thank the Jewish community."

At least six of Quebec cabinet ministers were also present including Immigration and Cultural Communities Minster Kathleen Weil and Environment Minister Pierre Arcand.

Among other provincial politicians were Action démocratique du Québec leader Gérard Deltell and Parti Québécois member of the National Assembly Pascal Bérubé, who represents Matane in the Gaspé.

The New Democratic Party may have swept 58 seats in Quebec in this month's federal election, but the only MPs from that party present were deputy leader Thomas Mulcair of Outremont and the new member for Gatineau, Françoise Boivin, as well as Glenn Thibeault who was returned to his Sudbury seat in Ontario.

The Conservatives were represented by John Baird and Christian Paradis, both ministers in the previous Harper government.

Other federal politicians included Liberals Marc Garneau (Westmount-Ville Marie), Justin Trudeau (Papineau) and Irwin Cotler (Mount Royal). Marlene Jennings, the Liberal incumbent who was defeated in Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine, also stopped by.

Three mayors were on hand: Montreal's Gérald Tremblay, Anthony Housefather of Côte St. Luc and William Steinberg of Hampstead, as well as some of their councillors, including the new chair of the Montreal executive committee, Michael Applebaum.

"It's interesting to meet politicians in an informal way," said Jeff Sinsofsky, 35, who works for a national real-estate holding company. "There's normally such a disconnect between politicians and citizens. This helps bring them together, gives us a little face time with people we see in the media."

Sinsofsky decribed himself as not particularly political, but he does vote and tries to follow certain issues.

He thinks that Jewish young adults are probably a little more politically active than average because the community is very small and therefore more organized.

Jessica Sharafi, 29, a product manager at a bank, said she had not yet met any of the politicians present and wasn't sure what she would say to any of them. "It might be a little intimidating to ask a question, it depends where they are from. But this format is great. You can get to know them in a social setting, so it's less intimidating."

The goal of these parties is to get younger Jews politically involved beyond simply voting and reading the news. CJPAC encourages them to become members of or work for the party of their choice at any level, thereby helping to shape policy, including, but not exclusively, related to Israel and other Jewish concerns.

During the last federal election, CJPAC mobilized more than 900 people to volunteer in the campaign and they could be found in all parties and across the country, including many small centres, said Tomer Chervinsky, CJPAC's Toronto-based communications director. That's almost double the number it mustered in the 2008 election, he added.

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Y firebomber to be released from jail

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The man considered to have instigated two firebombing attacks on Jewish institutions in 2006 and 2007 will be released from prison this month.

Omar Bulphred, 25, is due for mandatory release after having served two-thirds of the seven-year sentence in a federal penitentiary he was given in February 2009, after pleading guilty. The 22 months he spent in detention from his arrest in April 2007 until his sentencing counts for double time.

Bulphred was twice turned down for day parole, in 2009 and 2010, because it was thought there was still a risk he would reoffend, and, in fact, he has continued to show a propensity toward violence and criminal thinking while in prison.

Correctional Service Canada did have the exceptional option of recommending to the National Parole Board to keep Bulphred in jail if they believe he is a danger to society, as parole officers still think.

Omar Bulphred

There are conditions on his freedom. He will live in a halfway house full time until his sentence is completed in June 2012, and he'll be required to obtain psychological counselling aimed at learning to control his negative emotions which are said to include aggression and "racial extremism."

He'll also be barred from having access to the Internet because, during the Montreal police investigation, Bulphred was found to have twice searched websites linked to terrorism and bomb-making.

The Algerian-born Bulphred and accomplice Azim Ibragimov, 23 at the time, were arrested soon after the attempted late-night firebombing of the Snowdon YM-YWHA during Passover 2007. A small device made with a propane tank was ignited outside the building, but caused no material damage.

Their first attack, the September before, when a Molotov cocktail was thrown, started a fire in the entrance of the chassidic Skver community's Toldos Yakov Yosef school in Outremont.

The crime, which was caught on a surveillance camera, occurred shortly after the school was vacated by students that evening.

Ibragimov was given a four-year prison term in November 2008. He had 10 months left to serve when he was sentenced.

The pair were also convicted on a third arson count not connected to the Jewish community and for uttering death threats.

The attacks struck fear in the Jewish community, especially because the duo were found during the police investigation to have been inspired by Islamic extremism.

Although neither has been connected to any organized movement, the investigation uncovered two letters in which they claimed the attacks were carried out to further the Islamic jihad. The author spoke of planning other attacks against "the Zionists," as well as against sites not connected to the Jewish community.

The letters suggested the two wanted to avenge the arrests in Toronto in the summer of 2006 of 17 suspects alleged to have been involved in an Islamic terrorist plot.

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MDA paramedic to tell story

Compiled by CJN Staff

Shira Applebaum, honorary top paramedic of Canadian Magen David Adom (MDA) for Israel, will be the guest speaker at a special Limmud Humanitarian evening May 25 at the Prosserman JCC.

Applebaum is the daughter of Devorah and the late David Applebaum, the MDA medical director who was killed along with his daughter Nava in a terror bombing at the Cafe Hillel in Jerusalem on Sept. 9, 2003, the night before Nava's wedding.

A medical student and paramedic with MDA in Israel, Shira Applebaum has provided first aid assistance to victims of terrorist attacks.

At the humanitarian evening, she will talk about her life, the death of her father and her sister, and why she and her siblings are motivated to remain with Magen David Adom and continue their father's legacy.

Limmud is an international charitable organization that promotes Jewish education through various activities and events.

Guelph project aims to boost Jewish education

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Guelph resident Pauline Breitman hopes that the Beth Isaiah Hebrew school reunion and classroom project will raise enough funds to enhance the quality of Jewish education in Guelph.

Breitman, the classroom project's chair, said the goal is to provide the Hebrew school students with a Jewish education that's "more in line with what's enjoyed by students in the larger centres.

"The actual reason we're doing this is to upgrade the present classroom, which has been virtually the same since the 1940s," said Breitman, who has lived in Guelph since 1978 and sent all three of her kids to the Hebrew school that operates out of Beth Isaiah Congregation, Guelph's only synagogue.

There have been recent cosmetic changes to the classroom, such as new carpeting, new desks and a fresh coat of paint, but Breitman said that there also needs to be fundamental changes to the quality of education to ensure that the Jewish children in her community receive the same standard of education Hebrew school students get in larger Jewish communities.

Her grandchildren who live in Toronto have computers at their Hebrew school.

"Here, we just have books," she said.

"We want to add computer programs field trips, speakers and things like that."

Since the 1940s, several hundred children have attended the synagogue's Hebrew school, which runs like an afternoon cheder twice a week. The classes usually accommodated four to eight children.

In addition to appealing to former Hebrew school students for support, Breitman said the other component of this initiative is to hold a Hebrew school reunion at Beth Isaiah on June 12.

Breitman said that once she and her fellow organizers gathered as many addresses of alumni as they could, they sent out letters to the former Hebrew school students to tell them about the project.

"We've had an overwhelming response," she said, adding that they've already raised $11,000 for the Hebrew school.

"We put together an honour roll plaque, which will hang in the synagogue lobby, and this will be a plaque of names of as many alumni as we can possibly find," she said.

"We've already engraved about 120 names... so what we're doing is holding a reunion of the former students and we will dedicate the plaque at that time."

Breitman said they are still looking for former students, and a list of alumni who are unaccounted for can be found on the shul's website, www. guelphsynagogue.ca.

"We're asking people to go to the website to see if they can help us contact them. I'm sure there are others out there."

She said that the refurbished classroom will be dedicated to the late University of Guelph professor and former Beth Isaiah member, Jay Newman, who would have been "very much interested in this type of project."

Breitman added that during the reunion, several alumni from different generations will speak about their experiences as Hebrew school students.

Former Guelph mayor Joe Young, who attended the school in the 1940s, is one of the presenters.

"We're also going to have an open mike and people can come up and reminisce about their Hebrew school experiences," she said.

The congregation, which was founded in 1907, has a membership of nearly 50 families. Located at the corner of Dublin Street South and Surrey Street West, the building was purchased in 1949 and has been the centre of the Guelph Jewish community ever since.

"It's an old community, but it's a small community. However, we have managed to stay alive, whereas many other shuls around us have closed in smaller towns," Breitman said.

Beth Isaiah students in a play in 1982

With the 2009 addition of Cantor Avraham Fisher and his wife, Techiya, as the shul's spiritual leaders, the congregation has continued to evolve to serve its community.

"Women are participating more in the services, as they are called now to the Torah," Breitman said. "[Fisher] sees no halachic reason as far as he's concerned that women can't do that. It has kept some of our younger members interested."

The classroom project is another attempt at keeping the Guelph Jewish community alive and thriving.

"Hopefully, this project will enhance the quality of Jewish education to the point that it will be attractive for people to come. We have to stay current."

Anyone who'd like the attend the reunion or would like more information can visit www.guelphsynagogue.ca. or e-mail classroomproject@guelphsynagogue.ca.

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Israeli immigrants hope to revive community

St. John looking to welcome almost 60 newcomers

Joel Jacobson
Atlantic Correspondent

ST. JOHN, N.B. — The Jewish community of Saint John is trying to turn a corner.

Numbers have fallen in the last couple of decades, causing a vibrant community of 250 families in the 1950s to dwindle to a mere 30 families today. The synagogue that served the community for more than 100 years was sold in 2008 and a new, smaller building was obtained to retain a Jewish spiritual presence and house the Saint John Historical Society Museum.

Now Saint Johners are looking ahead to the arrival of almost 60 newcomers, including 25 children ages one to 14, a number that will more than double the current Jewish population in the New Brunswick port city.

Dan Elman, a life-long active member of the Jewish community, part of a working committee of about 15 men and women, is eagerly anticipating Aug. 30 when the first newcomer family – of 17 who have agreed to emigrate from Israel to Saint John – will arrive.

"We looked back at the early 1900s, when my grandparents and many others like them came to Saint John to start new lives," Elman said.

"It was a successful emigration of these people from eastern Europe who wanted to leave their present home to set up a new life. If they didn't stay in Saint John, it was OK, but many did remain and built Saint John into a vibrant Jewish community. We hope these newcomers will have the same impact and bring Jewish vibrancy back to Saint John."

He said his grandfather, Israel Elman, started a group called Habonim as the welcoming committee for other newcomers. The current committee has retained that name.

"I set up a website [now non-existent] inviting interest in emigrating to Saint John from Israel, and we received a couple of hundred resumes," he recalled of the start of this newcomer program a year or so ago.

"We also had a contact in Israel, lawyer Yigal Ben Zion in Jerusalem, who visited our community and was aware of the provincial nominee program [which allows the province to select and assist skilled immigrants]. He screened people in Israel and helped them fill out forms, etc."

Two groups visited separately for one week in fall 2009 and spring 2010, hosted by the working committee, which held receptions and special events at the synagogue, showed them areas to live, and set up interviews and meetings with Enterprise Saint John to discuss housing and business opportunities. They also made connections with multicultural associations and the newcomers resource centre.

"The role of our support committees within the Jewish community is to help the newcomers settle," Elman said.

Linda Hamburg, Susan Isaacs-Lubin and Lorne Daltrop will assist in housing. Phillip Bloom will guide them to financial institutions. Robert Selby, Herzl Kashetsky and Kate Elman-Wilcott will develop cultural contacts and assist in finding education opportunities for the children, with Elman-Wilcott also coordinating youth programs and activities. Cathy Tait will assist in employment contacts, while Murray Goodman finds recreational programs.

Ruth Koven and Diane Bloom work in transportation, while Lois Bessoudo and Lorie Cohen-Hackett co-ordinate shopping advice and opportunities. Dr. Ricardo Bessoudo and Shelley Cohen-Thorley are assisting with medical contacts, of obvious importance to families with young children.

Elman added: "We have one family already living here, and they came outside this newcomer program. The husband searched the web, discovered a Woodstock, N.B., company needed truckers and would arrange work permits. They came to Saint John to our Jewish community and they've already integrated with us. Both children are in Hebrew school and he is working steadily."

One lawyer from Israel, who will have to earn his certification in Canada, told Elman he'll do anything just to be here, "even shovel snow" until he is able to practise in his profession.

"We told all these people we want them in our community. We said we want you to have our [shul] building. We want to preserve our Jewish history and move ahead and you can help us do that," Elman said.

Most of the newcomers are originally from Russia and the Ukraine. They'll be coming with backgrounds in security, music, engineering, welding, program management, nursing, human resources, translation, pharmacy, sales, and even restaurant development and management. Their English is good, but Elman said most have been studying online to improve their language skills.

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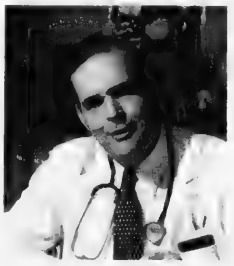
Shaare Zedek to expand with new pediatric ER

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Shaare Zedek Medical Center's director general Dr. Jonathan Halevy was in Toronto earlier this month to present the Jerusalem hospital's latest developments to its Toronto-area supporters.

The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, which raises money to further research, upgrade medical equipment and expand the hospital's facilities, organized a private function during which Halevy informed current and potential foundation members about new innovations and expansions – including a new pediatric emergency room and a new emergency response centre.



Dr. Jonathan Halevy

Halevy, who recently celebrated his 23rd anniversary as the hospital's director general, spoke to *The CJN* enthusiastically about the expansion of the Wilf Children's Hospital.

Currently, the pediatric unit is spread out on the sixth and eighth floors of the main 10-storey hospital.

"We have the largest maternity centre in Israel. We delivered in 2010 over 14,000 babies, and we are forever in need of expansion," Halevy said.

The new centre, which is expected to be completed in 2013, will be built atop an existing outpatient clinic within the 11-acre campus and will create a specialized hospital that brings nearly all aspects of pediatric care together and expands the maternity and neonatal intensive care units.

The children's hospital also now houses an upgraded pediatric emergency room, named after Miriam and Felix Glaubach, which includes triage and trauma units and more than 20 individual stations for treatment and observation.

Shaare Zedek, which celebrates its 110th anniversary this January, has another major project underway to create a "comprehensive emergency preparedness and disaster management centre."

The Dr. Jack Matloff Family Disaster and Emergency Response Center is designed to serve as an urgent care facility for mass casualty incidents as well as a training centre for medical professionals.

Halevy said what makes Shaare Zedek able to respond well to mass casualties, is its "vast and extensive" emergency management plan that was born out of experience with terror attacks in Jerusalem.

"When we go on high alert, when Magen David Adom calls that a bomb detonated, there is a chain reaction and we are well prepared to call the staff in and evacuate the emergency room from existing patients to pre-designed areas. We are able to absorb within a very short time – I'm talking about half an hour or 45 minutes – hundreds of casualties," Halevy said.

The new emergency response centre will be built in an underground facility in the main hospital and accommodate 120 beds.

The first three floors of the main hospital building, which houses operating theatres, an emergency room and a pharmacy, were built below the ground level as a safety measure in the event of war or a terror attack.

The new underground facility "is an additional part where we will evacuate mainly children who are on the upper floors of the hospital in case of a missile attack on Jerusalem," Halevy said, adding that it will also serve as a decontamination centre in the event of chemical warfare.

Despite the new developments, Halevy said there are a number of challenges that come with his role as director general, including the pressure "to keep the hospital at the forefront of medicine, which calls for the recruitment of new people who have the best training."

Halevy added that he also puts much thought into appointing heads of the hospital's departments.

"First, they should be menschlichkeit. They should have personality, empathy. Then we would like the head of the departments to be disciplined, to have managerial skills, to be a researcher and to be a teacher. And my main challenge is to keep our centres of excellence manned with these types of people," he said.

But appointing the best doctors is not enough, he said.

"The second challenge in keeping the hospital in the forefront of medicine... is by buying the equipment, which in medicine ages every four to five years."

He added that establishing cutting-edge research laboratories is another priority.

As the leader of a teaching hospital, Halevy also emphasized the importance of guiding the next generation of doctors and researchers that work at Shaare Zedek.

Since Shaare Zedek doesn't receive financial support from the Israeli government for development and expansion, Halevy spent a week travelling to North American cities to meet with fundraisers and donors on which the hospital relies.

In addition to the Toronto event, Halevy also met with members of American Shaare Zedek foundations in cities including New York and Los Angeles.

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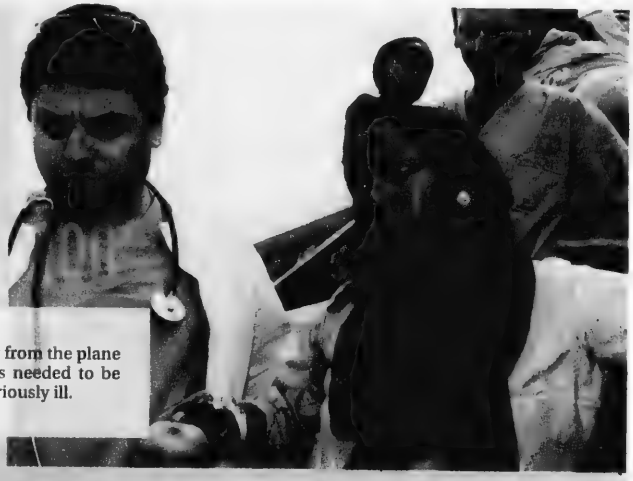

A doctor helps an immigrant from the plane in Israel. Forty Ethiopians needed to be hospitalized but none were seriously ill.

Twentieth anniversary of Operation Solomon

A mother and child at the rest centre near the airport.

In 1991, the sitting Ethiopian government of Mengistu Haile Mariam was close to being toppled by the recent military successes of Eritrean and Tigrean rebels, threatening Ethiopia with dangerous political destabilization. Several Jewish organizations, including the Israeli government, were concerned about the well-being of the sizable population of Jews, known as Beta Israel, living in Ethiopia. Also, the Mengistu regime had made mass emigration difficult for the Beta Israel, and the regime's dwindling power presented an opportunity for Beta Israel who had been wanting to leave for Israel. In the previous year, 1990, the Israeli government and the Israel Defence Forces, aware of Mengistu's worsening political situation, made covert plans to airlift the Beta Israel to Israel. Finally, on Friday, May 24, 1991, within 36 hours, more than 14,000 Jews boarded 34 Israeli aircraft, including Israeli Air Force C-130s and El Al cargo planes, and flew to Israel. Once there, many were reunited with family they hadn't seen for many years. It was the largest emigration of Beta Israel to date.

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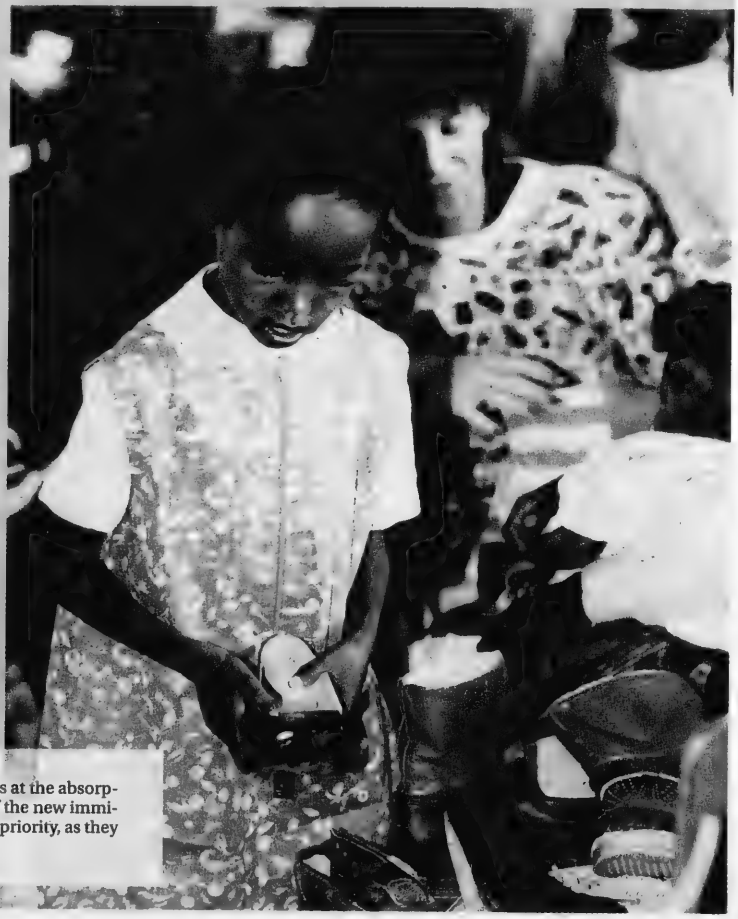
A mother and child on board a bus after arriving in Israel.

Following the successful Operation Solomon came the reality of settling more than 14,000 Ethiopians into the mainstream of Israeli life. Only one day after the historical airlift, Addis Ababa airport in Ethiopia was closed. The 11th-hour rescue of the Ethiopians brought commendation in Israel for the operation's efficiency. Kept secret for the previous six months, the plans were meticulously worked out by the Israeli Air Force and Jewish Agency. It was recognized that in the event of a successful airlift, housing and hostel accommodation would be needed. Prior to the operation, the housing ministry was criticized for keeping new temporary houses empty when other immigrants badly needed the facilities. The ministry had to accept the criticism without being able to explain that the housing had been set aside to accommodate the coming aliyah.

Ethiopian immigrants are seen at the absorption centre, above left, and leaving one of the planes in Israel, above right.

Ethiopian immigrants arrive on one of the 250 buses used to take the immigrants from the airport to the absorption centre.



A girl looks through a pile of shoes at the absorption centre near Netanya. All of the new immigrants were given clothing as a first priority, as they had to leave Ethiopia with nothing.

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Israel shone in airlift

Mordechai Ben-Dat
Editor

HAIFA — "The largest Jewish school in the world, perhaps ever, was in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in 1991," Asaf Agmon told *The CJN* in an exclusive interview in Israel last week

Agmon is the CEO of Israel's Fisher Brothers Institute for Air & Space Strategic Studies – a non-profit organization that receives funding from the Israeli Ministry of Science and works with NASA to bring Israeli experiments into space.

He described the chaotic, tumultuous scene some 20 years ago, in May 1991, in the compound in and surrounding the Israeli Embassy in the capital of Ethiopia.

His was an authoritative description. For he knew it, first-hand, as the commander of the daring overnight rescue mission named Operation Solomon that brought 14,325 Jews from Ethiopia to Israel during a span of merely 36 hours from May 24 to 25.

"At one point there were more than 5,000 Jewish students 'enrolled' in the Jewish school in Addis Ababa," Agmon said.

How they and their parents and grandparents arrived there and why they were there en masse in the Israel Embassy compound is one of the great rescue stories of modern time.

Israel was determined to rescue as many Ethiopian Jews as possible. Indeed the Jewish state had been doing so, in relatively small numbers, as early as the mid-1970s. In the early to mid-'80s, in a more organized but still always clandestine fashion, Israel saved some 10,000 Jews from Ethiopia.

Asaf Agmon

Some of the stories of the rescue of the earlier groups of Ethiopians have been told. Most have not.

The three-to-four-week trek in the desert to get from Ethiopia to Sudan to the secret, rescue departure points, fighting hunger, disease, bandits, soldiers, hot sand, lack of water and fear was the first part of their stories. But there were other dangers, as well.

Agmon knew them all as he also commanded Operation Moses, a series of rescue efforts between November 1981 and April 1983.

Jafar al-Numeiry was then the ruler of Sudan, and for a certain consideration, he agreed to allow Sudanese soil to be used as the port of exit for the Jews of Ethiopia to Israel.

He rescinded his permission once the rescue efforts became the subject of media reports in the West and other Muslim rulers in the region persuaded him to desist in giving the Israelis land and air space to save other Jews.

But Agmon returned to the Horn of Africa in 1991, this time to Ethiopia, where strongman Mengistu Haile Mariam was the ruler. He was in a fight to the death with Eritrean-based rebels who sought to depose him.

For weapons and money, Mengistu agreed to allow Ethiopia's Jews to depart for Israel.

Many of the Jews who had made the journey to Sudan had to find their way to the Israeli Embassy in Addis Ababa. And they did. Other Ethiopian Jews found their way there with the help of Israeli agents. among whom were Jews who had arrived from Ethiopia some years ago.

Nearly 15,000 Jews, in all conditions of health – 5,000 of them children – were corralled together.

But Agmon and his fellow pilots, soldiers and volunteers did not have the luxury of time and leisurely paced, systematically scheduled flights to freedom.

The rebels were quickly closing in on Mengistu. With his overthrow, the Jews would likely be slaughtered.

Thus, Operation Solomon was executed non-stop, through two days and one night until all 14,325 Jews who were in the embassy compound on May 23 were brought to Israel.

Agmon recalled that at the start of the second day of the operation, Mengistu's soldiers who were guarding the compound had started to come uncomfortably close to the Jews still waiting to get on the buses that took them to the planes.

"They were bribed back away from the compound, away from the frightened Jews with as many cigarettes as my pilots could bring me that morning from Israel. It was very close."

Mengistu was deposed the next day.

"As far as I know, there has never been any comparable air rescue operation conducted anywhere by any other country," Agmon said. "In terms of the dangers to the rescuers and to the people being rescued, it stands out in modern history."

Agmon also said, "We don't consider ourselves heroes. It was a privilege to take part in it. We did it as Jews, helping and saving other Jews."

"The rescue was conducted Friday and Saturday. Because Friday is a special day for Muslims, it was quieter for us to operate. But the point I wish to make is that no observant soldiers refused to take part in the operation because of the Shabbat…"

"It was one of the best chapters in the unfolding story of the State of Israel," he said. But he also added that the chapter is not yet complete. There is still a great deal to do.

"The integration of Ethiopian Jews into mainstream Israeli life is a major challenge for Israelis and indeed for Diaspora Jewry, too," he said.

Agmon added that many people who took part in the rescue operations, including himself, volunteer in assisting in the integration of the Ethiopian immigrants, especially in the schools.

Operation Solomon is to be the subject of a ceremony sponsored by the Fisher Institute for Air and Space Strategic Studies on the actual date of the rescue, May 25, at the Israel Air Force Center in Herzliya.

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Demjanjuk found guilty of war crimes

JTA

BERLIN — A Munich court has found John Demjanjuk guilty of war crimes, and sentenced the 91-year-old former Cleveland-area autoworker to five years in prison.

The May 12 verdict came after 93 court days, including deeply affecting testimony from Dutch survivors and their kin, and monologues by Demjanjuk's chief attorney, Ulrich Busch, who claimed his client was just as much a victim of Germany as any Jew.

His attorneys say they will appeal the verdict. Demjanjuk will be free pending the appeal because he was judged not to be a flight risk. An appeal could take a year.

Reacting to the conviction, Jewish leaders worldwide expressed gratitude to the court.

In a statement, Canadian Jewish Congress national president Mark Freiman said the conviction gives "a degree of closure to Holocaust survivors in Canada and around the world and a measure of justice to those who perished."

He added: "The ability of the German court to sift through the evidence and deliver a verdict should encourage other countries, including Canada, to act on the remaining cases and on cases from other, more recent genocides such as in Rwanda and Darfur. The passage of time should not confer immunity from prosecution for such heinous crimes. Now is the time to act."

John Demjanjuk

Stefan Kramer, general secretary of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, told JTA in a telephone interview that "the most important thing is that he was tried and judged and for the last days of his life is confirmed as a perpetrator. How long he is going to serve is secondary."

However, he decried the judge's decision to release Demjanjuk pending appeal.

"The immediate release of Demjanjuk from the prison is a slap in the face to any survivor and the relatives of the victims. He should have served the term at least in a prison," Kramer wrote to JTA. "That's not justice. It is cynicism at the expense of the victims. Absolutely unacceptable."

Demjanjuk, born in Ukraine, was charged with being an accessory to the murder of 27,900 Jews in Sobibor. He was present at nearly every court date, always in a wheelchair or hospital bed. He wore sunglasses, and said virtually nothing for the duration of the trial. In April 2010, Busch read aloud a statement in which Demjanjuk called the trial "torture," relieved only by his care attendants.

Survivor Thomas Blatt, one of the rare escapees from Sobibor, told JTA during the trial that "All the guards [at Sobibor] were murderers... it is enough to prove he was there."

Demjanjuk immigrated to the United States after World War II. He lived in suburban Cleveland from 1952. His later years were spent fighting accusations of involvement in wartime crimes against humanity: he was accused in the early 1980s of being a guard at the Treblinka death camp, but was released from jail in Israel after seven years when another Ukrainian was identified as the guard in question.

The U.S. Justice Department later reported that Demjanjuk was suspected of having been a guard at Sobibor and was liable for deportation because his U.S. citizenship had been granted based on false information. His citizenship was revoked in 2002 and deportation was approved in 2005. He was deported in March 2009.

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Violence erupts in Israel

JTA

JERUSALEM — In the wake of disturbances on Israel's borders that have resulted in as many as 15 deaths, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a national address that he ordered the military to stop the infiltration.

"This is an appeal against the very existence of the State of Israel, which they call a catastrophe," Netanyahu said Sunday evening in Israel, responding to massive Arab protests both inside and outside of Israel for Nakba Day – the day Arabs mark the "catastrophe" of Israel's birth on May 15, 1948.

"We hope the calm and quiet will quickly return, but let nobody be mistaken, we are determined to defend our borders and sovereignty," Netanyahu said.

Hundreds of Arabs from Syria stormed across the border into Israel on Sunday, prompting Israeli troops to respond with live fire killing up to four people, according to reports. By Sunday evening, most of the infiltrators had been rounded up and returned to Syria.

Some of the Syrian infiltrators told Israeli media that they wanted to be granted asylum to live in Israel, calling it safer than living in the current uprising against the Syrian government. Others said they were there to liberate the Golan Heights from Israel.

The incident, which marked the first major eruption of violence along the border in decades, came on the same day that an Israeli Arab rammed a truck into pedestrians in Tel Aviv, killing one man and injuring a dozen people.

Elsewhere around Israel and the West Bank, thousands of Palestinians protested to mark Nakba Day.

The number of Arabs from Syria who breached the border on the Golan Heights was estimated at up to 400. The Israel Defence Forces declared the area of Majdal Shams, a Druze town near Mount Hermon, a closed military zone as Israeli troops tried to round up those who had infiltrated the border.

Israeli troops also fired on Palestinian protesters who approached Israel's border with Gaza, wounding several teens, according to reports.

In Lebanon, thousands of Arabs reportedly converged on Israel's border to demonstrate, but they were pushed back when the Lebanese army fired warning shots into the air. Israeli soldiers also reportedly shot in the air and at the feet of Lebanese demonstrators.

Up to 10 Lebanese demonstrators were killed in the incident, with most believed to have been killed by the Lebanese army, according to reports.

At least 10 Israeli troops were injured in the incidents on the Syrian and Lebanese borders.

Meanwhile, Israeli law enforcement officials in Tel Aviv said Sunday morning's truck rampage there appeared to be a terrorist attack. The 22-year-old man from the Israeli Arab village of Kafr Kassem who drove into cars and pedestrians on a busy thoroughfare reportedly told police that his tire had exploded, causing him to lose control of his truck.

In Jerusalem, Palestinian demonstrators also reportedly threw firebombs at Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus in Jerusalem.

The violence came two days after a Palestinian teen was killed during a protest in eastern Jerusalem. The boy may have been shot by a security guard for several Jewish families who live in the area.

Hamas' prime minister in the Gaza Strip, Ismail Haniyeh, told thousands of Muslim worshippers in a mosque Sunday morning that Nakba Day should be observed this year "with great hope of bringing to an end the Zionist project in Palestine."

Haniyeh made the remarks less than a week after his Islamist party and the Fatah party of Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas reconciled and announced plans to form a unity government in the coming weeks.

"This is the first year crowds will march to Palestinian borders, annulling the old saying that elderly people die and younger generations forget the past," Haniyeh told the crowd, according to the Ma'an Palestinian news service.

In a nationally televised address, Abbas said of the dead protesters, "Their blood will not go to waste. Their blood was spilled for the freedom of our Palestinian people and for its rights."

Netanyahu, speaking at the weekly cabinet meeting Sunday morning, said he "regrets" that there are extremists among Israeli Arabs and in neighbouring countries "who have turned the day on which the State of Israel was established into a day of incitement, violence and rage. There is no place for this, for denying the existence of the State of Israel. "

Arab demonstrators approach the village of Majdal Shams in the Golan Heights. ***[Flash90 photo]***

Country on alert following clashes

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The Israel Defence Forces said on Monday that Israel's frontiers are quiet after a violent day of border breaches, though security forces remained on alert for more violence.

Police arrested an unarmed man Monday from Syria who tried to make his way out of the Golan Heights into central Israel.

Police spokesperson Micky Rosenfeld said the man was stopped in a taxi driven by a Palestinian from east Jerusalem at the exit of the Golan village of Majdal Shams.

Israeli security forces fear that Sunday's Nakba Day events may be a model for additional violence aimed at Israel and may trigger further protests for Palestinian refugees.

Rosenfeld said police carried out house-to-house searches in Majdal Shams all night looking for some of the hundreds of people from Syria who burst through a border fence into the village Sunday.

Other Arab protesters marched on Israel's borders with Lebanon and Gaza.

The protests sparked clashes that killed at least 15 people.

On Sunday, two demonstrators were killed in clashes near Majdal Shams on the Syrian border and from three to 10 people were killed in Maroun a-Ras on the Lebanese border.

The IDF said that the incidents clearly bore Iran's fingerprints.

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Complaint lodged with UN

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The Israeli delegation to the United Nations announced Monday that it will file a complaint with the UN Security Council against Syria and Lebanon regarding Sunday's Naqba Day border clashes, Army Radio reported.

Israel said the two countries violated both international law and UN Security Council resolutions when Naqba Day protesters from Syria and Lebanon clashed with Israel Defence Forces and infiltrated into Israel. Naqba is Arabic for "catastrophe," the word Palestinians use to refer to the establishment of the State of Israel.

Earlier, the Lebanese delegation to the United Nations filed a complaint against Israel after the Lebanese army said 10 people were killed and 112 were wounded in Maroun a-Ras when IDF troops opened fire on demonstrators trying to cross the border.

Beirut officials called on the UN to "denounce this act of violence and Israel's disregard for Lebanese sovereignty and UN resolutions."

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IDF sources said, however, that both IDF and Lebanese forces opened fire to prevent demonstrators from crossing the border.

Changes to Israeli democracy recommended

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

There are 13 political factions or parties represented in Israel's parliament, ranging from Kadimah's 28 to Meretz's lonely caucus of three.

Given the members' fractious nature and the parties' propensity to divide and subdivide into ever tinier groupings, Israel's parliament, or Knesset, has assumed an international reputation for divisiveness and inefficiency. No one has noticed the resulting political instability more than Israelis themselves and recently The Forum for Political Reform in Israel, an Israeli NGO, issued a series of recommendations designed to reform the country's political system.

Arye Carmon

Meir Shamgar, former president of the Israeli Supreme Court, passed the forum's recommendations to Knesset speaker Reuven Rivlin. The recommendations contain 10 specific steps that, if adopted, will help stabilize Israeli democracy and increase its transparency and effectiveness, said academic Arye Carmon.

The forum was established by the Institute for Democracy in Israel (IDI), a think-tank headed by Carmon. It was tasked with examining Israel's democratic shortcomings, comparing the best practices of other parliamentary systems, and coming up with suggestions that would address the country's democratic deficit, Carmon said.

Among the steps urged by the forum are increasing the number of Knesset members to 180 from 120; gradually increasing the minimum threshold for parliamentary representation from two per cent of the vote to four per cent; limiting the number of cabinet ministers to 18, along with six deputy ministers; creating incentives for parties to become more transparent and strengthen internal democratic procedures; establishing taxpayer-funded think-tanks associated with each party to formulate policy and shift away from personality-fixated politics, and allocating half of all Knesset seats to specific constituencies.

Carmon, an educator and Holocaust historian, said Israelis have been considering ways of reforming their political system since at least 1988, when the electoral results led to a political stalemate. Changes adopted then proved disastrous, however. Israel implemented a process by which the prime minister would be elected directly, with a second ballot cast for members of the Knesset. That led to vote splitting and further fragmentation of the Knesset, making it very difficult to govern, Carmon said.

That provision was repealed in 2001, "but the damage from it was very painful and remains to this day."

Prior to 1996, each Israeli governing ruling party had a majority of cabinet posts. Since then, cabinet posts have been doled out to ensure the support of small parties in a coalition government, leading to "instability," Carmon said.

Israel has also suffered from a proliferation of private members' bills far exceeding the norm in any comparable democracy. From 1999 to 2009, "the number of private [members'] bills reached 13,000 and less than four per cent became actual laws," he said.

Further instability and fragmentation comes from the vast number of cabinet posts that coalition governments create. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, whose Likud party has only 27 seats, has created 30 cabinet posts and appointed nine deputy ministers.

His is "the politics of survival," with the result that "quality legislation" suffers, Carmon said.

By gradually raising the threshold for election to the Knesset to four per cent, smaller parties will be encouraged to merge, he continued.

The forum, however, did not advocate changes to the country's system of proportional representation, which allocates seats based on each party's percentage of the vote.

"We grappled with this a long time as to how to balance between proportional representation and efficient government," he said. The forum decided to leave it untouched so as not to disenfranchise wide segments of the population.

As to prospects that any or all of the recommendations will be adopted, Carmon said, "I don't expect it will happen overnight. It's a process that will take place over several [parliamentary] terms."

An organization called Save Israeli Democracy has been established to educate the public and mobilize its support for the reforms, while IDI will continue to lobby politicians to begin making changes to the country's democratic system.

"I hope that in the summer session after Independence Day we pass legislation on how to improve political parties and reduce corruption."

If that transpires, his hope for the winter session is that more steps will be taken.

"We need to show the public a success," Carmon said.

U.S. senators urge PA aid cutoff

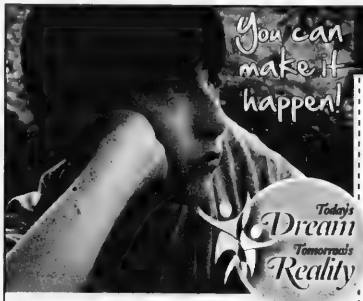
JTA

WASHINGTON — Half the Democratic caucus in the U.S. Senate urged President Barack Obama to suspend assistance to the Palestinian Authority unless Hamas recognizes Israel and renounces terrorism.

"It is imperative for you to make clear to President [Mahmoud] Abbas that Palestinian Authority participation in a unity government with an unreformed Hamas will jeopardize its relationship with the United States, including its receipt of U.S. aid," said the letter sent May 6 to Obama and signed by 27 Democratic senators.

Abbas' Palestinian Authority signed a reconciliation deal with Hamas this month.

The letter from the Democrats notes that U.S. law proscribes assistance to any government that includes Hamas, unless it and its ministers comply with principles laid down by the Quartet, the grouping that includes the United States, Russia, the European Union and the United Nations. Those principles include recognizing Israel and renouncing terrorism. Under that formulation, the Obama administration could have relations with a PA government that has the support of Hamas but does not include its members at cabinet-level positions.



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Israel Briefs

New party meets

The Independence Party, the new party formed by former prime minister Ehud Barak, held its first meeting May 12 in Tel Aviv. Barak, a former Labor Party chairman and currently Israel's defence minister, was elected chairman by the party's 80 members.

Principal wins prize

Karen Tal, principal of the Bialik-Rogozin School in Tel Aviv, received the Charles Bronfman Prize for 2011. The annual prize, which carries a $100,000 award, goes to a young humanitarian whose work is informed by Jewish values and has global impact that can change lives. Tal's school in southern Tel Aviv serves students of foreign workers, Jewish and Arab Israelis of low socio-economic backgrounds, new immigrants from such places as the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia, and refugees from Darfur, Sudan, Eritrea and other countries. The Morocco-born Tal, 46, became principal of Bialik-Rogozin in 2005.

Israel Prizes Awarded

Ten Israelis received the Israel Prize, the country's highest honour, on May 11 during the ceremony held annually at the close of Israeli Independence Day. Lifetime achievement awards went to Hulda Gurvitaz and Eli Elaluf. This year's other recipients were aeronautics industry leader David Hariri in the engineering category; Tel-Aviv University's Prof. Yosef Shilo, life studies; sculptor and painter Yaakov Dorchin, art; TAU's Prof. Michael Schwartz, Israel studies; composer Noam Sheriff, music; Bar-Ilan University Prof. Pnina Klein, education; Hebrew University Prof. Ruth Gavison, law, and Maccabi Tel Aviv chairman Shimon Mizrachi, sports. The prize comes with a cash award of nearly $22,000.

Syria pulls UNHRC bid

Syria pulled its bid for a spot on the UN Human Rights Council. Its withdrawal May 11 came as western nations are working to convince the UN Security Council to condemn Syrian President Bashar Assad's violent campaign to stifle opposition to the Syrian government. Kuwait was named to replace Syria on the uncontested May 20 ballot for the Asian bloc on the 47-member council.

With files from JTA

Italy will not recognize unilateral Palestinian state, Berlusconi says

JTA

ROME — Italy will never recognize a unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state, Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said.

Berlusconi at a celebration of Israel's 63rd birthday praised the Jewish state as the only democracy in the Middle East. He was the guest of honour May 11 at an Israeli Independence Day reception hosted by Israeli Ambassador Gideon Meir.

"No, absolutely not," he was quoted as telling reporters when asked whether Italy would recognize a unilaterally declared Palestinian state.

"I think that there is no other course other than an agreement between the two states," Berlusconi added. "Our policy has always gone in this direction, and it is also the policy of the European Union."

During a speech, Berlusconi said Israel is "the only real democracy in the Middle East, and Italy is concerned there are difficult situations for Jews. There can be no solution for your people and your state but peace with your neighbour Palestine."

During the reception, Berlusconi helped cut a large birthday cake frosted with the image of the Israeli flag. He also strongly reiterated Italy's support for the Jewish state.

Italian President Giorgio Napolitano is scheduled to make a visit to Israel this month, and Israeli President Shimon Peres will come to Italy in June.

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi is seen meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last year in Jerusalem.

[Israel Sun file photo]

Group sues on behalf of Canadian Orthodox convert

JTA

JERUSALEM — An Orthodox advocacy group has filed a lawsuit in Israel's Supreme Court against the Interior Ministry, demanding that it recognize all Orthodox conversions – and particularly that of a recent immigrant from Canada – performed abroad for the purposes of aliyah.

The Jerusalem-based ITIM, the Jewish Life Information Center, filed the lawsuit May 12. It argues that individuals who underwent Orthodox conversions in recognized communities outside of Israel should be granted citizenship in Israel under the Law of Return.

The lawsuit was also filed on behalf of Tomas Dohlan, a Canadian man who completed an Orthodox conversion in February 2010 and was denied Israeli citizenship. Dohlan, his wife and four children arrived in Israel four months ago. Dohlan's wife is an Israeli citizen.

In 1988, the Israeli Supreme Court ruled that individuals who underwent conversions in "recognized" communities around the world would be eligible for aliyah under the Law of Return. However, the Interior Ministry consults with Israel's chief rabbinate to determine which communities are "recognized." When a convert presents an aliyah application, the ministry relies on the leadership of the denominations to determine eligibility. The Conservative and Reform communities are centralized and vouch for their converts.

Since Orthodox Judaism does not have a centralized leadership, the ministry has determined that Israel's chief rabbi is the leader of Orthodoxy around the world. The chief rabbinate now only recognizes conversions performed by about 50 Orthodox rabbis in North America, but there are more than 2,000 Orthodox rabbis in North America.

Since March, 20 converts have approached ITIM who were denied aliyah because they converted Orthodox, according to Rabbi Seth Farber, director of ITIM.

"An anomalous situation has been created where Orthodox converts are being discriminated against," Rabbi Farber said. "Unfortunately, only by going to the Supreme Court can we protect converts."

"This situation cannot continue," he added.

The Chief Rabbinate and ITIM reached an agreement this month under which the rabbinate will recognize all conversions conferred under the auspices of official Israeli conversion programs, including the military, which are all Orthodox.

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Clothing company markets, edgy, in-your-face items

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

"It's a cutthroat industry," the model opines as she gives the middle finger salute. Although the attractive blonde with the flowing locks is not actually verbally denigrating "the industry," her T-shirt is.

With lettering of faux-blood, dripping as if still wet and alternating between red and black, the shirt – along with the curious omission of wearing any pants that day – makes it clear she is all about attitude and making a statement.

And she's not alone. On the website of a company that goes by the name Milly Millionaire, a section titled We are Young is devoted to a trio of skateboarding hipsters displaying "MM" tees and muscle shirts. One sleeveless item is worn by a dude with the obligatory backward-facing hat and another by a female model for whom, apparently, smiling to the camera is forbidden.

Then there's the other model, with the blue "rockin' the scene, killin' the show 24/7" T and the guy with what looks like his grandfather's hat, wearing the eponymous Milly Millionaire T-shirt, looking cool, edgy and... wait a minute, if my jaded middle-aged eyes don't deceive, isn't that Milly Millionaire himself?

As a matter of fact, it is him participating in the photo shoot and showing off the merchandise he has been marketing for well over a year now. The "Milly" behind Milly Millionaire is actually Daniel Milstein, a 24-year-old entrepreneur and creative force who conceived of the company two years ago and began marketing the apparel last year.

"It was something I always wanted to do, design clothing," he said over coffee at an uptown cafe.

As owner and executive designer of his own business, designing shirts gives him an outlet for his creative juices. So far, making a business of it has been a relative success, though sales are modest and the enterprise remains in its very early stages. In his first run, he marketed 2,000 T-shirts and a second run, expected shortly, will see a similar number produced. Milstein is taking a cautious approach to the business. Most of the clothing is sold online, but he also markets them at booths at various concerts and music events. "They were featured at the 2010 Teen Choice Awards" in Los Angeles and he sold them at the Vans Warped Tour – a music and extreme sports event – in Toronto last year as well.

Music and clothing are common denominators in Milstein's description of the process that got him into the business. "I have a background in music and with artists," he explained. "I was working with musicians and artists and clothing was always something I wanted to get into."

After brainstorming with artist friends a couple of years ago, he settled on the idea of marketing bold T-shirts that he would design himself. "The idea behind the clothing line was to cater to the music community and to artists," he said.

"The market I catered to is one I'm very familiar with. I knew the kind of products they were looking for."

Describing the shirts, he calls them, in turn "colourful, intriguing, in your face, edgy, different."

The shirts themselves are manufactured in the United States and printed in Canada, with the help of contacts he's developed over the years. He still consults with friends in the artistic community who help him with ideas and designs. He's at the stage where they still don't expect to get paid.

Recording artist Nicki Minaj shows off a Milly Millionaire shirt.

"What I'm most proud of is that I never used big loans or investors," he said. "I put in my own money and I still do.

"I wanted it to grow organically," he continued, although he acknowledged that "organically" could also be a synonym for "slowly."

This summer, he plans to introduce the products at various tour events and perhaps in some retail outlets downtown.

As the ultimate creative force behind Milly Millionaire, Milstein has had to learn about production costs, marketing and sales. But, "I think the hardest part is keeping up with new trends and giving the people what they want.

"The major priority is the artwork and the creativity. It has to be current, fresh and up to date.

"Right now, the biggest thing I'm working on for 2011 is new designs, to give it a new twist, a different direction in terms of creativity."

Israelis love their beef on Yom Ha'atzmaut

Amiram Cohen and Adi Dovrat-Meseritz
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JERUSALEM — Barbecues are an integral part of the celebration of Independence Day in Israel, and supermarket chains reported a particularly successful holiday with regard to meat sales.

The largest chain, Super-Sol, said meat sales prior to Yom Ha'atzmaut were 50 per cent higher than in an average week. The company said it sold 150,000 kebabs alone in the run-up to the holiday.

The Kimat Hinam chain reported a 15 per cent increase in sales of meat over last year's holiday. The company expects a similar jump in sales for Lag b'Omer, later this month.

Sales of meat were higher at the Rami Levi chain as well, where 14,000 tons of meat went out the door. Tiv Ta'am supermarkets reported a 12 per cent increase in holiday meat sales compared to last year and noted a trend toward the purchase of higher-quality cuts of meat.

Ironically, shortly before the Independence Day holiday, the Agriculture Ministry released comparative data on beef consumption in Israel and other developed countries which showed that Israelis prefer chicken to beef – primarily because it is cheaper, but also because of its generally lower fat content.

Unsurprisingly, Argentina leads the developed world in the annual consumption of beef, the ministry said, at 54 kilograms (119 pounds) per person. Australia comes next at 46 kilograms (101 pounds), followed by the United States at 41 (90 pounds).

Israelis, by contrast, consume only 17 kilograms (37.5 pounds) of beef, the lowest among the countries in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), which represents the world's developed economies. Israel also raises little cattle compared to other OECD countries, primarily because of the lack of grazing land.

The ministry also published guidelines for the purchase of various kinds of meat, recommending that consumers be sure the packaging features a veterinary inspection symbol. Fresh chicken should be pink and not red, and meat should not have an unusual odour. Fresh beef should be reddish and not shiny, and beef should be marbled with fat, making it juicier.

Dark edges are an indication that the beef is drying out. Meat should be defrosted in the refrigerator.

Tzafrir Ginsberg, of the Sheva group, which operates the Papagaio meat restaurant chain, said Israelis are showing an increased preference for fresh meat over frozen.

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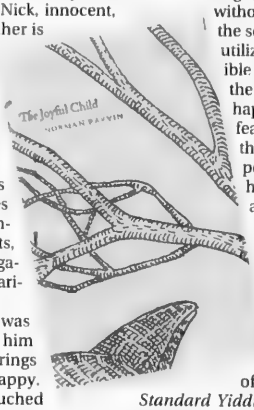
A novel about the ephemeral nature of life

Bill Gladstone
Special to The CJN

At the heart of *The Joyful Child*, the new novel by Norman Ravvin (Gaspereau Press), is a subtle, charming sketch of a father-son relationship. The joyful child of the title is four-year-old Nick, innocent, playful, wide-eyed and curious. His father is Paul, whose life seems to be drifting away from its moorings even as his marriage to his wife, Mary, falls apart. In the centre of the book, Paul takes Nick on the road for a series of what the child happily describes as "adventures."



Emblems of impermanence, such as signposts or rusted-out old automobiles along an old highway, are strewn throughout the story. There are dreamlike quests, ruminations about loss, disappearing vagabond cousins that Paul must find, and various other forms of uprootedness.

"All he [Paul] wanted for his son was solidity. Stability. If he could shield him from his own rootlessness, his wanderings and self-doubt and regret, he'd be happy. The boy, lovely and naive, was still untouched by it all. His own life, Paul knew, had a tumbleweedy quality to it."

The early chapters sketching out the family's domestic life are essentially descriptive without any rising dramatic action; not a good recipe for readability. But when Paul and Mary entrust a young woman living in a hippie-style caravan near their home to babysit Nick, and she is late in returning the boy, a vague, looming menace is introduced. The reader is made to consider the horrible possibility, never explicity expressed, that the caravan will be gone and the boy abducted.

But no, this is neither a novel about child abduction nor a marriage gone awry: Mary just seems to disappear without foreshadow or explanation. However, the sense of vague menace continues. Ravvin utilizes a somewhat distant, infrequently visible narrator (a transient friend) leaving open the possibility that something horrible will happen to Paul. (It does.) Perhaps the real fear, too awful to be considered directly, is that something horrible and final will happen to the joyful child – that he will lose his innocence and purity, as he must. So, as in a dream, that possibility must be transmuted into something else.

Despite a minimum of plot and story points, *The Joyful Child* is a subtle, sensitive piece about the ephemeral nature of life and childhood innocence. It is Ravvin's third novel. He is also the author of a much sharper and pointed collection of short stories, *Sex, Skyscrapers and Standard Yiddish*, as well as the non-fiction *Hidden Canada: An Intimate Travelogue.*

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Jewish Public Culture in the Late Russian Empire by Jeffrey Veidlinger (Indiana University Press)

In this non-fiction academic work published in 2010, Veidlinger, an academic at Indiana University, offers a new perspective on the vibrant Yiddish culture that flourished across the Russian Empire in the late 19th and early 20th century.

The period featured many prominent Jewish writers, historians and other cultural figures, including Sholom Aleichem, Mendele Moykher Sforim, Sholem Asch, Y. L. Peretz and Simon Dubnow. It also saw the emergence of many new cultural organizations such as libraries, drama circles, literary clubs, historical societies and even fire brigades.

Veidlinger observes that this "flowering of a grassroots secular culture" in the last years of the Russian Empire allowed Jews to step outside their tradition religious paradigm and to live for today, not just for the "next world," and also to permit a mode of expression within the wider multicultural society.

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A Man in Uniform by Kate Taylor (Doubleday Canada)

Toronto author Kate Taylor studied France's infamous Dreyfus affair at university and found in it "a detective story worthy of le Carré." After featuring elements of the story obliquely in her first novel, *Mme Proust and the Kosher Kitchen*, she decided that it could "form the spine of a second novel." Thus, *A Man in Uniform* was born.

Lawyer Francois Dubon lives in a bourgeois eighth *arrondissement* of Paris when a mysterious widow visits his office, beseeching his help in rescuing her innocent friend, Captain Alfred Dreyfus, who has been wrongfully accused of treason. What follows is a noirish detective novel set in late-19th-century Paris.

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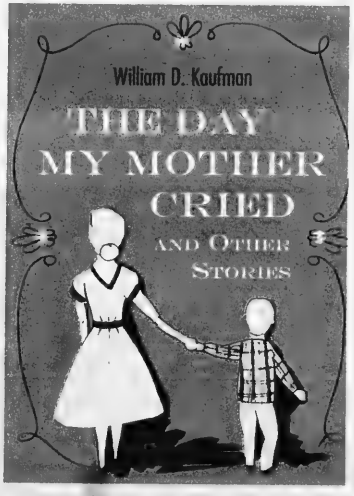
The Day My Mother Cried by William D. Kaufman (Syracuse University Press)

The roughly 30 unadorned first-person tales in this short-story collection seem almost indistinguishable from memoir. Some are set in the author's parents' world in Ukraine, some in his American childhood, some on his international travels.

Kaufman is an inventive craftsman of autobiographical episodes with a distinctly literary bent. For the mature Jewish writer attempting to pen his or her memoirs, *The Day My Mother Cried* is especially recommended as a model of what is possible, using only stuff within easy reach: personal tales that are then minimally burnished or embellished into art.



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By BILL GLADSTONE

HOLY BLOSSOM STAGECRAFT PRESENTS *THE ANGEL CAPONE*

Holy Blossom Temple Stagecraft Company presents the world première of *The Angel Capone*, a comedy by **David Copelin**. Inspired by the playwright's aunt, one of the first professional producers on Broadway, the madcap farce features charismatic gangsters and enchanting showgirls. The cast includes **Esther Arbeid**, **Ron Boyd**, **Susanne Egier**, **Heather Finestone**, **David Fournier**, **Karen Garmaise**, **Ellen Karabanow**, **Judy Malkin**, **Jack Newman** and **Howard Pressburger**. Holy Blossom, 1950 Bathurst St., May 26 and 28 at 7:30 p.m., May 29 at 2 p.m. $18, $15. 416-789-3291, ext. 511, www.holyblossom.org/stagecraft_company.htm

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***To Life* Musical Revue:** After several preview performances, the Jewish musical review *To Life* opens this week at the Jane Mallett Theatre, St. Lawrence Centre, where it runs until May 29. Staged by the Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company, the show is "a joyous celebration of the Jewish life cycle," told through songs of the Jewish musical theatre canon.

The show is directed by **Avery Saltzman**, choreographed by **Tim French**, and features **Patrick Cook**, **Gabi Epstein**, **Charlotte Moor** and **Shawn Wright**. $42.50 to $79.50. 416-366-7723, www.stlc.com

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Names in the News: The Authors at Harbourfront Centre program presents a robust series of book events in May. Authors include **Howard Norman**, who reads from his novel *What Is Left the Daughter* on May 25; and **Emma Ruby-Sachs**, who reads from her debut novel *The Water Man's Daughter*, also on May 25. York Quay Centre, 235 Queens Quay W., 7:30 p.m. $10, free for members and youth. 416-973-4000, readings.org.

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Names in the News II: Cantors visiting Toronto for the Cantors Assembly International Convention will be singing the Canadian and American anthems at the start of the Toronto Blue Jays versus Houston Astros baseball game, Sunday, May 22.

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Musical Theatre

• **Cantor Deborah Staiman** performs *A Day in the Life of Shabbat*, a cabaret of songs about Shabbat in Yiddish and Ladino, presented as part of Jewish Music Week. Free admission, everyone welcome. Kensington Place, 866 Sheppard Ave. W. Friday, May 27, 10:30 a.m. www.singingstudio.ca

• Active Seniors of the Miles Nadal JCC presents *A Yiddish Theatre Enchantment*. Presented as part of Jewish Music Week, the show is a homage to the humour, melodrama and music of the Yiddish theatre of a past age. No need to understand Yiddish; free, no reservations required. With **Cantor Arianne Brown** of Los Angeles and friends. Thursday May 26, 12 to.1 p.m. Al Green Theatre. Phyllis, 416-924-6211, ext. 155.

• The Civic Light Opera Company presents **Cole Porter**'s *Anything Goes*. Fairview Library Theatre, May 18 to June 4. $25. 416-755-1717, www.civiclightoperacompany.com/

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At the Galleries

• Currently on view at the Miles Nadal JCC's Gallery at the J are the wartime photographs of **Faye Schulman**, the only known Jewish partisan to document the World War II partisan experience on film. A free closing program with Schulman and Holocaust scholar **Doris Bergen** takes place Thursday May 26, 7:30 p.m. 416-631-5689.

• *PaintingFlowerLanguage*, a series of 25 large watercolours by **Katherine Dolgy Ludwig**, are on view in the Holy Blossom Pearl Gallery, 1950 Bathurst St., until July 10. 416-789-3291. www.katherinedolgyludwig.com

• Driftwood artist **Jerry Friedman** and other Artists of the Limberlost show their work at the Out of the Woods art show. Art Space, 58 Main St. E., Huntsville, Ont. (Entrance across from River Mill Park Pavilion.) Until May 29. www. artistsofthelimberlost.ca

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Out of Town

• Torontonian **Yuri Dojc** has spent 15 years photographing the crumbling shards that remain from a once-vibrant Jewish culture in his former homeland of Slovakia. He and documentarian **Katya Krausova** have interviewed and photographed many survivors as they chronicled the remains of decaying cemeteries, former synagogues and other remnants of Jewish life. *Last Folio: A Photographic Journey with Yuri Dojc* is on display at New York City's Museum of Jewish Heritage until late summer. www.mjhnyc.org/e_nowonview_folio.html

• Marking its 50th year, the 2011 Israel Festival features three weeks of music, dance and theatre performances throughout Israel, May 23 to June 18. Artists include **Dame Kiri Te Kanawa**, **Merce Cunningham**, and various troupes and individuals from Israel, Germany, Denmark, Chile, Georgia, Japan and other countries. www.israel-festival.org.il

Israeli play showcases old Jerusalem neighbourhood

Yosef Tastassa
Special to The CJN

The classic Israeli play *The Spanish Garden*, or *Bustan Sepharadi*, written by former Israeli president Yitzhak Navon, is being performed in Toronto on May 22 and 23 by Mifgash Theatre.

The company is the only Hebrew-speaking theatre troupe in Toronto and is made up of volunteers aged 10 to 70.

The musical, which was first staged in 1969, is set in the Sephardi Ohel Moshe neighbourhood in Jerusalem of the 1930s.

Ohel Moshe, established in 1882, is one of thea first neighbourhoods that was built outside Jerusalem's Old City walls. The area was named for Moses Montefiore, a 19th-century philantropist who supported Jewish settlements in Palestine.

The play portrays the vibrant life of the neighbourhood's residents. Written in Hebrew and the Spanish-Jewish language of Ladino, it focuses on a Sephardi family and is filled with sacred and secular poetry, anecdotes and humour.

The musical, which won the David's Violin Prize in 1970, has had an impact on the neighbourhood. A park in the Ohel Moshe was officially renamed the Spanish Garden in July 2005.

The play is produced by Tami Berman and directed by Yael Feingold. These two Israeli-Canadian women said it's important to show the Toronto community authentic Israeli culture.

"I wish to thank UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and Schwartz-Reisman Centre, and especially Galya Sarner, the director of federation's Hamifgash program," Berman said.

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The Mifgash Theatre troupe is made up of volunteers.

Ottawa musician is a mentor to Justin Bieber

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

As the guitarist and musical director for 17-year-old pop music phenomenon Justin Bieber, Ottawa-born Dan Kanter has also taken on the roles of mentor and friend.

"He is a great kid, a sweet guy, with a good heart," said 29-year-old Kanter, who spoke to *The CJN* from Melbourne, Australia, where he was on break from Bieber's world tour.

"I definitely mentor him. Even though he's my boss, I compare it to when I was a camp counsellor. He's not just musically impressionable, but even in life, we try to steer him in the right direction."

Kanter displayed a musical talent as a child and then studied piano, drums, bass and guitar. It seemed only a matter of time before he made a name for himself in the music industry.

By the age of 14, Kanter was playing clubs in Ottawa as the lead guitarist of a rock band called Hubris. Four years later – no doubt influenced by his father who directed musicals performed at the local Jewish community centre – Kanter wrote a full-length musical titled *Destiny: The Musical.*

After moving to Toronto in 2000 to pursue a music degree at York University, Kanter continued to build on his experience, eventually touring with up-and-coming artists, including Toronto's Fefe Dobson and Shiloh.

Kanter was well on his way to a promising career in the music biz, but he never imagined how quickly his career would snowball when he joined the "Bieber crew" in 2009.

Two years ago, Bieber was scheduled to perform an acoustic show at MuchMusic in Toronto, and was in need of a second guitarist. Kanter's record label recommended him.

"Right off the bat, we hit it off, and we've been working together ever since," he said.

When Kanter first joined him, Bieber hadn't yet become the household name he is today.

"He had quite the following on YouTube and Twitter, but it wasn't until six months of working with him that he really blew up everywhere," Kanter recalled.

Kanter said that despite Bieber's status as a pop icon, he is still just a "phenomenal, incredibly grounded" teenager from Stratford, Ont., who wants nothing more than to live up to the hype.

"I think he's become a phenomenon so quickly that he feels a lot of personal pressure to live up to it artistically, so he's always trying to be a better singer, a better guitar player, a better drummer, a better songwriter."

Dan Kanter, left, puts the teen idol through some vocal exercises before a show.

Kanter has his own reputation to live up to as the musical director for a tour that has stopped in "pretty much every city that has an arena that can hold at least 20,000 12-year-old girls."

Kanter has a presence not only on stage as Bieber's guitarist, but also behind the scenes, where he works closely with the dancers, the lighting technicians and the concert producers.

"I was always into the music and the show, not just the song, but how the song looks with lighting, dancing, choreography."

Kanter said touring with Bieber has given him so many opportunities to see the world, achieve childhood dreams and even experience moments he himself could never have imagined.

He said one of the best moments of his career came just weeks ago when they performed in Israel.

Coming from someone who has performed in front of millions of people in stadiums, on *Saturday Night Live, The Oprah Winfrey Show,* and the *MTV Video Music Awards,* it must have been a very special moment.

"For me, it was a huge deal to be playing in Israel. We had 40,000 kids in the audience and they don't really get concerts very often," Kanter said.

About an hour before they took to the stage, Kanter was approached by Bieber's manager, Scooter Braun, who is also Jewish, and he suggested that just before the show, Kanter would play "a very Jimmy Hendrix style version of *Hatikvah,*" Israel's national anthem.

"I did it, and it was one of the most special moments of my life. With the kids singing along, right off the bat, it was quite amazing. A moment I'll never forget."

Although it was widely reported that Bieber had a difficult time navigating around Israel because of aggressive paparazzi, Kanter said that he didn't have the same experience because he was touring Israel separately.

As if touring with a pop star isn't eventful enough, Kanter also got married last October to fashion blogger Yael Latner – whom he met seven years ago when they travelled to Israel on a Birthright trip.

Kanter said he never would have anticipated that his wedding would make headlines, but that's just what happened when Bieber not only attended the wedding, but performed during the reception as well.

"Justin really wanted to be there and he wanted to sing. He wanted to sing the song for our first dance, but I told him, 'No offence, our song is not a Justin Bieber song,'" he said with a laugh.

With the tour ending this week in Japan, Kanter said he looks forward to working with Bieber in the future, but also hopes to establish himself as a songwriter and producer.

"Since working with Justin, I got to produce his last album, called *My Worlds Acoustic,* and he and I have been writing for his next record," Kanter said.

"Working with him has opened a lot of doors to write and produce for other artists. I would love to eventually not travel and work out of my studio in Toronto and write for film and TV and pop artists and be a sort of a David Frost type."

Despite his success, Kanter is determined to obtain his master's from York in musicology and is currently working on his thesis.

"I'm going to try to incorporate what I'm doing. I'm going to do it on the process of musical directing a pop show. Hopefully when we have some time off from travelling... I can try to finish my thesis."

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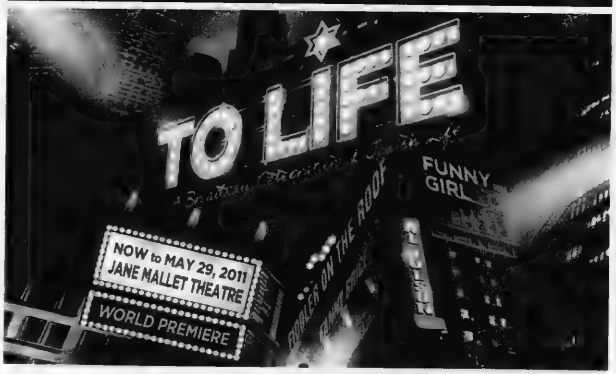

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Jewish music festival to be launched in Toronto

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From Jewish Broadway to Yiddish theatre, from Sephardi beats to liturgical folk music and from Jewish gospel to the Golden Age of Cantors, Toronto will soon be musically enriched.

Jewish Music Week in Toronto: From Bible to Broadway is an inaugural weeklong music festival that will take place from May 22 to 29.

Hosted by Jewish and cultural organizations, synagogues and educational institutions, the festival will celebrate diverse genres of Jewish music, catering to audiences of all ages and musical tastes.

The festival will offer a series of exciting professional concerts, recitals, lectures and musical programs, during the day and evening, at locations in the Toronto area.

Performances will be held at synagogues, hotels, restaurants, seniors residences, universities and local hot spots. Ticket prices vary, with a number of events offering free admission.

Aliza Spiro, award-winning songwriter and wife of Cantor Simon Spiro of Beth Tzedec Congregation, conceived the event. "This is the first time an event of this kind has taken place in Toronto, offering the community such an incredible profusion of professional musical talents and styles."

The festival coincides with the international convention of the Cantors Assembly, taking place in Canada for the first time since its inception 64 years ago.

Aliza Spiro said the Jewish community, as well as the general public, will be exposed to different genres that fall into the category of Jewish music at the festival. They will also be able to see the Jewish influence within types of music that people ordinarily wouldn't classify as Jewish.

"When people think of Jewish music, they usually think of klezmer, cantorial or Israeli. We'll have that, but we'll also have a session on Jewish Broadway, featuring the Jewish songwriters of Tin Pan Alley, from the Gershwins, Jerome Kern, Irving Berlin, to Richard Rodgers, Stephen Sondheim and Leonard Bernstein."

In addition, Spiro said, the festival will offer a session on the Jewish contribution to jazz and a performance of Jewish big band. "These are songs made famous by Jewish big band leaders of the '30s and '40s, including Benny Goodman, Harry James and Artie Shaw."

For even more diversity, the festival will feature a string quartet playing Jewish classical music, a tribute to songwriter Debbie Friedman, who added a new dimension to synagogue prayer through music, and an evening on the Jewish influences of Bob Dylan.

Each night, there will be a major concert, said Spiro. "Sunday night [May 22] is Canadian Jewish Composers, with Toronto's famous Mendelssohn Choir [singing alongside the cantors]. We're introducing the Toronto audience to the cantors, but we're introducing the cantors to Toronto's music scene as well."

On Monday, May 24, Marvin Hamlisch performs. "Marvin is receiving the Cantors Assembly's highest award for his contribution to music and his work within the Jewish community. Marvin will be at the piano, telling anecdotes and premièring his new composition for *Shehecheyanu*, which was written specifically for the Cantors Assembly this year."

OnTuesday, May 24, a choir from Japan, made up of Christian performers who sing in Hebrew to show their support for Israel, appear. Spiro said Wednesday night, May 25, is the highlight event of the week with Halleluyah! Greatest Hits of the Israel and Chassidic Song Festivals.

"It will be a huge concert with a 40-piece orchestra, singers and cantors from around the world, four student choirs from Toronto schools and a special appearance by Israel's hottest new group, the Ein Prat Fountainheads."

This concert will showcase the most beloved songs from 40 years of the hugely popular song festivals. "These songs have become part of the fabric of our musical culture. We hear them on the bimah, we hear them at summer camp, we hear them at school, we hear them at weddings. Plus, I love the fact that, in addition to the cantors and singers from around the world, we have representation from four different Toronto school choirs," Spiro said.

"The consul general of Israel, Amir Gissin, will be appearing, too, and it's a real chance to show solidarity with Israel. We're expecting upwards of 1,500 people in the audience."

On Shabbat, different synagogues in the city will be featuring special musical Friday night services. "Maybe people who don't ordinarily go to shul on Friday night can now go for a new experience."

Spiro said she started promoting Jewish Music Week this past winter with a student art contest in Jewish schools. "The kids of Toronto knew about Jewish Music Week before their parents did. We felt it was important to get children involved in the arts."

With support from Baycrest, Koffler Centre for the Arts, Harold Green Jewish Theatre, Mount Sinai Hospital, Teatron Jewish Theatre, Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, Prosserman Jewish Community Centre, rabbis and synagogues, Spiro can spread her love of Jewish music.

"I think Jewish music needs exposure everywhere. For Jews, it's a way to connect to your Jewish roots, to your personal identity as a Jew and to the Jewish community. For non-Jews, it's important for them to connect to us. Music brings people together, and I think there will be many surprises when people see just how much music can be called Jewish music."

Visit www.jewishmusicweek.com to view the schedule of events and for ticket information.

Performers who cancel their concerts in Israel due to politics are "real wimps," classic rock band Deep Purple's drummer said. Ian Paice made the statement in a *Ha'aretz* story at a news conference ahead of two scheduled concerts in Caesarea last weekend. This was to be the third time Deep Purple toured in Israel. The group performed four concerts in its last visit in 2008. Vocalist Ian Gillen told reporters that musicians should be impartial in political disputes. Band members said they were looking forward to playing in Israel. —*JTA*

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In North America, European handball is one of those games you play in gym class and then forget about after you graduate. It may be loads of fun but somehow, in North America, it never caught on or developed the popularity of basketball or volleyball.

But for a handful of young women, it will be the sport of choice as they pass, dribble and shoot the ball in a girls tournament that will be part of the second Inter-Camp Classic on May 23.

Camp alumni will compete for bragging right in softball tournament

Fifty-two teams, divided largely on the lines of camp affiliation, will take part in the event. Slowpitch softball is the sport of choice for the vast majority, but regardless of the sport, friendly rivalries and raising money for charity are the raison d'etre for the event, said Spencer Hoffman, one of the organizers.

Located at the Poweraid Centre in Brampton, the Inter-Camp Classic is expected to attract some 600 competitors, ranging from high school and university students to older competitors, along with 1,000 spectators.

Hoffman, one of four buddies who pulled the event together, said Ve'ahavta and Kids In Camp will split the funds raised this year. Money raised for Ve'ahavta will go toward the organization's Uganda Spinal Surgery Mission, while the rest of the funds will subsidize families to allow youngsters to attend summer camps.

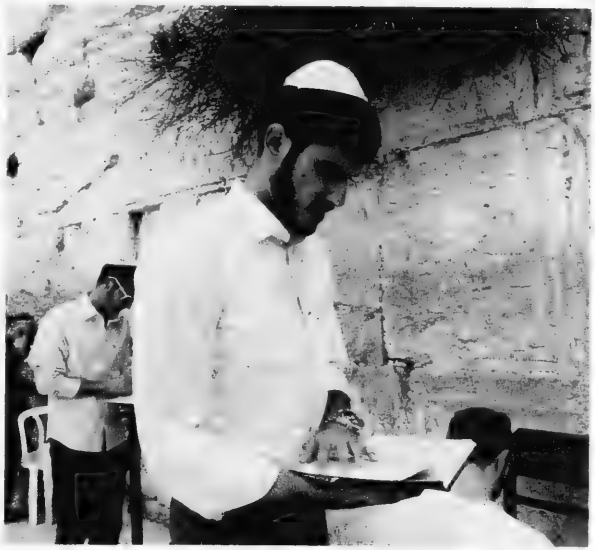
This year's goal is to raise $100,000 – a figure that is well within reach, Hoffman said. Last year, the first time the event was held, $38,000 was raised. The money went toward Project Muso, which helps combat malaria in West Africa, and that sum was matched by former British prime minister Tony Blair.

This year's event is close to double the size of the 2010 Classic, when only 28 teams participated. Each team is asked to ante in $1,200, while funds will also be raised from corporate sponsorships and a silent auction.

Participating teams will represent camps such as Tamarack, Manitou, Timberlane, George, White Pine, Winnebagoe, Wahanowin, Walden, Ramah, Northland, New Moon, as well as Young Judea's Shalom, Solelim, Biluim, and Kadimah camps.

Hoffman, who has been a camper or counsellor at Camp Manitou for 13 years, was joined as event organizer by Josh Howard and Jennie Howard (Camp Tamarack) and Noah Sliwin (Camp Walden).

To remind you about European handball, the sport features teams passing a ball, similar to a volleyball, with the aim of throwing it into the opposition's net. Players may dribble the ball and take no more than three steps with it and must pass or shoot within three seconds.



HOOPS STAR HOME

Israeli Omri Casspi, a six-foot-nine small forward with the Sacramento Kings of the NBA, recently visited the Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City.

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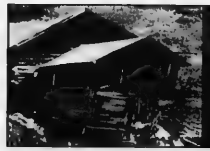

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"Without the personal support, the place given for rehearsals and the generous budget we are getting, none of this could have been feasible."

The circumstances of Berman and Feingold's initial meeting in 2003 illustrate how small the world is. Feingold graduated from the Beit Zvi School of the Performing Arts in Israel in 1977. She moved to Montreal in 1983, and established the the Hebrew Theatre Workshop at the Jewish Public Library in 2000. Berman, on a visit to Montreal, was inspired by an Israeli play directed by Feingold.

In a 2003 letter, an enthusiastic Berman told federation president Ted Sokolsky about her idea to establish a Hebrew-speaking theatre in Toronto. A few months later, Mifgash Theatre was born. "And here we are," Berman said.

Until 2007, the company imported plays and players from their affiliate in Montreal, but since 2008, Mifgash Theatre has recruited more players from the Toronto area.

Berman and Feingold's dream is that the company will perform for many Israeli and Jewish communities throughout North America.

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Actor developed self-confidence despite being bullied as a kid

Cara Edell
Special to The CJN

Thornhill's Brett Rabinowitz is being recognized beyond the community he was born and raised in.

The 27-year-old actor, who goes by the name Brett Ryan, said that he's never been an attention-seeker and being in the spotlight is still a strange feeling for him.

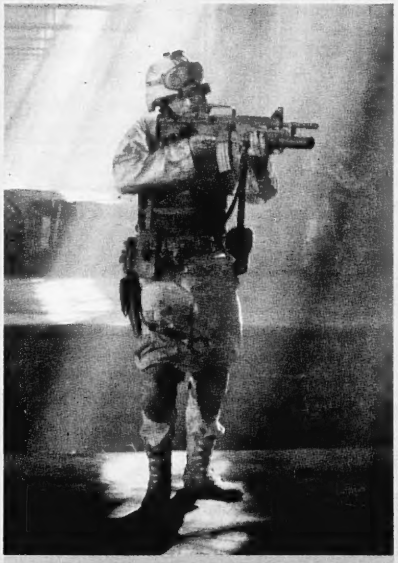
It wasn't until after high school that he had the courage to prove his abilities.

"It all started with a commercial I did for a Colombian soft drink company," said Ryan, who most recently appeared on the hit series *Nikita* and has landed roles on Disney channel's *Life With Derek* and CBC's *Being Erica*.

Ryan said that growing up he was bullied by classmates and turned to movies as an escape.

"As a kid, I was too small to be any good at hockey. I got made fun of a lot growing up. I would go home and watch a movie to forget about it for a while," he said.

"It sounds corny, but movies were kind of like a drug for me. They took me away from my reality for a while. They'd make me feel like anything was possible. The kid who got picked on in school could get the girl or could score the winning goal. It just gave me hope."



Brett Ryan on set of *American Soldiers*

After years of being bullied, Ryan found the self-confidence to go on auditions and face possible rejection.

He hopes that as his career evolves, he might be able to inspire the next generation "to dream" as well.

While starring in movies is his ultimate goal, any form of acting brings him joy.

"Movies are what have always inspired me, but acting for TV is also cool. At the end of the day, the idea of acting is fun for me. I hate waking up early, but if I'm waking up early to go to a set, it's never a problem. There's nowhere else I'd rather be."

Brett Ryan

Ryan said his favourite movies are dramas with a family element or films in the war genre. *Gladiator, Saving Private Ryan, Cinderella Man* and *Life as a House* are a few of his top picks. His ideal role would be "something fatherly or heroic," which explains why he admires actors Russell Crowe and Sean Penn.

For a movie to be ranked high on his list, Ryan said he looks for specific values that are intrinsic in the lead characters.

"The willingness and drive to tackle seemingly insurmountable odds to either achieve their dreams, keep a promise or just simply to be a good husband and father... These are qualities that describe an honourable man."

Ryan said the more he sees movies about strong and respectable men, the more he realizes how rare it is to find people like these today.

"Greed and dishonesty seem to have replaced the former traits. I like stories about this old breed of human being. As a flawed person, it gives me something to strive for within myself."

In films about men in wartime, Ryan said reputation and honour are more important than wealth.

"It's such an inspiring concept that honour is the highest form of glory that one can strive for. A character that finds himself in a situation where these issues are on the line would be my ideal role. If that role happened to be a true story, on top of that criteria, then that would be my dream role."

Next up for Ryan is a role in a TV movie for the USA Network with *NCIS* actor Mark Harmon.

"It's not a huge part, but... I'm looking forward to getting to work with [Mark] and learn from such an experienced actor."

Acting is something Ryan takes seriously, but he's realized there's always room for comedy on set. Pranks are pretty commonplace, and he's been the butt of a few jokes as a fresh face in the business.

He said the best prank that was ever played on him happened in 2005, when he was on the set of *American Soldiers*, a film that takes place during the Iraq war.

"The director decided he wanted me to shoot the grenade launcher on my gun for the first time during filming. We had been trained on how to handle and fire our guns, except I had never been trained on the grenade launcher."

Ryan was pulled aside by the gun wranglers for a quick crash course. He was warned that the launcher "punched a pretty nasty kickback when being fired and that the trigger guard, which had somewhat rough edges to it, could definitely take a little skin off your finger if you aren't holding the gun tight enough."

Ryan was told he wouldn't be able to fire a practice round, so when he shot the first take of the scene, he "jumped up, threw off the safety on the launcher and held on for dear life while pulling the trigger."

A hollow pop sound followed, but there wasn't any kickback at all.

"When I saw the footage from that take, my face was all contorted and I looked like I was constipated!

"That first take was the one they ended up using in the final cut of the film. Luckily, it's a very quick shot so it's tough to see."

Despite his expanding acting resumé, Ryan hasn't been able to avoid the struggling actor cliché of working as a waiter until he reaches a point in his career when he's landing acting gigs more regularly.

"I'm planning my escape," he said, noting that his family and friends are his biggest fans and supporters.

Ryan is going to Los Angeles soon, where he will be making contacts with people in the film industry.

While the trip may open new doors for him, he said exploring the city is his main priority right now.

"My next trip will be later in the summer to nail down representation," he added.

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A posh charity dinner

"I didn't have time to buy them a present. You buy something, and we'll meet there in 20 minutes," I order Meir over the cellphone as the kids and I stroll through our neighbourhood to a posh charity dinner at our new friends' house.

When we arrive, Meir is waiting outside with an amazing chaplet – a floral garland. "Mommy," says my little girl, "didn't the host tell you she was allergic to flowers?" Damn, she did.

"You can't bring them. She'd realize you hadn't paid any attention to her needs." (They study "beginners psychology" at school.)

So I throw the flowers away. As we enter the house, the hostess looks at me agog. "Sorry," I say, "I'll bring you a present next time, or something."

New to Canada

Nina Shenhav

At dinner, the host talks on and on about a charity for poor families that he's establishing. We are served salmon. I love salmon, and I was so busy all day, I hardly ate. As I take the last salmon chunk from the serving plate, I notice my Meir, as well, is eating like there's no tomorrow. Guess he doesn't want to talk much. That's his new tactic with English speakers.

We call it a night, and I'm thinking about the expensive chaplet that I threw away. Looking around outside, I spot it in a garbage can, with leftovers on top of it. While I'm holding the flowers, I see my host looking at me, puzzled (when did he come out?). I throw the flowers back. "Nope, not here! I must have dropped my contact lens somewhere else!" I say.

"But you're wearing your glasses," my girl points out coldly.

The next day, because of all the charity talk, I pack a bag of the girl's old clothing and stuff (yes, including "Josef," her disgusting snake toy), and throw it into the nearest charity box. Naturally, the girl discovers Josef is gone, so we go back to the charity box, and we look for him. I open the bag I thought was mine, to find other stuffed animals we don't even recognize. The ones we do recognize belong to the hosts of the party. There's an awkward moment that is broken only by my girl's happy shout: "Mommy, look, I found this cute stuffed rat! I'm taking it!"

Two days later, we go for Sara's (my dog) night walk, forget to bring a poop bag, and are caught by the hosts as we're digging in someone's trash looking for a spare bag.

The next week, I forget my wallet, and I stand embarrassed in front of a cashier, holding my cup of coffee and promising to pay later, and there are the hosts, watching from the next line.

A week later, we are, surprisingly, invited by them to another charity dinner. This time, we get some leftovers and some pocket money. Life is good.

Except, if any of you find a stuffed animal snake answering to the name Josef, please contact me immediately.

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The CJN's French-language reporter in Montreal, Elias Levy, writes about:

Demographer Charles Shahar, who says it is important that everyone who gets the long form of the census fills it in.

The sixth Israeli Film Festival of Montreal which runs from May 22 to May 31 this year.

Also on the web

Montreal Jewish community remembers Israel's fallen on eve of that country's 63rd birthday.

In recognition of a "transformative" donation, a Jewish community long-term care institution in Montreal has changed its name to the Donald Berman Maimonides Geriatric Centre.

In its 39th year, the March to Jerusalem is returning to its former route through the streets of Montreal and over Mount Royal.

It happened five years ago, but hurricane Katrina has left an inexorable mark on the city of New Orleans, and in particular on the psyche of its residents.

On a tour of New Orleans swamps, a child handles a young alligator before it is returned to the water.
[Jason Aginsky photo]

An open letter to people without friends

"Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falls, for he has not another to help him up" (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10).

It must be so tough not having a friend. I'm sorry you are alone. I am writing this to compel you to try again to find a friend.

Urban Writer

Avrum Rosensweig

Friendship is honey. It is milk. *"Chaver"* (Hebrew for "friend") comes from the Hebrew root meaning "to be joined" or "to unite." The idea and benefits of having friends are so important that *Perkei Avot (Ethics of our Fathers)* lists "cleaving to friends," *dibbuk chaverim*, as one of the 48 virtues needed to acquire Torah.

David and Jonathan in the Book of Samuel set the standard for friendship: "Then Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as his own soul." Ruth swears her allegiance to her friendship with her mother-in-law saying: "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God."

In the ninth book of his *Nicomachean Ethics*, Aristotle says: When man is in good health and prosperous, he enjoys the company of his friends; in time of trouble, he is in need of them; in old age, when his body is weak, he is assisted by them.

I have always had friends. I am blessed. I imagine what it would be like not to and I can't. Our hearts ache. Consider though, some ideas.

Shyness must be your greatest obstacle. Find a place where you can blend in quickly and not be seen until you want to be. Shuls are good for that. Most of our local synagogues are not friendly. I've been visiting a few with my son and am rarely welcomed. You've probably figured this out, but if you go long enough, eventually a good soul will say, "Good Shabbes," and invite you for lunch.

Check out chavrutah programs in the city, places where you can study Torah with a friend. The Talmud says, "I have learned much from my teachers, but from my friends more than my teachers."

Attend lectures or art or writing classes. Start a Jewish friendship page on Facebook. E-friends are great because they allow for a an easing in of familiarity. Start a blog called "looking for friendship."

Volunteer. You'd be surprised who you might meet delivering Shabbat food to people in need. Adopt a senior. Some of my richest friendships have been with octogenarians. Friendship has no age.

Check out this website – www.succeedingsocially.com/socialife for ideas. It's a decent site and has some good ideas.

Toronto is not a warm city. Those who have friends likely don't get this. We need to change, but for now, for those who don't have friends and believe you never will, find or develop a group that is as kooky as you and enjoys the same kind of crazy adventures. Or think mainstream and look for the softest person in the room.

If you've settled into a solitary life and believe it will never change, think again. There are individuals around the block who love friendships and will love you. Push hard to find them. Be a Jonathan to David. Be a Ruth to Naomi. Friendship is honey. It is milk.

"You should love your friend as you love yourself."

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